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

North Middle School Community Newsletter

September, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Intruder Drill: September 5, 9:45 am
- *Fundraiser Kick-Off: September 6
- *Welcome Back Party:
September 6 2:30-4:30 pm
- *NHS Football: September 6, 7:00 pm
- *Early-Release Day:
September 11 (11:50 am)
- *1st Quarter Midpoint: September 12
- *Evacuation Drill: September 13, 1:00 pm
- *Constitution Day: September 17
- *1st Quarter Reports Emailed:
September 19
- *Fundraiser Turn-In: September 20
- *Trivia Night: September 20, 6:00-10:00 pm
- *Picture Retakes: September 26
- *NHS Football: September 27
- *Early-Release Day: October 2 (11:50 am)

Did You Know That...

October is designated as Disability History & Awareness Month? We will have a group of students participating in activities to help recognize this event and to educate peers.

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.

When Your Child Is Going to Be Out

Anytime your child will be missing school/classes, please notify our Attendance Secretary, Amy Anderson, in order to verify the absence at aanderson@fz.k12.mo.us or 636-542-7140.

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.

Escrip and Boxtops

Additional ways you can help support our student activities at NMS include the Escrip and Boxtop programs. Simply cut out and turn in Boxtops to the NMS Greeter, or contact the main office to learn about the Schnucks Escrip program, and allow a percentage of each of your Schnucks purchases to be shared with NMS!

Special Honor

A special congratulations to our Northside Band Community! Our 8th Grade Band has been selected to perform at the State Missouri Music Educators Conference. They were selected based solely on performance from numerous auditioning bands throughout the state. The band will travel to the Lake of the Ozarks in January to perform in front of music educators from across Missouri. Congratulations to our NMS Band members!

Fundraising Kick-Off

Our building fundraising efforts will kick off this Friday, September 6, and will conclude on Friday, September 20. We will have multiple items available through Tom Evans fundraising. Proceeds from our fundraising help fund our Student Activities account, which supports our New Student BBQ, 7th Grade Medieval Day, 8th Grade Field Day, student recognition, team celebrations, and activity buses. Be on the lookout for our fundraising packets to come home soon.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to gain firsthand knowledge of activities taking place in NMS classrooms. Conferences will be the evening of Oct. 23, and the morning/evening of Oct. 24. Sign-ups for your preferred date/time will be coming soon. We implement a student-led team conference for our core classes, along with opportunities to meet with off-team teachers. Please plan on your child attending with you in order to lead the conference.

Welcome Back Party and Trivia Night

Our annual Welcome Back party is this Friday, Sept. 6, from 2:30-4:30 pm. Please make sure you sign the permission form for your child to attend. Attached with this email is a map for party pick-up. Also, as a reminder, our 3rd Annual Family-Friendly Trivia Night at NMS on Friday, Sept. 20. The event is sponsored by our Builders Club and our NMS Library. Proceeds go to fund our library Makerspace.

Attendance

Data supports a compelling direct correlation between attendance and academic achievement. Throughout the year we will reinforce the importance of attendance. In addition, alert systems are set up to update families on their child's attendance. Please work with us to help meet our goal of 95% attendance for all students.

Activity Bus Shuttle

We have recently had additional stops added to our activity bus routes. Our updated route list is copied on the back of our club/intramural permission form. Please look over next time your child brings home a permission form and notify us with any questions.

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.

Stay Tuned In...

North Area Coffee...Make plans to join us for a parent coffee event for Northside and FZ School District Families on November 4 at 7:00 pm at Forest Park Elementary School.

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