

# North Rockford Middle School

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Dear NRMS Family,

This has been an exciting year at North! It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. Over the course of the year, we have continued to monitor our school improvement efforts. We are proud that North is a

National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School. We have received an "A" from the State of Michigan for the last five years, and are accredited by AdvancED (also known as NCA). As mentioned in a previous newsletter, North Rockford Middle School received an accreditation visit in March from AdvancED. This visitation was part of a district wide review in order for Rockford Public Schools to obtain AdvancED District-wide Accreditation. We are pleased to announce that the visit went extremely well and RPS is receiving district accreditation! This is an outstanding achievement for our school and community! The visitation team expressed how impressed they were with the collaboration between the parents, our schools, and the community. Ram Pride is truly something that shows!

In preparation for the 2010/2011 school year, please mark your calendar for the NRMS August Orientations. The dates are included in this newsletter. You will receive a parent packet in July that will highlight additional information. In regards to school updates, please check the RPS website throughout the summer @ [www.rockfordschools.org](http://www.rockfordschools.org). NRMS Administrative messages will be sent through Family and Student Access. If you are not signed up for Family Access, please sign-up in our main office prior to June 11th.

Once again, thank you for your support! It has been an absolute pleasure working with our students this year. I hope your child has enjoyed his/her school year and their time at North. Good luck to the Class of 2014 and families that will be moving on to the Freshman Center next year.

Sincerely,

Lissa Weidenfeller

## NEW STUDENTS

Families moving into the Rockford School District during the summer can register their children for the 2010-2011 school year at the following locations:

### Students Entering Grades K-8:

Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Rockford Administration Offices  
350 North Main Street  
Rockford, MI 49341  
Phone: 863-6320

### Students Entering Grades 9-12:

Please call Rockford High School at  
863-6030 for an appointment.

\*\*Birth certificates and up-to-date immunization records must be presented at the time of enrollment.

## SIXTH GRADE CAMP INFORMATION

Each spring all Rockford sixth grade students have the opportunity to participate in camp. Students attend Camp Manitou-Lin for three days and two nights. While at camp, students will receive outdoor education experiences in areas such as outdoor living skills, team building, insect dissection, climbing tower, zip-line, horseback riding, canoe safety, and arts and crafts. (Camp cost is \$125.00 per student which was due on April 23rd.)

Students will be housed in heated cabins at Camp Manitou-Lin on Barlow Lake near Middleville, Michigan. Each cabin has its own bathroom and shower facilities. Students will be responsible for cleaning their own cabin and helping to set tables in the dining hall.

The balance (after the fundraiser) of the \$125.00 fee, medical forms and permission slips were due to your student's magnet teacher no later than Friday, April 23rd, 2010. Please make checks payable to North Rockford Middle School, and put your student's name on the check.

### TENTATIVE ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE:

Health Quest Magnet (Eppink, Long, Ferguson) - May 10-12  
Community Service Magnet (Hodges, Bates) - May 12-14  
Earth Watch Magnet (Reickard, Baker) - May 10-12  
Fine Arts Magnet (Curtis, Anderson) - May 12-14  
Structures Magnet (Baumann, Oaks) - May 12-14

## PHYSICALS REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOOL SPORTS

Students who plan to participate in school-sponsored sports during the 2010-2011 school year must have a current physical exam and a completed physical form turned into the athletic office of the school they attend. A physical is current if it is given on or after April 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous year.

Please make checks payable to NRMS. You must have a completed physical form, which are available in the office, at the time of the physical. Have your child watch announcements for details.

## NRMS ORIENTATION AUGUST 2010

### **SIXTH GRADE August 24, 2010**

Sixth grade students will be assigned a date and time for their orientation. Parent meetings will be held during each session.

### **SEVENTH GRADE August 25, 2010**

Student "Walk Through" 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Parent meetings scheduled for 8:00 a.m.- Students A-K, 10:00 a.m.-  
Students L -Z  
Parent Meeting: (30 minutes)

### **EIGHTH GRADE August 26, 2010**

Student "Walk Through" – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No parent meeting scheduled

### **MAKE-UP DAY August 31, 2010**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Walk Through" – 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade/8<sup>th</sup> Grade New Student and Parent Meeting – 8:00 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student and Parent Meeting – 9:30 a.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Incoming 6th grade parents will receive a letter at the end of July with your student's assigned date and time slot for orientation. Incoming 7th grade students will not be assigned a time on the day of their orientation. It will be a "walk through" for students from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. There will be two 7th grade parent meetings scheduled: Students A-L at 8:00 a.m., and Students M-Z at 10:00 a.m. Eighth grade orientation will be a "walk through", where students can come anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. No parent meetings are scheduled for 8th grade.

School pictures will be taken at this time so we will provide picture information with your orientation letter. Also enclosed with your letter is an enrollment sheet. This MUST be filled out and returned at orientation in order to receive your student schedule.

It is most important that sixth grade students come on the date and time assigned them in the letter. The makeup date/time will also be included in the letter. There is a parent informational meeting during this time and parents are encouraged to attend, if possible.

## **THE COUNSELORS' CORNER**

As we come to the end of another school year and the weather continues to get better and better, we want to remind students and parents of the importance in making academics their student's top priority. As counselors, we want students to finish the year on a positive note!

### REPORT CARDS

The final report card will be posted on Family Access after school ends in June.

### NRMS SUMMER SCHOOL

By now, you've heard from us several times regarding our promotion/retention policy. Students need to earn at least 20 credits out of 24 in order to be promoted to the next grade without summer school.

Our summer school has a different look to it this year. We will be holding summer school in 1 session. During summer school, students will be focusing on math, literacy, and study skills.

The program will cost \$200. The dates for summer school are July 12– August 5. Summer school will be held at the high school.

Students who need to take summer school to move on will have brochures/ applications mailed to them by June. After the June report card, any additional students who need summer school will be contacted.

The brochure/application is included in this newsletter.

### SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

#### Brown University

SPARK Program-designed for talented 7th and 8th grade students to give them access to the ideas, resources, and tools they need to nurture their academic gifts in the sciences. If you would like more information, please visit [www.browb.edu/summer](http://www.browb.edu/summer)

#### Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding, INC.

Boys and girls aged 8 years and older will enjoy daily riding lessons, instructions in horse care and feeding, proper track selection, basic veterinary skills, games and crafts with horse themes, and much more. Five sessions are available for \$200 per week. Sessions run Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 2:00 pm. For more information, contact  
Marcie DeVries 616.866.3066.

#### John Ball Zoo

Summer Discovery Classes which include hands-on animal demonstrations, behind the scenes tours, keeper talks, games, stories, songs, educational crafts, role playing and more. Register online at [www.accesskent.com/summerdiscovery](http://www.accesskent.com/summerdiscovery) or through [www.johnballzoosociety.org](http://www.johnballzoosociety.org).

Volunteer Opportunities-all applicants must complete an application, obtain three letters of recommendation, write a paragraph why you would be a great volunteer, and mail or deliver your application. Applications are due by May 7, 2010. Applications are available in the NRMS Counseling Office.

#### Kendall College of Art and Design

Several day camps are available such as Stop-motion Animation, Trading Card Game Design, Digital Movie Making and many more. For more Information visit our website [www.kcad.edu/youth-and-adults](http://www.kcad.edu/youth-and-adults) or call .800.676.2787.

#### Calvin College

Calvin Chem Camps- a girls only camp designed for students entering the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. The program will feature demonstrations and many hands-on experiments designed to teach introductory chemical concepts in a way that is fun and entertaining. The cost is \$130. Please use the online registration program at [www.calvin.edu/go/chemistry-camps](http://www.calvin.edu/go/chemistry-camps)

#### American Camp Association

A non-profit organization with the purpose of promoting high standards in organized camping. --Free guide to summer camps-- Please visit [www.ACA-Michigan.org](http://www.ACA-Michigan.org) for a list of accredited summer camps.

\*\*Please Note: Additional information and/or applications are available in NRMS Counseling Office.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

We will be hosting our May Parent Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium. This is the last Parent Meeting for this school year.

### THANK YOU TO . . .

We are so very fortunate to have great volunteers who give their time to help out doing various projects here at North Rockford Middle School. We would like to thank all of the parents who come in to help.

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

NJHS conducted a change war in February to raise money for the Make-A-Wish foundation. We are proud of NJHS and the entire North student body for raising almost \$500! Congratulations to Mrs. Curtis's class for raising \$3.44 per student and winning a pizza party!

The application period for new members came to a close on March 31st and application materials are being reviewed. Acceptance letters were delivered to students at school by April 23rd. The induction ceremony was held on Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 pm.

We are extremely proud of our new NJHS members! We congratulate all existing and new members for their demonstration of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character!

## CEDAR POINT INFORMATION

Attention Eighth Grade Students and Parents:

Before we know if the eighth graders will be on their way to Cedar Point. The trip is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2010. Sign-ups were completed in March. There will be no refunds after April 15th. Students will be given an informational packet at an assembly the week of the trip.

On June 4th, the majority of the eighth grade staff will be chaperoning the Cedar Point trip, therefore, the eighth graders not attending are not required to be at school. If you choose to send your student to school, they will be placed in a seventh grade classroom.

### MEDICATION PICK UP

All medication, both over-the-counter and prescription drugs, must be picked up by a parent or guardian no later than Thursday, June 17th. ALL medication remaining after that time will be properly disposed of.

### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL 2010

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 12 for parents of anyone interested in playing freshman football in the fall. The meeting will begin at 6:00 in the cafeteria at the Freshman Center. It is very important that prospective players are represented at this meeting. Coach Munger will present the high school football program, folders full of information will be handed out, and any of your questions will be answered. For more information, please contact Coach Beimers at [tbeimers@rockfordschools.org](mailto:tbeimers@rockfordschools.org). **GO RAMS!**

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010-2011

**Schools in Michigan will be required to assess and report the immunization status of all students, in addition to the new school entrants, including kindergartners, whom they currently assess.**

**Effective in 2004, all students must have documentation showing that they have had the following immunizations:**

- \* **Two doses of MMR**
- \* **Three doses of Hepatitis B**
- \* **Complete series of DTaP/Td with one dose in the last 10 years**
- \* **Three doses of Polio**
- \* **One dose of Varicella (or history of the chicken pox)**

**As you update your students immunizations, please bring in a copy to the school counseling office so we can update our records, too! Thanks for your help in this matter.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11	PAC Meeting in NRMS Auditorium Boys Tennis @ Grandville Track @ Grandville	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	May 20	Boys Conference Track Meet @ Grandville	4:00 p.m.
May 13	Boys Tennis @ Hudsonville Riley	4:00 p.m.	May 21-22	Relay for Life	
May 14	Track @ ERMS	4:00 p.m.	May 26	Track—Zeeland Relays @ Zeeland	4:00 p.m.
May 17	Girls Conference Track Meet Here	4:00 p.m.	May 28	NO SCHOOL	
May 18	Boys Tennis vs Holland Here	4:00 p.m.	May 31	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	
May 19	7th Grade White Caps Trip		June 4	8th Grade Cedar Point Letter with details to go home that week	
			June 09	Exams Dismiss at 10:;; a.m.	
			June 10	Exams Dismiss at 10:55 a.m.	
			June 11	Exams Dismiss at 10:55 a.m. Last day of school	

**CONGRATULATIONS TO....**

North Rockford Middle School Students of the Month are recognized by the middle school and McDonald's for outstanding academic achievement or improvement. The award may be given for outstanding performance on a project, presentations, activity or any other academic endeavor.

**April Students of the Month**

Seventh Grade

Makayla Cook and Austin Flynn

Eighth Grade

Alexzendra Symonds and Riley Manier

Sixth Grade

Logan Johnson, Brandon Ray, Tiana Colovos,  
Athena Williams, Laine Switzer, Hannah Ferguson,  
Christopher Klap

Our Citizenship of the Month award is given to students who are helpful, respectful or involved in school or community service. This award will be given to students who, through their actions make North Rockford Middle School and the community a better place to learn and live.

**April Citizenship of the Month**

Seventh Grade

Amanda Playford and Steven Lockwood

Eighth Grade

Kayleigh Scherzer and Tyler DeYoung

Sixth Grade

Joseph Kornoelje, Andrew Kornacki, Kelli Fridsma,  
Betsy Hoekstra, Chase Lindeboom

**SPORTS PHYSICALS**

**\$20.00**

**Tuesday, June 8th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at NRMS**  
**Wednesday, June 9th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at ERMS**  
**Thursday, June 10th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at RHS**

**There are no appointments. It's on a first come, first serve basis.**

**Physical forms are available in the school  
offices (athletic office at the high school).**

**Completed forms are good for all school sports for the 2010-2011 school year.**