

NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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News from the Principal

Middle School Families:

I am in total amazement at how fast each year goes by. It seems like just yesterday that our grade 6 families were anxious about starting and high school seemed like forever away for grade 8. Reality is that not only have we passed the mid-year point but registration for next year is right around the corner. Make sure to look carefully for registration information in the newsletter and don't be afraid to ask current teachers or someone in our student support office any questions you may have.

Other important events coming up this quarter are Conferences on March 1 and March 6 from 3:30-7:30 PM. Also just around the corner is MCA Testing in April. Middle School students made big gains last year and we are looking for that trend to continue. Testing will happen in students' Math, English or Reading and grade 8 Science for their specific assessments. We had students test only one hour a day last year and students overwhelmingly told us it was a much better atmosphere and they were less anxious. One way our families can help our students perform to their best is to make sure they are getting proper sleep and eating a good breakfast.

This past week students took a survey about breakfast - I have to admit I was a little surprised by what we found out. Of the 750 students who responded to the survey, 74% said they eat breakfast at home. My surprise came when I did the math and figured out that this means more than 10% of all middle school students do not eat breakfast. That is nearly 100 students a day. Please help get our students off to a good start. Insist on some type of breakfast and if it cannot be at home, the middle school has a great variety of food choices for students to choose from.

My final note is one of encouragement. Our students continue to shine in showing PRIDE both academically and in continuing a culture of respect. We have had many new students join the middle school from other communities in Minnesota and from other states. A common conversation I have with these new parents is how easy of a transition their students had, and the students themselves tell us this is a safe and welcoming place. We should all be proud of our students and the incredible individuals they are becoming. Let's keep working together to support our students. We are making a difference both in school and out in the community.

Please look through the newsletter carefully for many important pieces of information. Know our doors are always open to support you and your students.

Greg Gelineau
Northfield Middle School Principal

NMS PRIDE
Prepared
Respect
Integrity
Dependability
Excellence

Volunteer At NMS

We have a new volunteer coordinator at Northfield Middle School - Amy McBroom. If you would like to receive regular emails about volunteer opportunities at Northfield Middle School or to sign up for one of the opportunities listed here, please email amcbroom@northfieldschools.org

Teacher Conference Meal: Thursday, March 1st - Help Us Feed the Staff!!

Conference Nights get very busy and often staff has minimal time to eat. To keep our staff energized and to show your support we are asking for your help in providing a meal. The theme this year is "Soups On" so we'll need crockpot soups and fixings, salads, beverages, fruit, desserts, and paper products.

Please sign up using <http://signup.com/go/PCuZvFw> or contact the volunteer coordinator amcbroom@northfieldschools.org



Share your Time and Talent- Become a Tutor Today

The Northfield community has a large pool of talented and skilled individuals. If you would like to share your time and talent with NMS students and staff or know of someone who would be a great tutor/volunteer, please contact the volunteer coordinator amcbroom@northfieldschools.org

8TH GRADE FUN FEST Volunteers – FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018: 5-8 pm

The Fun Fest is a safe and fun way for our 8th graders to celebrate the end of their middle school years. During the Fun Fest, students enjoy games, activities, food, door prizes and more! The Fun Fest is held at Northfield Middle School and supervised by NMS teachers, staff and **parent volunteers**. Fun Fest is a blast for everyone involved but to ensure a successful event, we will need several volunteers that afternoon and evening. If you can help, please email amcbroom@northfieldschool.org or sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/iDli17doWvAZLiqa2>



NMS Breakfast



Breakfast Logic

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on "normal" days, many students fail to eat breakfast; they're too busy, too tired, or just don't know what to eat.

Let's help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Student Support Services

6th /7th Grade Students:

Registration for next year's classes will occur the first two weeks in March. Stay tuned more information to come out on Schoology.

7th Grade Courage Retreat:

The Courage Retreat is **Friday, March 2**. Students will be bussed to either St. John's or Bethel Church for the day. A group called Youth Frontiers spends the day with our 7th graders, working on respecting others, developing friendships, and improving how we treat one another. High school leaders will be selected to run small group activities. More details will come out later this month.



8th Grade Students:

High School registration will be on **February 26**. The counselors will be visiting 8th grade Geography classes to go over course options for 9th grade. *Parent night for 9th Grade will be the evening of February 26. More information will be sent out from the high school.



Future events:

Farewell Fest: We are hosting an 8th grade party night on **May 18, from 5-8 p.m.** More details to come in future months.

Jenny Streefland, Counselor (A-L)
Cori Yamry, Counselor (M-Z)
Rachael Hudson, Psychologist
Heather Stanton Ims, Social Worker

W.E.B. - Where Everybody Belongs

Even though winter can get long, WEB is keeping it exciting here at NMS. In December we played winter charades with our WEB groups and celebrated our leaders hard work with a formal sit down dinner and games. On **February 2**, WEB groups will play SPOONS and other WEB leader favorite games.

On January 25, our WEB leaders had the opportunity of participating in our annual Buck Hill Tubing event. This meant 2 hours of fun, going down a hill over and over again! WOOHOO!

Sixth graders can look forward to **February 14**, they will have a WEB

lunch and catch up with their group, summarize the first half of the school year and set goals for the second half.

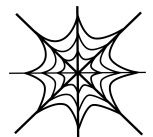
Our MSL (Middle School Leaders) group is a sub-group of WEB leaders, and their primary focus is teaching academic follow-up lessons to sixth graders. The 2nd academic follow-up lesson will be focusing on Creativity. During this winter time, it is really easy for sixth graders to get stuck doing the same routine with the same activities day after day. Our MSL leaders will teach the sixth graders that there are other options to break up the stagnant routines we might be used to. They will teach them that creativity is

the main ingredient in the creation of new possibilities that are both fun and exciting. Say good bye to the winter blues!

Special note to 7th graders: we will begin the 2018-2019 WEB leader selection process in April. Morning announcements will have more information in the future.

WEB Coordinators:

John Bade
 Rafa Estrella
 Rhea Mehrkens
 Cori Yamry



Knowledge Bowl at NMS

Northfield Middle School's Knowledge Bowl team has concluded a successful third season of competition. This year we increased our participation to six teams totaling 31 students in grades 6, 7 and 8. All six teams consistently placed near the top of every round-robin competi-

tions this past fall. Five of the six teams have advanced to the Regional final competition, and all of our NMS teams will compete in the Statewide Invitational meet that was held at the end of January. Knowledge Bowl students have also brought a lot of enthusiasm and excite-

ment to my classroom for practices after school. Thanks for a great season!

Chris O'Neill



NMS Spring Musical



Northfield Middle School presents
"Best of Broadway - The Encore"

Come see our middle school students perform Broadway classics

WHEN: **April 6 and 7 @ 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Middle School Auditorium

Tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the door

Adults \$5

Students \$3

Families \$12

Student Council

Student Council helped the Community Action Council with their Holiday Sharing program in December. Student council members set up the "wish list" display at the middle school. Items on the list could be purchased and were donated to families in need.

Some of the profits from the student council sponsored dances will go to the 7th grade courage retreat and the 8th grade Fun Fest in the spring.

We held our second Films 4 the Food shelf event on January 19 and showed the movie Kicking & Screaming. Students were asked to bring an optional donation of \$2.00 or a non-perishable food item. All food and money donations went to the local food shelf. The last movie event will take place on March 16.

The next Student Council sponsored dance is **Friday, February 9, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This dance is open to students who attend the Middle School at

least halftime. The cost is \$4.00, and there will be concessions for sale in the cafeteria. All school rules apply throughout this event. Students should be picked up promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Frau Burkhead and Mrs. Kuehl Student Council Advisors



Math League

Congratulations to Northfield Middle School's Math League team. January 8th's meet concluded the 2017-18 season for the NMS mathletes. For the 6th year in a row, the team brought home the 1st place trophy in their division!

Three of the team members finished the season in the division's Top 10:

Dylan Sandmann had the 10th best overall score, **Amelia Rosenhamer** (from Arcadia) had the 6th best overall score, and **Daniel Kamen** had the #1 best overall score for the division! Congratulations to all!

Anne Jarvis
Advisor



Choir News

Thank you, to all the parents & guardians for all the support you continue to give the music department at the middle school! Winter Walk was a fun evening caroling for all of our singers. Thank you for getting them downtown to be part of the celebration. Your children are great to work with and are looking forward to all of the upcoming choir events. Singers, you ROCK!

The following are a list of the upcoming dates that are scheduled as of now:

(Watch for updates on Schoology)

All District Choir Festival (4-12 grade), **Friday, February 9, 11:30-2:30 p.m.**, MS Auditorium

NMS Spring Choir Concert, **Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.**, MS Auditorium

ACDA State Honor Choir
Performance, (grades 4-6)
Saturday, May 5

NMS 7 & 8th grade All Day Choir
Tour **(date to be determined)**

NMS Choir Small Ensembles/Solos,
May 20-29

We are just starting the auditions for the MN State Honor Choirs; grade 6 only. Singers that are interested need to schedule some practice time and then record their audition with me before the deadline of **February 20**. Singers chosen will gather together on **Saturday, May 5**, from all over the state for a fabulous concert. They have limited the number of students that can audition for each choir this year so that more schools are represented at the concert. That means that it will be more of a challenge to get in and more of

an honor if your child makes it in. These honor choirs are somewhat comparable to the steps leading up to being part of All State Choir in high school. If you want to check out more information, go to the MN ACDA website or check out my link on my website. Good luck to all that are trying out! Auditions cost \$16.50 (Need-based scholarships are available). More information/forms are found on Schoology or the Minnesota ACDA website. We had eight 7th & 8th graders make it in this year. <http://www.mnhonorchoirs.org/>.

As always, if you have any questions, give me a call or send me an email. 663-0675 or cpenning@northfieldschools.org, Cathy Penning, NMS Choirs



Band News

We have some band concerts coming up! **Monday, February 5**, the 8th grade band will be playing with the high school bands in the middle school auditorium at **7:00 p.m.** The 8th grade band students should meet in the middle school band room by 6:30 p.m. wearing their concert attire.

Thursday, February 8, is when the 5th, 6th, and 7th graders take the stage at the middle school. Fifth graders will perform at **6:30 p.m.** Sixth graders will perform at **7:00 p.m.** and should be at the middle school at 6:40 p.m. and plan to stay to hear the seventh grade band. Seventh graders will play at **7:30 p.m.** and should be at the middle school at 7:10 p.m. The middle school jazz band will take the stage at **8:00 p.m.** All of the bands have made tremendous progress this year! Please come and support them and plan to stay for the entire evening.

Congratulations to **Jacob Reister** on his selection to the 2017 Minnesota Band Director's Association Honor Jazz Band for 7th and 8th graders! Jacob was selected based on recordings that he had to submit a couple of months ago. This is a hard group to get accepted for. Way to go Jacob!

Congratulations to **Hannah Skoglund, Jacob Reister, Luke Ailabouni, Lute Larsen, and Carter Lefkowitz** for their participation in the SEMBDA (South East Minnesota Band Director's Association) regional concert honor band. They had rehearsals and a concert on January 13, in Farmington. The band sounded fantastic!

There are two middle school jazz band events coming up in March. On **March 3**, we will be attending the U of M Jazz Festival in Minneapolis. More information will be coming out when I get the

specific performance schedule. Our final district jazz bands concert of the year will be on **March 19** in the high school auditorium.

Lesson attendance has been very good this year. Please encourage your band student to practice regularly. There is no substitute for focused practice on their instrument. Technology has changed many things in our lives, but one thing it has not changed is the amount of work that it takes to become proficient on a musical instrument. Your son or daughter will never regret practicing and improving their musical ability, and the self-discipline that they will develop in this process will help them in countless ways!

See you at the concerts!
Ethan Freier
Middle School Band Director



Orchestra News

Two students from Northfield Middle School have been invited to participate in the 2018 Minnesota String and Orchestra Teacher's Association (MNSOTA) Middle Level Honors Orchestra. This select group of string players from across the state earn an invitation to play in the Honors Orchestra (grades 7-9) based on an audition recording of their playing. Congratulations to **Rodin Lompart** (viola) and **Kieran Decker** (viola)! Also, congratulations to **Nadia Kuxhausen Ralph** (viola) and **Isai Martinez** (bass) for being selected 1st alternate on their instrument. The MNSOTA Middle Level Honors Orchestra will perform on **Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Minneapolis Convention Center in conjunction with the annual Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic.

At the Winter Orchestra Concert on December 18, we collected \$131 and 123 pounds of food for the local food shelf. Thank you for your generosity!

The 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras have an opportunity to perform in the MNSOTA Middle Level Orchestra Festival. This festival will be on **Wednesday, February 28** at Faribault Middle School. Detailed information will be sent home soon in preparation for this event.

The next orchestra concert will feature all of the orchestra students from the Northfield Public Schools Orchestra Program (grades 4-12). This All-District Concert is on **March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** in the High School Gymnasium. Information about our mass rehearsal prior to

the concert will be sent home closer to that date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about any of these upcoming events. And as always, thank you for supporting your Middle School orchestra student and the orchestra program in Northfield!

Heather Olivier



Yearbook

The 2017-2018 yearbook is almost finished and it is looking great! The yearbook staff have been working hard to get lots of NMS student pictures, along with quotes of how they like their school year so far! What a great way to capture memories for our students!

Only \$23.00 for a lifetime of memories! Don't miss out on your copy today! Order online or use a paper form in the office.



Nurse Notes

ATTENTION 6th Grade students:

Minnesota State Immunization Law requires the following immunizations before entering 7th grade in the fall of 2018.

Please provide a copy for the Health office when shots are given so your health records can be updated at school.

- Tdap, a new one needs to be given unless they had one after their 7th birthday.
- 2 Varicella vaccines OR proof of Chickenpox
- Meningitis (meningococcal) MCV
- All childhood vaccines must be on file
- OR, provide a notarized Legal Exemption, or medical exemption signed by your physician

You may schedule your immunization appointment now with your clinic. Get them done early since supplies become limited in August.

Strep

Signs and symptoms you may have:

Sudden onset of sore throat

Fever/nausea/vomiting/stomachache

Bad headache

Inflammation of throat, tonsils, enlarged

cervical lymph nodes

May have skin rash

Throat culture is necessary for diagnosis; antibiotics are prescribed for treatment.

May return to school after 24 hours of antibiotics and fever free.

Medication

For prescription medication to be given at school a completed School Medication Administration Form must be on file.

The name of the medication, dose, time of day, parent & physician signature is required. School staff are not allowed to administer any prescription medication without this on file. You may FAX to 507-663-0660

Influenza

The flu is a respiratory disease caused by a virus that attacks the nose, throat, and lungs. It can be mild, but is sometimes severe and at times can lead to death. It is not the same as the "stomach flu". Symptoms include: fever, dry cough, sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness and body aches. These symptoms come on quickly and can be severe.

Screening tool for parents:

- Fever of 100 or higher?
- Sore throat?
- Cough?

If yes, for fever and one other symptom, keep your student at home and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school, this may be 5-7 days.

****Prevention includes:** Use good hand washing, cover your cough and get a flu vaccine.

Concussions

A concussion is a type of brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works and is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head. It can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Concussions can have a more serious effect on a young, developing brain and need to be addressed correctly. Go to the CDC website for more information.

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Middle School Athletics and Academic Activities

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about spring sports, but the season will be here before we know it. The middle school offers Boys'/Girls' Track and Boys' Tennis. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jen Henriksen at jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org or 507-663-0680.

Sports offered through the high school that grade 7 and 8 students can participate in are Baseball, Boys'/Girls' Clay Target, Boys'/Girls' Golf, Boys'/Girls' Lacrosse and Girls Softball. These sports will require students to have a sports physical on file and sent over to the high school activities office. For more high school activities information, you can reach Sheryl Docken at sdocken@northfieldschools.org or 507-669-0632.

Registration for spring sports will be available starting **March 1, 2018**. Practices will begin on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

You can register online at www.northfieldschools.org and click on the red clipboard. Registration must be completed before an athlete can begin practice. The last day to register and begin practice is April 13.

Athletes should come to practice prepared for chilly weather. Dressing in layers works best. Practices will be 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, unless specified otherwise by the coach.

In the event that we are not able to practice outside, Track/Field will practice in the gym on **maroon** days and Boys Tennis will practice in the gym on **gold** days.

Game/Meet schedules will be available online at <http://big9.org>.

Please contact Jen Henriksen or Michael O'Keefe at 507-663-0680 if you have questions.

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MS Activities Hotline: **645-3559**

This line provides updated information regarding competitive events only. Information regarding practice schedules, or changes to practice schedules ARE NOT announced on this line unless there is a cancellation due to weather.

Attendance

Please call the attendance line each day that your child is absent. You may reach the 24-hour voice mail system by dialing 663-0655.

E-mailing teachers DOES NOT count as official notification for state attendance records. When calling the attendance line, please leave your student's name, grade, reason for absence and your relationship to the child. If calling in an illness, please leave information regarding symptoms. Our health services staff is required to file a report

with the State Health Department if there is an unusual increase in certain illnesses. Students who are not called in will be considered unexcused until a parent/guardian notifies us. If you should forget to call in, your child may turn in a note to the attendance window outside the office when he/she returns to school. Students may not call in their own absences.

If your child is absent for three consecutive days, you may leave a request for homework on the attendance

line when you call in your child's absence information on the third day. Requests should be made by 9:00 a.m., so teachers can use their prep time to gather work. Homework will be requested on your behalf and any available homework can be picked up between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Attendance Line
663-0655

NMS Breakfast



National School Breakfast Week

Let's Celebrate Breakfast!

During March, schools throughout the country will celebrate National School Breakfast Week with visits from national, state and local leaders, food demonstrations, games and other activities. It is a great time for your child to try school breakfast!

Announcements and News on the Web!

Middle School students start each day with televised morning announcements. These announcements are also posted on our middle school website during the school day. Parents can access the announcements by going to www.northfieldschools.org and clicking on Northfield Middle School and then announcements. Announcements usually remain posted by date for approximately two weeks. In the event that our web-master is absent, there may be a delay in posting. Our eight-minute long, student

run morning news show is available for streaming from our website. Please check it out.

Our bi-monthly parent newsletter is also posted on the web. You can access this information by going to www.northfieldschools.org then clicking on News and Publications and then Newsletters. You will find newsletters for all buildings on this webpage. Parents are also invited to check out the Northfield School District web page at

www.northfieldschools.org. If parents have not already done so, they can create a Family Access account to view student data. You can apply for an access user name and password on line. You should receive this information back via e-mail within a couple of days.



Community Services Division News

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has openings in many great programs that start in **February and March**. For more information or to register for these great programs visit us online at www.northfieldschools.org (follow the Community Services link), call 507.664.3649, or visit our office on the first floor of the Northfield Community Resource Center at 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield. Scholarships are available for all programs.

Enrichment Classes

Child & Babysitting Safety Class (CABS)

\$54, boys and girls in grades 4 - 8; Northfield Community Resources Center (NCRC) 225, 9 a.m. – noon
Sa, Feb. 10, Class #:4351-W18A
or Sa, April 7, Class #:4351-W18B

Prairie Fire Children's Theater – Robin Hood

\$75, grades 2 - 8; Middle School Auditorium, 4-8:15 p.m.
M-Sa, April 9 - 14, Class #:4171-W18A

Watch Me Draw: Teen Art Lab-Latte Love on Canvas!

\$29, grades 8-12, Middle School Art Room 250
F, Feb. 23, 3:30-5 p.m., Class #: 4404-W18

Watch Me Draw: Teen Art Lab-Minneapolis Skyline!

\$29, grades 6-8, Middle School Art Room 250
F, March 16, 3:30-5 p.m., Class #: 4379-W18

Clay for Middle Schoolers (Northfield Arts Guild)

\$123/NAG Member; \$136/Non NAG Member, ages 11-14, Northfield Arts Guild Clay Studio, 5-6:15 p.m.
Session 2—Th, Feb. 22-April 5 (no class March 29), Class #: 4419-W18B
Session 3—Th, April 12-May 17, Class #: 4419-W18C

Picasso's Club (Northfield Arts Guild)

\$103/NAG Member; \$113/Non NAG Member, ages 9-13, Northfield Arts Guild Art Studio
12-1:30 p.m., Sa, Feb. 17-April 21 (no class March 24 & 31), Class #: 4414-W18

Recreation Classes

Snowmobile Safety Class

\$19, ages 12 – 18, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., M, Jan. 8 Bridgewater Cafeteria
Sa, Jan. 13, Date and Location TBA Class #:4805-W18A

Northfield Skating School

\$99 - \$129, all ages and levels; Northfield Ice Arena, times vary according to level
Su, Jan. 21—March 4

Tae Kwon Do for Kids

\$74, grades 2 - 12; Sibley Cafeteria (class held in Middle School Aux. Gym on March 15 & 20 and April 5)
Beginner: 6:15 – 7 p.m., Tu & Th, Feb. 20 – April 5 (no class March 27 & 29); Class #:4165-W18C
Advanced: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Tu & Th, Feb. 20 – April 5 (no class March 27 & 29); Class #:4165-W18D

Gumdo – Korean Sword

\$72, ages 10+; Sibley Cafeteria (class held in Middle School Aux. Gym on March 15 & 20 and April 5)
7:45 – 8:45 p.m., Tu & Th, Feb. 20 – April 5 (no class March 28 & 29); Class #:4108-W18D-Youth

Shorin-Ryu Karate

\$59/Individual Registration; \$89/Family Registration, ages 8—adult
M & W, Sa, Jan. 3– June 6 (no class Jan. 15, Feb. 19, & May 28)
M & W, 6:45-8 p.m. Longfellow Gym
Sa, 10-11 a.m. Carleton College Cowling Gym
March 26 & 28 Location TBA
Class #: 4166-W18Youth

Tai Chi for Youth

\$39, grades 6-8, Middle School Youth Center Room, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
W, Feb. 7-March 14, Class #: 1189-W18A

Lightsaber Dueling

\$18, ages 8 and older; Longfellow Gym, 6:30-8 p.m.
F, Feb. 16; Class #:1281-W18A
or F, Feb. 23; Class #:1281-W18B

Lightsaber Dueling Episode II

\$18, ages 8 and older; Longfellow Gym, 6:30-8 p.m.
F, March 2; Class #:1282-W18A

Raider Yoga

\$80, grades 7-12; High School Auxiliary Gym
W, Jan. 3-March 14 (no class Feb. 14) 8-9 p.m. Class #: 1296-W18A
W, April 4-June 6 7-8 p.m. Class #: 1296-W18B
(*drop in option \$10 per time. Waiver must be emailed prior to program and be brought to class)

Horseback Riding

\$129, ages 8 and older; Winterhaven Stables, 4 - 5 p.m.
W, April 11 – May 16; Class #:1276-W18A

Youth Horse Camp

ages 4-17, Cornerstone on the Vermillion, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$100 M, Feb. 19, Class #: 1256-W18A
\$225 Tu & W, March 27 & 29, Class #: 1256-W18B
\$225 Th & F, March 29 & 30, Class #: 1256-W18C



**REGISTRATION FOR WINTER/SPRING 2018
IS NOW OPEN!**

[Click this ad to view all classes and to register.](#)

Horseback Riding Group Lessons-Ride with Confidence!

\$180, grades k-12, Cornerstone on the Vermillion
Sa, Feb. 3-24 1-2 p.m., Class #: 1257-W18AYouth
M, March 5-26 7-8 p.m., Class #: 1257-W18BYouth

Cell Phones and Electronics

Cellular phone use is prohibited during school hours at the Middle School. All cell phones should be turned off prior to entering the academic wings and not visible during or between classes. Students who do not follow this policy could have one or more of the following consequences:

- Cell phone will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- Parent will need to pick up the cell phone in the office.

Radios, CD Players, MP3, I-Pods are not allowed in the classrooms and/or in the hallway. If a student chooses to listen to them on the way to school or on the way home, they must turn them off and keep them out of sight.

Violation of the above policy could result in one or more of the following consequences:

- Detention
- Confiscation until the end of the day
- Confiscation until the end of the year
- Parent Conference
- School Service Project

We appreciate your support with these policies.



Parent Phone Number and Address Changes

Has your family experienced a change in home or cell phone numbers, residence and mailing address changes or a change in e-mail address. If so, please notify the office of any changes. You may do so by calling 663-0664 or e-mail the change to

Kimberly Tousignant:
ktousignant@northfieldschools.org

Maintaining up-to-date parent information is the best way to insure that we can contact you in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance with this request.



Northfield Middle School 2017-2018

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Period	Schedule
1	7:57 – 8:54
2	8:58 – 9:48
3	9:52 – 10:42
4A	10:46 – 11:11
4B	11:14 – 11:39
4C/5	11:42 – 12:07 *5D Students begin 5 th hour
5D	12:10 – 12:35
5	12:38 – 1:03
6	1:07 – 1:57
7	2:01 – 2:51

Wednesday ~ Late Start Schedule

Period	Schedule
1	8:57 – 9:42
2	9:46 – 10:24
3	10:28 – 11:06
4A	11:09 – 11:34
4B	11:37 – 12:02
4C/5	12:05 – 12:30 *5D Students begin 5 th hour
5D	12:34 – 12:59
5	1:02 – 1:27
6	1:31 – 2:09
7	2:13 – 2:51

Upcoming Events ~ 2017-2018 School Year

(Calendar may be subject to change. Please check website for updates.)

February	Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Free Awareness Month
February 1	WEB Leader meeting, 7:15 am
February 2	WEB Event: Spoons 3rd Hour
February 5-9	MS Spirit Week / Snow Week
February 5	8th Grade Band & HS Band Concert, 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium
February 6	Precinct Caucuses, No evening meetings
February 8	MS Winter Band Concert with 5th Grade(5th Grade begins at 6:30 pm), 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium
February 8	MS Pepfest, 7th hour
February 9	District Choral Festival, MS auditorium
February 9	MS Dance, 3:00 pm
February 13-26	MS Trash for Cash Contest (*Look for details in the February / March Newsletter)
February 14	WEB Lunch, 5D
February 15	Mid-quarter 3
February 15	Grade 6 Team 1, History Center / State Capitol Field Trip
February 16	Grade 6 Team 2, History Center / State Capitol Field Trip
February 19	No School / Staff Development / President's Day, No evening meetings
February 26	Grade 8 - High School Registration introduction during Geography classes.
February 26	Open House / Parent Night for incoming 9th Graders (current Grade 8), 6:00 pm (A-L) & 7:00 pm (M-Z) in the HS auditorium. *Students will have a separate orientation with LINK leaders in the gym according to the same schedule as parents.
February 27	Student Council mtg, 7:00 am, room 217
February 28	MNSOTA Middle Level Orchestra Festival, Faribault
March 1, 6	MS Spring Conferences, 3:30- 7:30 pm
March 2	7th Grade Courage Retreat (St. John's and Bethel)
March 3	MS Jazz Band - U of MN Jazz Festival, 8:00 am, Ted Mann Concert Hall
March 13	Student Council mtg., 7:00 am, room 217
March 12	Site Improvement Team, 3:15 pm, room 116
March 13	Township Elections, no evening events
March 16	Films for Food Shelf, 3:00 pm
March 19	All District Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, HS Auditorium
March 21	WEB MSL Follow up, 4th Hour Team 2, 5th Hour Team 1
March 22	All District Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, HS Gym
March 23	WEB Movie, 5 - 7 hours
March 23	End of 3rd quarter
March 26 - 30	No school / Spring break

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2018 Middle School Trash for Cash

February 13 – 26, 2018

Begins Tuesday, February 13 in all
1st Hour Classrooms

The Classroom that collects the most “trash” wins the Trophy!

Prizes for individual student winners!

Prizes for the top 3 classrooms!

Contest Rules

1. At home, place your Trash for Cash items in a bag.
2. Put students name and the name of students 1st hour teacher on the bag.
 - Please write the names on the outside of the bag or write the names on a piece of paper inside the bag.
 - **PLEASE DO NOT LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL “TRASH” ITEM.**
 - **Only bring eligible Trash for Cash items**
3. Bring your labeled bag of items to school
4. Place your bag in your 1st hour classroom’s collection container during the contest.

All students who bring in Trash for Cash items during the contest will have their names entered into a drawing for individual student prizes.

Please bring eligible Trash for Cash Items Only

- Box Tops for Education



- Kwik Trip Milk Moola



- Econofood Receipts



- Our Family UPC Codes

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- MOM Brands Cereal Bags
+ box liner bags



- Village Hearth and Country
Hearth Bread UPC's



- Holy Land Hummus



- Inkjet and Toner Cartridges

- Colgate Oral Care

Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers.



- Sensible Portions Snack Bags

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8TH GRADE FUN FEST – FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

We are excited for our annual Fun Fest which will take place on Friday, May 18th. During the Fun Fest, students enjoy games, activities, food, door prizes and much more. It is a safe and fun way for our 8th graders to celebrate the end of their middle school years.

FunFest Prizes Needed: Students attending Fun Fest have several opportunities to win prizes. If you, or someone you know owns a business/company that would be willing to donate a prize for the Fun Fest, please contact Amy McBroom – ***amcbroom@northfieldschools.org*** about how to donate or to get involved. We welcome any prize donations that are appropriate for 8th grade students.

Examples

General: Cases of soda, Candy Bars, Monetary donations

Small Prizes: Earbuds, Lanyards, Tumblers, Mugs, Sanitizer/Hand lotion/Lip Balm

Medium Prizes: Logo wear, Raider Gear, Novelty Gifts, T-shirts, Ball caps, New stuffed animals

Large Prizes: Gift Cards, Movie Passes, Tickets to Games/Activities

Grand Prizes: Bluetooth Speakers, Headphones, Waterpark Passes, Fitbits, Gaming Consoles

GiveMN: Northfield Middle School: Thank you again to everyone who supported our school on Give to the Max Day (November 16, 2017). The generosity of the Northfield Middle School community helped us raise \$2030 of our \$5000 goal to fund projects like the anti-bullying Courage Retreat for 7th Grade, the 8th Grade Fun Fest, WEB Leader training and more.



Our GiveMN page is open **year-round** so you can make a donation anytime! To learn more about which projects our Site Improvement Team hopes to support this year or to make a direct donation, please visit our GiveMN page:

<https://givemn.org/organization/Northfield-Middle-School-7877474>
