



# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **OCTOBER**

### **2008**

### **PARENT VISITATION DAY**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Parents are invited to attend any/all of their student's classes on this day.

### **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Auditorium**

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

**IS**  
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, 2008**  
**A.M. ONLY**

For all new students, students who did not have their picture taken at orientation, and retakes. All students need a picture taken for their student ID. Please return unwanted pictures to the photographer if the student needs retakes.

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**WED., OCT. 15 -** SCHOOL UNTIL 10:55 A.M.  
CONFERENCES 6—9 PM

**THURS, OCT. 16 -** SCHOOL UNTIL 10:55 A.M.  
CONFERENCES 12:30—3:30  
AND 5:00—8:00 PM

**FRI., OCT. 17—** SCHOOL UNTIL 10:30 A.M.  
NO CONFERENCES

Sixth grade conferences are scheduled conferences. You will be receiving a letter home from your student's teacher very soon!  
Watch for it!  
See reverse side for teacher location at conferences.

**7/8 GRADE DANCE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008**  
**2:30—4:40 PM**  
**COST \$4.00**

**YEARBOOK SALES BEGIN DURING FALL CONFERENCES OCTOBER 15 AND 16. THE COST IS \$25.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO NRMS. DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOURS!**

### **EAST COAST TRIP**

**June 13—19, 2008**

This trip is for 8th grade students. Parents and students wishing to learn more should attend the meeting on:

**Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the Freshman Center's Cafeteria**

Visit [www.eastcoasttriprockford.blogspot.com](http://www.eastcoasttriprockford.blogspot.com)

### **CRITICAL MEAP TESTING DATES !!!**

All students in the state of Michigan are required to take the MEAP test on the following dates: October 14, 16, 21 & 23. If possible, please reschedule all appointments made for these dates.

Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast and gets lots of sleep during this time!

September 22, 2008

Dear North Rockford Middle School Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year at North Rockford Middle School. Summer vacation has faded away and we are fully into our fall routines. Part of that routine includes MEAP testing for the State of Michigan. As always, there are a few changes...

The MEAP, (Michigan Educational Assessment Program), is Michigan's tool to meet the Federal requirements of No Child Left Behind regulations, which in turn, is tied to funding our schools. Our District uses the results to up-date and modify our curriculum and to provide necessary interventions to students. This data ensures our ability to provide your child with the best possible education for future personal success. You will receive individualize information on how your child did on each test, allowing you to make educational choices based on their personal strengths and possible weaknesses.

Last year, the news media from another school district inadvertently reported information about students taking the test, potentially allowing a preview of the test to students who had not yet taken it. In an effort to ensure the validity and fairness of MEAP testing, the State has made some significant changes. This year the MEAP assessments will be shortened to allow ONE-DAY testing of each MEAP session. Make up testing for students who missed a test will be limited to specific days. Because of this, it is very important to make sure your child is in school on following days:

Tuesday, Oct. 14 – **Math** testing for grades 6, 7, & 8

Thursday, Oct. 16 – **English Language Arts series 1** testing for grades 6, 7, & 8  
(Half-day School for Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Tuesday, Oct. 21 – **English Language Arts series 2** testing for grades 6, 7, & 8

Thursday, Oct. 23 – **Science** testing for grade 8 and **Social Studies** testing for grade 6

Make Up test Dates are limited to:

Monday, Oct. 20 – **Math** make up testing for grades 6, 7, & 8

Wednesday, Oct. 22 – **English Language Arts series 1** make up testing for grades 6, 7, & 8

Monday, Oct. 27 – **English Language Arts series 2** make up testing for grades 6, 7, & 8

Tuesday, Oct. 28 – **Science** make up testing for grade 8 and **Social Studies** make up for grade 6

If you have any doctor, dentist or other appointments scheduled during this time it would be beneficial to your child to reschedule to them for another day. Letting your child know how you value the feedback from this test will help them recognize the importance of doing their best. Ensuring that they are well rested and have had a good breakfast on the mornings a test is scheduled will give them the physical support they need.

Our North Rockford staff appreciates your efforts and support in dealing with the changes and in ensuring that your son/daughter comes prepared to take these tests. Together we can support our students and ensure that they have the most positive testing experience possible.

Sincerely,

Lissa Weidenfeller  
Principal  
North Rockford Middle

Rob Boboltz  
Counselor, MEAP Coordinator

# FALL CONFERENCES AT NRMS

The Parent Teacher conference is an extremely valuable strategy to improve a student's performance. Because the family is so critical to a student's success, the Parent Teacher Conference is perhaps the best way for parents and teachers to get to know each other and share information that may help the student increase the quality of his or her academic performance.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled at the following times:

Wednesday, October 15	6:00 – 9:00 pm
Thursday, October 16	12:30 – 3:30 pm and 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday, October 17	NO CONFERENCES/ HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Secondary will dismiss at 10:55 am on Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Sixth grade parents were sent postcards with their student's scheduled appointment listed.

Please see the reverse side for teacher location and special conference times (for some teachers).

## YEARBOOK ORDER TIME!

It's time to order your 2008-2009 school yearbook! We will be taking orders during Fall Conferences this Wednesday and Thursday, October 15 and 16. Students can also order yearbooks during lunch periods on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the yearbook is \$25.00 and must be paid when you order the book. Checks can be made out to NRMS.

## SIGN UP FOR FAMILY ACCESS!

We will have someone available to sign you up during conferences. Please bring a valid form of identification with you.

