

NORTH NEWS

NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF 3/11/19



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WHAT DO I DO IF MY STUDENT HAS AN APPOINTMENT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY???

Please send a note in the morning with your student or call the attendance line if you plan to pick up your child during the day. The Main office will give them a pass to get out of class and they can leave without any interruption to the class. If you call, please do so at least 2 hours in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

CONGRATULATIONS TO... NRMS Students for outstanding academic achievement or improvement. The award may be given for outstanding performance on a project, presentations, activity or any other academic endeavor.

February STUDENT OF THE MONTH

8th Grade- Kennedy Hillis and Ryder Cliff
7th Grade- Leighnash Paso and AJ Wheelock
6th Grade- Sam Taylor and Adeline Hortor

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.

February CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

8th grade- Saige Stapleton and Reece Vanderplow
7th grade- Hannah Mateer and Ryan Henk

If you would like to get **PAWS volunteer information** and you are active on Facebook, please take the following steps.

In the Facebook Search option, type in Parents Active With Students (PAWS) at NRMS. Then ask to join the group!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

- Friday, Mar. 8 – END of 1st TRIMESTER – ½ day, dismissal @ 10:55 am
- **Tuesday, Mar. 12 – PAC meeting @9:00 am (CANCELLED)**
- Thursday, Mar. 14 – 5th-6th Orientation 6:00-7:30 pm (*see letter below*)
- Friday, Mar. 15 – 6th gr. MIDDLE MANIA 2:30-6:30 PM ([INFORMATION/PERMISSION](#))
- Thursday, Mar 21 – NRM ARTS NIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM
- Thursday, Mar. 28-Sunday, Apr. 7 SPRING BREAK

*****SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS*****

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- March 13:** Green & White Day / St. Patrick's Day
March 20: College Day
March 27: Dress as your Teacher Day



WELCOME TO NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL 5th to 6th Grade Orientation

February 27, 2019

Dear 5th Grade North Rockford Middle School Families:

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning to plan for your child to join us next fall at North Rockford Middle School! As we plan forward, there will be some slight changes to the **Spring 5th to 6th Grade Orientation**. In an effort to maximize instructional time, as well as ensure a smooth transition to a new building, we are providing an evening orientation for both students and parents that will be held on **Thursday, March 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** starting in the NRMS Gymnasium. The purpose of our orientation is to allow students gain familiarity with the building and help them feel comfortable with their transition from 5th to 6th grade.

During the orientation, students and parents will engage in the following:

- Informational presentation designed to inform and excite students for middle school.
- Opportunity to gain a familiarity with the building.
- Practice opening a combination lock--This is a big deal!
- Enjoy a presentation about band, choir, and orchestra in order for students to make an informed decision regarding their elective choice during 6th grade.
- Gain an understanding of activities and co-curricular opportunities offered to 6th grade students.

In addition to our March 14th orientation, we will also hold a summer orientation for students and parents in August. During our summer orientation, we will provide detailed information about individual student schedules, teacher expectations, pictures, technology, and more! It will also provide students the opportunity to become more familiar with the building and visit their classrooms. In addition, students will be provided their locker number and combinations.

We are excited to meet you and your child during our evening orientation as we welcome you to the North Rockford Middle School family!

Sincerely,

Lissa Weidenfeller

Principal



Attention Parents:

We have made arrangements to acquire the GRASP program for our students this **summer**. GRASP is a correspondence program for grades K to 8 which helps students **maintain reading and math skills** while they are on summer break.

Children receive a packet of materials with a booklet containing 9 lessons. It takes approximately one hour to complete each lesson. Students submit one lesson a week starting June 10th or work at their own pace, as long as they submit all lessons before August 5th. They mail the lessons to GRASP where they are scored and returned to the children with comments.

We also have an on-line version of GRASP for students in 4th to 8th Grade. These students will receive feedback immediately.

The fees for the summer of 2019 are \$26 for one subject or \$46 for both subjects for each child. **The deadline for enrollment is March 15.**

Please contact the NRMS Counseling Office for more information, or have your student stop by to pick up an enrollment packet.

NRMS Counseling Office

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Monday, March 11

7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Greenville, 4:00 start (Bus @ 2:45, DROP ONLY) – A team plays first

8th Grade Girls Basketball HOME vs Greenville, 4:00 start – A team plays first

Tuesday, March 12

7th Grade Girls Basketball HOME vs East Rockford, 4:00 start – B team plays first

8th Grade Girls Basketball @ East Rockford, 4:00 start (Bus @ 2:45, DROP ONLY) – B team plays first

Wednesday, March 13 – No Events

Thursday, March 14

Dive Conference Meet @ Grandville, 4:00 start (Bus @2:45, R/T)

Friday, March 15

Swim Conference Meet @ Grandville, 4:00 start (Bus@2:45, R/T)

Saturday, March 16 – No Events



7th and 8th Grade ROCK Classes

WHAT ARE ROCK CLASSES? ROCK Classes are advanced versions of the regular 7th and 8th grade Language Arts, Social Studies and Science classes. ROCK classes:

- teach more complex content at a faster pace,
- require students to be active participants in their learning and
- have more rigorous assignments.

HOW DO STUDENTS GAIN ENTRY INTO A ROCK CLASS?

- **ALL** students will be considered for placement, based on **NWEA** scores and teacher input. No action is needed by the parent, since all students are considered. This is a new process.
- No additional testing will take place.
- Parents will be notified in late winter if their child has been selected to participate in any ROCK classes.
- All 7th grade students not in ROCK classes will have an opportunity to be selected for ROCK 8th grade classes. No action is needed by the parent, since all students are considered.
- Students currently enrolled in ROCK 7 courses will automatically be enrolled in those same ROCK 8 classes, unless the ROCK teachers suggests otherwise.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE? Additional information about the new ROCK procedure will be posted on Family Access, as needed. Questions can be directed to Shannon Ouellette, Director of Gifted and Talented Programs. souellette@rockfordschools.org 616.863.6370

8th GRADE MICHIGANS ADVENTURE TRIP!!!!

Students will have an opportunity to sign up for the trip on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 7 through March 21. Students will be assigned a bus when they pay and sign up. Students who wish to ride the same bus as friends should sign up together. Once students are assigned a bus they will not be moved to another bus for any reason. **Permission slips and fees are due by Thursday, March 21.**

Trip Details:

Date: June 3, 2019. Students arrive at school at normal time and will return to school around 6:30 PM on June 3, 2019.

Where: Michigan Adventure

Cost: \$45.00 (if paid by March 21. After March, 21 the cost will be \$50.) which includes: transportation to and from Michigan's Adventure, breakfast prior to leaving for trip, Lunch at the park, class t-shirt and park admission.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE AND [ONLINE](#)

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP REMINDER:

All students should be dropped off at the back Athletic entrance in the mornings/afternoons. Parents...If you are dropping students off, please remember to pull all the way down the sidewalk in order to fit as many cars in the line as possible. It will help all parents move through the line in a swift and consistent manner.

For the safety of our staff and students, the front entrance is for buses only in the morning. IF YOUR STUDENT walks to school...please be sure to remind them to cross with the crossing guard at the designated crosswalk.