



Fort Zumwalt School District North Middle School

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## A Note from the Principal...

Spring is just around the corner and we will soon be creating a schedule for MAP testing. The schedule will be shared out when prepared. We also have some exciting upcoming activities. This month we welcome 5th-graders to our North Middle School transition night, and once testing is scheduled, we will schedule our Spring Book Fair and Food Truck Frenzy events. Please stay tuned for ways to remain involved and, as always, notify us with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. You can reach our administrators by clicking the links in the heading of this newsletter, and you can find any staff email addresses on our [NMS Webpage](#).

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

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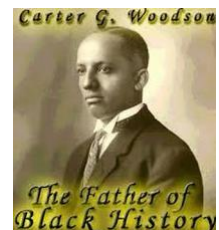


Congratulations to our 8th-grade band, for an outstanding performance on Jan. 24 at the Lake of the Ozarks at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference. The band was selected from applications across the state for this prestigious honor. This is the second time our NMS band has earned this achievement.

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## Black History Month

This week marks the start of Black History Month. Throughout the month at NMS we will be celebrating historical achievements of African Americans. This week began with Dr. Carter G. Woodson, historian, author, journalist, and founder for the Association of the Study of African American Life and History.



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## National Junior Honor Society - Seeking Applications

There will be an informational meeting this week for NMS' National Junior Honor Society. Students with a first semester Grade Point Average of 3.5, or better, are encouraged to attend and learn more. Contact [Mrs. BergerGerecke](#) or [Mrs. Konieczny](#) for details.

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### Important Dates

Feb 4: 5th-Grade transition Night  
Feb 4-11: 8th Grade Healthy Relationships (Crider)  
**Feb 5: Early-Release Day (Dismissal at 11:50 am)**  
Feb 7: 3rd Quarter Mid Point  
Feb 10-14: School Board of Education Appreciation Week  
Feb 12: Earthquake/Evacuation Drill (9:35 am)  
Feb 14: 3rd Quarter Progress Reports Emailed  
**Feb 17: No School - Presidents Day**  
Feb 21: Intramural Basketball Championship  
Feb 24: Lock-Down Drill (1:25 pm)

### Spirit Days for February

February 7: St. Louis Blues Spirit  
February 14: Wear Red  
February 21: NMS Spirit  
February 28: College T-Shirt Day

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