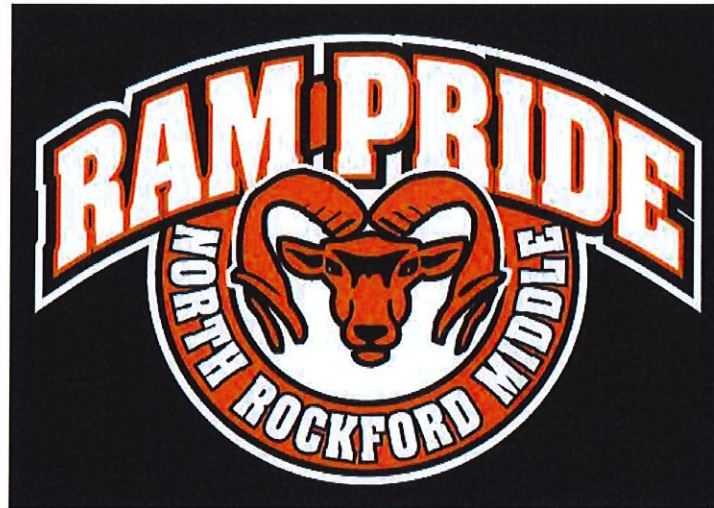




# Rockford Public Schools

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**WELCOME  
TO**



**LISSA WEIDENFELLER, PRINCIPAL  
AL REICKARD, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
RICKY CLARK, STUDENT ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR**

**397 EAST DIVISION  
ROCKFORD, MICHIGAN 49341  
(616) 863-6300 OFFICE LINE  
(616) 863-6312 ATTENDANCE LINE  
(616) 863-6313 COUNSELING OFFICE LINE**



# North Rockford Middle School

## Information at a Glance

Lissa Weidenfeller-Principal  
Al Reickard-Assistant Principal  
Richard Clark-Student Activities

### Office Phone Lines

**Main** 863-6300  
**Attendance** 863-6312  
**Counseling** 863-6313

Visit: [Rockfordschools.org](http://Rockfordschools.org)

✓ School Closings

✓ Homework

✓ Family/Student Access

✓ Schoology

✓ Food Service

✓ Athletic Schedules and Maps

✓ District Calendar

✓ Community Info

✓ Volunteer Consent Forms

### Student Messages

Please call office before 1:30 pm  
**For Emergency Use Only**

### Bus Notes

### **EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!**

To front office before 9:00 am

### Electronic Devices

Cell phones can be used before and after school, kept in lockers during the day.

### Student Medications

All medication must be approved through front office.

**Parent drop off only.**

### Backpacks

Backpacks are not allowed in classrooms, kept in lockers.

### Student IDs

Required for lunch and book check out - \$3 replacements in library.

### Dress Code

Please refer to the NRMS Student Handbook or orientation packet for the Student Dress Code and Guidelines.

### Daily Schedule: M-F

**1st Hour** 7:40-8:40  
**2nd Hour** 8:45-9:44  
**3rd Hour** 9:49-10:48  
**4th Hour** 10:53-12:22  
    **A Lunch** 10:48-11:18  
    **B Lunch** 11:18-11:48  
    **C Lunch** 11:52-12:22  
**5th Hour** 12:27-1:26  
**6th Hour** 1:31-2:30

### Daily Schedule: T-W-Th

**1st Hour** 7:40-8:34  
**2nd Hour** 8:39-9:33  
**3rd Hour** 9:38-10:32  
**4th Hour** 10:37-12:32  
    \*6TH GRADE CONNECT 10:32-11:02  
        **A Lunch** 10:32-11:02  
        **B Lunch** 11:02-10:32  
        **C Lunch** 11:32-12:02  
    \*7/8th GRADE CONNECT 12:02-12:32  
**5th Hour** 12:37-1:31  
**6th Hour** 1:36-2:30  
    \*6th GRADE CONNECT TAKES PLACE WITH  
    3RD HOUR TEACHER, 7/8TH GRADE CONNECT  
    TAKES PLACE WITH 4TH HOUR TEACHER

### STUDENT ABSENCE

- Call Attendance **863-6312**
- Parent must call prior to 9:00 am day of absence
- Attendance letters sent @ 8, 12 and 16 absences.

### Late Student Drop-Off

Parent *Call-in* or *Sign-in* at front office

### Early Student Pick-Up

Call or have student bring a note to the front office in the morning.

### Advanced Extended Absence

Pick-up permit in office one week prior to an extended absence for approval of absence.

### Teacher E-mail

First initial and last name  
[@rockfordschools.org](mailto:@rockfordschools.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Orientation

August 15,16 & 21, 2018

### First Student Day

Monday, August 27, 2018

### Picture Retakes-

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17, 2018**

### 7th Grade Vision Screening

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

### Thanksgiving

November 21,22, 23, 2018

### Christmas Break

Dec. 21, 2018—Jan. 7, 2019

### Mid-Winter Break

February 18, 2019

### Spring Break

March 28 —April 7, 2019

### Memorial Day

May 27, 2019

### No School Days

Friday, August 31, 2018  
Monday, September 3, 2018

### Half Days

Friday, October 12, 2018  
Friday, November 9, 2018  
Friday, December 7, 2018  
Friday, February 15, 2019  
Friday, March 8, 2019  
Wed., Thurs, Fri. June 5,6,7  
(Dismiss at 10:55 a.m.)

### P/T Conference Dates

### School in session all day

#### Fall

October 2, 2018  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
October 4, 2018  
3:30-6:30 p.m.

#### Spring

March 5, 2019  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
March 7, 2019  
3:30-6:30 p.m.

### NRMS Curriculum Night

Thursday, September 6, 2018  
6th Grade— Electives ONLY  
7th and 8th Grade—6:30-8:00

### Parent Advisory Council

\*\*\*Please Note: Open to all parents. Meetings are held the 2nd TUESDAY of each month beginning at 9:00 am in the Auditorium.

September 11, 2018  
October 9, 2018  
November 13, 2018  
February, 12, 2019  
March 12, 2019  
May 14, 2019

### M-Step & PSAT Testing Dates

Spring dates to be determined

### Trimester Dates

Aug. 28—Nov. 16, 2018  
Nov. 19—March 1, 2019  
March 4—June 7, 2019

### Report Cards

1st Tri—11/23/18  
2nd Tri —3/8/19  
3rd Tri—6/14/19

### NRMS Arts Night

Thursday, March 21, 2019

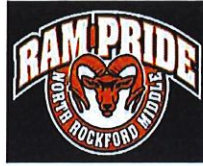
### 6th Grade Camp

May 28 & 29, 2018  
May 30 & 31, 2018

### 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

Day/Time to be Announced  
in Spring 2019





# NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM NIGHT

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE FOR:

6TH GRADE ELECTIVES ONLY

7TH AND 8TH GRADE ALL CLASSES

Parents will follow their student's daily schedule and have the opportunity to meet their student's teachers. Classes will run in ten (10) minute blocks. Teachers will explain course content and classroom expectations.

6:30 – 6:40 PM

FIRST HOUR

6:45 – 6:55 PM

SECOND HOUR

7:00 – 7:10 PM

THIRD HOUR

7:15 – 7:25 PM

FOURTH HOUR

7:30 – 7:40 PM

FIFTH HOUR

7:45 – 7:55 PM

SIXTH HOUR

8:00 PM \*\*\*\* OPTIONAL PARENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

SESSION A: **BIG IDEAS MATH TRAINING FOR PARENTS** (STUDENTS  
IN MATH 6, MATH 7 AND PRE-ALGEBRA)

SESSION B: **SCHOOLOGY FOR PARENTS** – LEARN BASICS OF SCHOOLOGY AND  
HOW TO HELP YOUR STUDENT

# A Parent's Guide to Schoolology

Welcome to Schoolology! Below you will find an explanation of the different areas of your Schoolology account. This guide is intended to help you learn how to navigate around Schoolology. For more in-depth guidance on specific Schoolology features, check out our Help Center at [support.schoolology.com](http://support.schoolology.com). You can find our online Parents Guide [here](#).

## What Is Schoolology?

Teachers use Schoolology to post their classroom materials online; provide a safe forum for students to discuss their ideas and collaborate on projects; and to assign and collect homework electronically. It helps students stay organized and it keeps the class connected.

A Schoolology Parent Account gives you access to:

- The classes your child is enrolled in.
- Your child's upcoming assignments.
- School and class announcements.

Schoolology makes it easy for parents to stay involved in their children's education.

## Setting Up Your Account

The first time you log into Schoolology, you may want to set up some of your account settings to make sure you get the most out of Schoolology.

Parent accounts on Schoolology are really like have two accounts in one. One is your own personal account, with your own name and information. This is connected to your child's account, which you can switch into to see Schoolology how he or she does, and receive updates about his or her activity.

Start by clicking on the arrow in the upper-right corner, next to your name, and then select your child's name to switch into his or her account. The checkmark in this dropdown menu indicates which account you are currently in.

### SCHOOLLOGY LOGIN FOR PARENTS:

[www.rockfordschools.org](http://www.rockfordschools.org)

1. Click on Family Resources
2. Under Technology, Click Schoolology Parents

### SCHOOLLOGY SUPPORT FOR PARENTS:

<http://www.rockfordschools.org/academics/instructional-technology/>

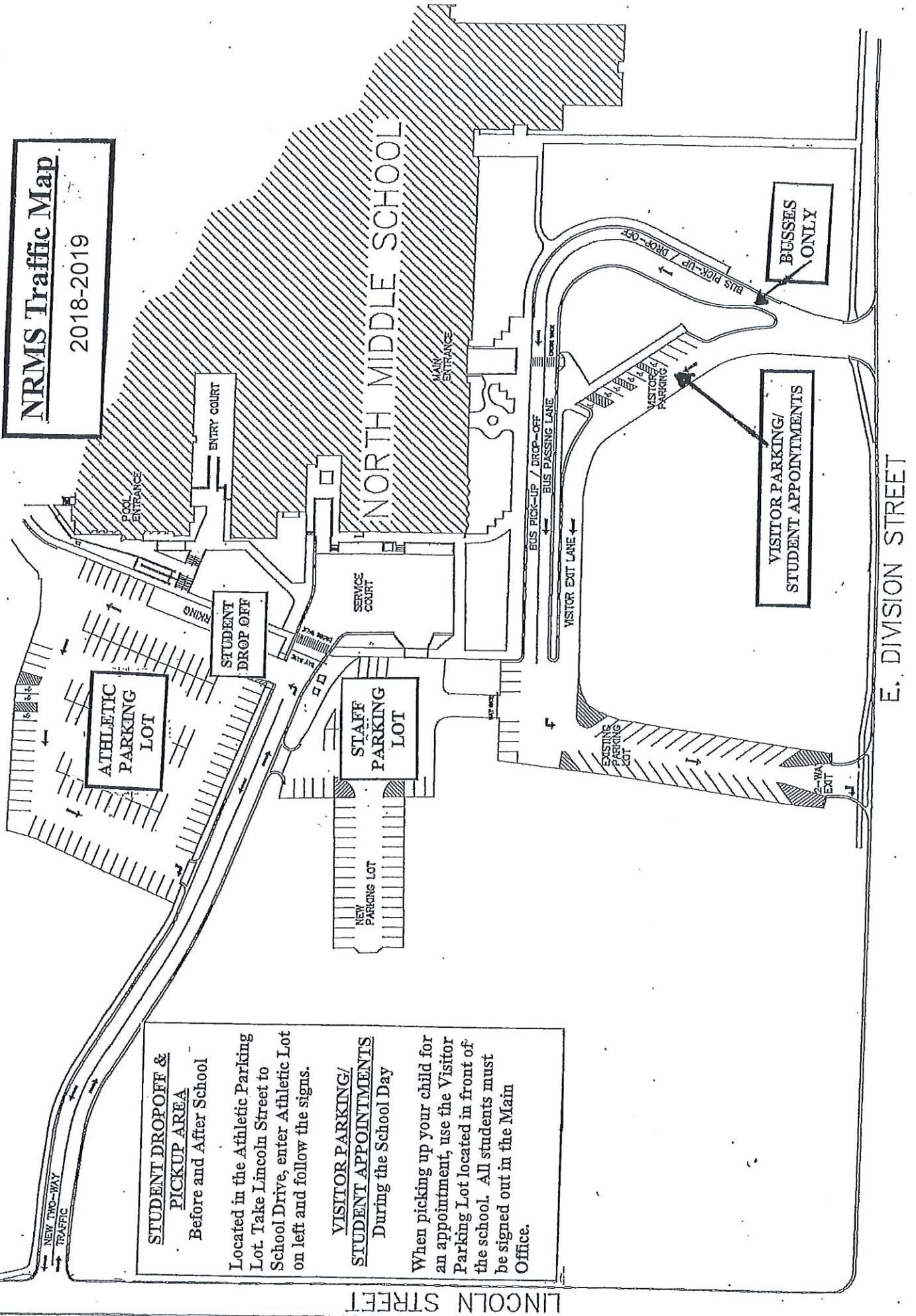


SCHOOLLOGY VIDEO SUPPORT LINK: <https://vimeo.com/230062590>



# NRMS Traffic Map

2018-2019



## STUDENT DROPOFF & PICKUP AREA

Before and After School

Located in the Athletic Parking Lot. Take Lincoln Street to School Drive, enter Athletic Lot on left and follow the signs.

## VISITOR PARKING/STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

During the School Day

When picking up your child for an appointment, use the Visitor Parking Lot located in front of the school. All students must be signed out in the Main Office.



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

### NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Any Time Your Student Is **ABSENT** or **LATE** to School, **PLEASE CALL the ATTENDANCE LINE** BY 9:10 A.M. To Leave a Recorded Message.  
(863-6312);

If **LEAVING EARLY**-Have Your Student **Bring A NOTE TO THE OFFICE**

#### ABSENCE

If a student is absent from school a parent or guardian must call the attendance line, preferably before 9:00 a.m., excusing the student from school for that day. If a phone call is not possible, a written excuse is permissible upon your return. If the office has not received a phone call or note within two (2) days of the absence, the student will be unexcused for the day/days absent. This may result in an assignment of an Extended Detention. The note should be written, signed, dated by the parent/guardian and include the dates to be excused. Excused absences will be given for: illness, death in the family, and advanced absence permits. **Students may not attend school activities on days absent from school - unless prior administrative approval is given.** Homework requests can be made on the second consecutive day of absence. This request must be made before 9:00 a.m.

#### LATE ARRIVALS

If your student is late arriving to school, please call the attendance line to excuse your student and he/she may sign themselves in. A note or parent coming into the office to sign them in is also acceptable. If your student will not be arriving to school before 9:30 am, please call the attendance line to excuse them to avoid the Automated Attendance calls.

#### EARLY DISMISSAL

If your student needs to leave early for any reason, please send a note with your student to bring to the main office before school begins. A pass will then be issued for your student to meet you in the office. (This will minimize class interruptions). Upon return, your student may sign himself/herself back in. **Written or verbal permission must be given by parent or guardian allowing your student to walk to an appointment.**

#### HOMEWORK REQUESTS

Students and parents may now access posted homework via the **Message Center** in Family and Student Access. Please go to <http://rockfordschools.org> to view homework, as well as additional student data information. If you do not have internet access, please call the main office before 9:00 A.M. to request homework for your student. (Student must be out 2 days or more)

#### **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**STUDENTS MAY ONLY BE SIGNED OUT OF THE BUILDING WITH PEOPLE LISTED ON THEIR EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST!! PLEASE  
MAKE SURE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.**

#### ADVANCED ABSENCE PERMITS

For students that know in advance they will not be in school, advanced absence permits must be picked up in the office and approved by the student's teachers, and then given to the Attendance Secretary. This should be done at least one week prior to the absence. Students are encouraged to complete and turn in all required assignments before leaving school for an extended absence from school. In some instances, this will not be possible; and for each day the student is absent he/she will receive two days to make up work, with a maximum of 10 days. Any assignment turned in after this time will not be accepted.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN ABSENCE

If you are going to be out of town and your student is staying with friends or relatives, please provide the office with the following information: Where student will be staying in your absence, who is responsible for your student, who your student will be dismissed to in case of illness or emergency and where we can reach you in your absence.

#### BUSSES

**BUS TRANSFERS ARE ISSUED FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!** (Example: Parent/guardian out of town, hospitalization, etc.) In this case, send a note (including signature) with **student name and specific reason for needing the transfer. Also include the name, address, phone number, and bus # of person to whose home the student is going.**

#### ATTENDANCE

It is our belief that your child's attendance has a direct impact on his/her success in school. Law in the state of Michigan requires regular and consistent attendance. It is the responsibility of the school officials to report students with excessive absences to the Kent Intermediate School District truant officer. If necessary, a meeting will be held and/or an individual attendance contract for your child will be established. Further non-compliance will result in a report to the truancy officer.

#### TARDINESS

All excused pre-arranged (doctor, dental, etc.) tardies to school must report to the attendance office and provide appointment slip. All students arriving after 8:00 am must report to the attendance office to receive admission slip to class.

#### Tardy Policy

1. Students will be allowed **two free tardies per marking period within a given class.** Teachers will record and keep track of accumulated tardies.
2. On the **third tardy**, the teacher will contact the student's parents and assign a detention.
3. The **fourth and all successive tardies** will result in a minimum of an after-school detention assigned by the principal.

Note: Chronic tardiness will require an attendance meeting with administration, student and parents and a plan will be developed.



## SCHOOL PICTURE INFORMATION

You can order your school pictures online or at your orientation!

If you would like to order online – visit the HR Imaging website at [SHOP.HRIMAGING.COM](http://SHOP.HRIMAGING.COM). They accept Visa, Master Card and Discover. There will also be order packets available during orientation if you prefer ordering that way!

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

#### What If I forget my money?

If a student desires to purchase portraits but hasn't brought the money on picture day, they will still be photographed for school records. **NEW** students who do not have money on picture day can now go online, view their image(s) and pay online! Please visit the website at [shop.hrimaging.com](http://shop.hrimaging.com) (a credit card is required).

#### What if students/parents are not satisfied with their pictures?

**RETAKES** – HR Imaging has a “NO QUESTIONS ASKED” policy for retakes. If for any reason you are not happy with your pictures, you may have the photograph retaken on the RETAKE day. You **MUST** bring the entire package back and give it to the photographer at that time.

**REFUNDS** – HR Imaging has a “NO QUESTIONS ASKED” policy for refunds. If for any reason you are not happy with pictures you may request a refund. The **ENTIRE** package must be returned within 5 days. A full refund will be issued by HR Imaging and sent via US Postal Service within 10-14 days of receipt.

**\*\*\*NOTE: REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 15 DAYS OF PICTURE DELIVERY**

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## STUDENT DRESS CODE

1. The school laws of the State of Michigan require all students to attend school in appropriate dress.
2. Clothing or hairstyles deemed inappropriate or disruptive are prohibited. Neatness, cleanliness and good taste should be evident at all times. Safety should also be a consideration.
3. Gym shorts, cut-offs, and running shorts are not appropriate wear for school. Skirts/shorts need to be at least mid thigh in length. The appropriate length of shorts is an inseam of four (4) inches or more. Sagging pants/shorts or pants/shorts with holes in inappropriate places will not be permitted.
4. Hats or bandanas may not be worn in the school. Only chains of twelve (12) inches or less in length attached to wallets are permissible at school.
5. Clothing sporting vulgar messages, alcohol, drug and/or tobacco products or deemed inappropriate by administrator will be prohibited.
6. Sleeveless shirts must have material covering the shoulder from the base of the neck to the tip of the shoulder.
7. No pajamas or slippers (unless pre-approved by building administration).
8. Since it is difficult to predict in advance what might be inappropriate, an administrator will interpret the clothing in question on an individual/group basis.



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## STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

Rockford Public Schools, in conjunction with First Agency, Inc., provides secondary medical insurance coverage for student injuries. This coverage is for injuries that may occur at school-sponsored activities and school-supervised activities including interscholastic athletics, in accordance with the terms and limitations of the policy.

**The above coverage is secondary to a family's medical insurance.** In effect, this medical insurance will cover medical costs for school related injuries that are not covered by the family's medical insurance as long as the injury falls within the range of approved coverage. An accident is defined as an unexpected, sudden and definable event, which is the direct cause of a bodily injury, independent of any illness, prior injury, or congenital predisposition.

*As a service to students and their families, the district is also making available a student accident insurance plan that may be purchased at a very nominal cost. If a family does not currently have insurance coverage or has out-of-pocket co-pays and deductibles in their primary insurance coverage, these plans will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. A sample of the coverage plans available includes the following:*

**Option I: 24 – Hour Accident Coverage**

Extends medical coverage to 24 hours per day, seven days per week; **\$290.00**  
Coverage is for accidental injuries; injuries do not need to be school-related.  
Includes all activities and interscholastic sports, except 9-12 football.

**Optional Football coverage is available for Grades 9-12; Cost is \$375.00**

**Option II: Extended Dental Coverage**

**\$ 15.00**

Provides 24 hour coverage for dental injuries to students. Such injuries do not need to be school-related. May only be purchased in conjunction with 24-Hour Accident Coverage.

*These optional plans are especially valuable to parents or guardians without medical coverage or with limited coverage. As a supplemental policy, it also pays the first \$100 of medical costs before filing with other policies. If you have no other insurance, this could be your primary accident plan.*

Parents may purchase this coverage ON-LINE (with credit card payment) @  
[www.1stAgency.com](http://www.1stAgency.com)

Please follow the directions by choosing STATE (MI) and SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(Rockford Public Schools).

All questions regarding this coverage may be directed to First Agency Inc.  
Toll free @ 800-243-6298.





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August 2018

### Subject: Building Fundraiser

Dear Parents and Guardians:

North Rockford Middle School will begin our annual, school-wide fundraising drive during fall student orientation in August. This initiative is very important to our school to fund various student recognition programs, subsidize costs for student events such as school dances and middle mania, and provide assistance for students in need. This assistance includes partial scholarships to 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trips, school supplies, or other needs that arise.

North Rockford Middle School decided to transition to a donation system for fundraising, in lieu of the magazine sale that had been in place for many years. We chose to move to this type of fundraiser for four main reasons:

1. NRMS will keep 100% of every donation to use for the benefit of our students.
2. Students and families will not be asked to sell any product or service.
3. We maintain focus on learning in the classroom by reducing disruptions and distractions associated with traditional fundraising initiatives.
4. Several RPS elementary schools have been successful with this type of fundraising.

In order to support the NRMS programs listed above, we ask that you consider a one-time, family donation of **\$20.00**. If you are able to support our school in this manner, **please see the reverse side for the merchandise order form**, attach your contribution, and bring it to the fall orientation. If you would like to donate a different amount based on circumstances, we appreciate that as well. It is important to clarify that students may be asked to participate in other program fundraisers for specific programs such as band, choir, 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, etc. Thank you for your continued support of North Rockford Middle School!

Sincerely,  
NRMS Staff and Administration



# **NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **Merchandise Order Form**

Choose from one of three options to purchase NRMS t-shirts, yearbooks and/or donate to the NRMS fundraiser.

Bargain option is A: this option gives you the NRMS t-shirt FREE  
T-shirts available in adult sizes small-XL

OPTION A	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
	NRMS Yearbook	\$35.00	
	Fundraiser Donation	\$20.00	
	NRMS t-shirt (\$10.00 VALUE)	FREE	
			\$55.00

OPTION B	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
	Fundraiser Donation	\$20.00	
	NRMS t-shirt (\$10.00 VALUE)	\$5.00	
			\$25.00

OPTION C	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
	<i>A la cart option: Order items below separately</i>		
	NRMS Yearbook	\$35.00	
	Fundraiser Donation	\$20.00	
	NRMS T-Shirt	\$10.00	

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

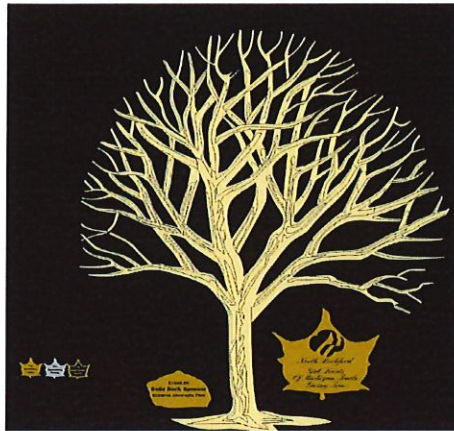
Option choice:    A                      B                      C                      T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Attach payment to this form. Cash or Checks accepted. Checks made out to NRMS.



# Help support NRMS Green School Pride

*Buy a Leaf, Leave a Family Legacy at NRMS*



*If paying by check, please make it payable to NRMS  
(All donations support the continued landscape beautification project at NRMS)*

*Bronze Leaf: \$25.00*

*Silver Leaf: \$50.00*

*Gold Leaf: \$100.00*

*Foundation Rock: \$500.00*

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Please enter max of 40 characters exactly as you want them to appear on inscription

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Name, Address, Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please turn in your form and check or cash to the North Rockford Middle School Office.*