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"The North Middle School community develops student leadership, scholarship, and citizenship."

North Middle School Community Newsletter

Back-to School, 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

\*First Day of School: **August 14, 2019**

\*Evacuation Drill: **August 16, 7:55 am**

\*7th/8th Grade Open House:

**August 22, 5:30-7:30 pm**

### Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Attached to this email is a PDF of a NMS map, outlining locations for pick-up and drop-off.

### NHS Football Game Attendance

We encourage our middle school students to support our NHS football Panthers. However, per FZSD policy, middle school students attending the games are required to be accompanied by a parent. Middle school and high school administrators assist with entrance at the gates to ensure the policy is enforced. Thank you for your understanding, and please notify us with any questions.

### Student Meal Prices 2019-2020

Breakfast Price: \$1.60

Lunch Price: \$2.70

### School/Discipline Orientation

During the first week of school students will visit a presentation on school and discipline orientation. Included in this will be the discipline policy, and information about bullying. We will hold three additional discipline reviews, each at the beginning of 2nd, 3rd, & 4th quarter.

### FZSD Annual Notifications

Annual notifications are being shared in the form of a PDF file. Please reach out to us with any questions.

### Outside Agencies at NMS

We will have a few outside agencies working with NMS students through our classes this year. Please reach out with any questions with regard to Crider (Compass Health), KUTO, Child Center, or Best Choice. For Best Choice presentations, you will receive an "opt-in" form prior to the presentations.

### Chromebook Distribution

Students will receive their Chromebooks on Friday, August 16. Please encourage your child to bring his/her Chromebook daily and charge it overnight.

### Meeting Days At NMS

To accommodate for consistent collaborative meeting time, we devote one day each week to our instructional team meetings. This year we will avoid scheduling meetings (IEPs, 504s, team meetings, etc.) on Tuesdays in order to foster collaborative meetings.

### Clubs & Intramurals

North Middle School offers a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities. [Click here](#) to visit our website and view calendars for both intramurals and clubs, as well as obtain a universal permission form. Calendars and activity bus stops will be updated as we receive new information.

### Activity Bus Shuttle

Students staying for after school activities can get a free activity bus pass from their grade level office before 12 pm the day of the activity. It is imperative that students sign up before the deadline in order to ensure a spot on the bus. Our activity buses depart from school around 3:45 pm. Activity buses typically run Monday through Thursday and pick up at the 8th grade end of the building. Please note that activity bus routes differ from regular bus routes and might travel a longer path through the NMS boundaries. Contact your grade-level office to learn of a stop near your home.

### Riding a Different Bus for the Day?

In the event your child needs to ride a bus other than his/her assigned bus, you must contact our Transportation Department the day prior, between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The number for Transportation is: **636-474-8555**

### New Staff at NMS

Angela Backer  
Robin Bira  
Alicia Brewer  
Tina Emery

Latresha Kilpatrick  
Angel Michael  
DeMarais Miller  
Susan Paro  
Amber Pulley

Shannon Queen  
Matt Swanson  
Kimberly Wall  
Jodi Whitlow

### Trivia Night and Welcome Back Party

Make plans to join us for our 3rd Annual Family-Friendly Trivia Night at NMS on Friday, September 20. The event is sponsored by our Builders Club and our NMS Library. Proceeds go to fund our library Makerspace. Also, make plans for child to attend our Welcome Back party on Friday, September 6, from 2:30-4:30 pm.

### Visiting North Middle School

Please be prepared to present identification anytime you arrive at NMS during school hours. Our greeter's desk is located just inside our entrance from the south service road.

**Building Hours:** NMS is unlocked and open to students beginning at 6:30 am. Students arriving between 6:30-7:05 will be directed to one of our cafeterias in order to be supervised. Students are allowed into the hallways beginning at 7:05 am. The building will also be open after school, and our evening custodians will lock all exterior doors at 8:00 pm.

**Drop-offs:** We are happy to accept and transfer anything to your child that needs to be dropped off. Our Greeter at the main welcoming desk will be sure to pass on information, or anything else for your child. If you are having food delivered, please notify our greeter of the delivery, along with a preferred tip for the driver. You can reach her at [sparo@fz.k12.mo.us](mailto:sparo@fz.k12.mo.us) or at our main number: (636) 379-2604.

**Escorting:** In the event you are arriving for a meeting, or if you are needing to report anyone in the building, we will have a staff member escort you to your location.