

August 1, 2016

Middle School Staff:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! A special greeting is extended to all of the staff members who are new or rejoining the Northfield Middle School team from a leave. Our August newsletter has been mailed out to each NMS family and is also posted on the district website at <http://northfieldschools.org/news/newsletters/>.

Please welcome our new and returning staff members:

Grade 6 Team 2 – Science	Dan Kust
EBD Program Teacher	Lori Peterson
EL Program	Rebecca Lorang
TORCH Coordinator	Natalie Amy
Americorp Promise Fellow	MacKenzie (Maki) Love
Americorp Promise Fellow	Branden McGarrity

2016-17 Workshop Week Plan

August 24: New Teacher Workshop - 7:45 Breakfast at MS and District Programming

August 25: New Teacher Workshop - 7:45-4:00

- 7:45 – 10:45 District Programming
- 10:45 Lunch at MS Staff Lounge
- 1:00-3:45 Building Time

August 29: **TEACHER WORK DAY - NO MEETINGS 7:30-3:30** (*Lunch on your own*)

August 30: **ALL DISTRICT MEETING - MS AUDITORIUM 7:30-9:00**

PLC Information---DCSDC Members 9:30-10:30

Classroom Time (*Lunch on your own*) 10:30-12:30

Welcome Back Staff Meeting - MS Auditorium 12:30-1:15

Building Staff Development 1:30-3:30 (*Look for a detailed e-mail from me*)

August 31: **SECONDARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT AT HS - 7:30-3:30**

**See separate chart for session offerings

-Bullying Prevention Schoology Course - Required

-Required to attend 4 of the 6 sessions

Open House: 5:30-7:30 p.m. First announcement will be at 6:00.

Families will follow the [maroon/ day 1 schedule](#).

- 1st Period 6:00-6:08
- 2nd Period 6:12-6:20
- 3rd Period 6:24-6:32
- 4th Period 6:36-6:44
- 5th Period 6:48-6:56
- 6th Period 7:00-7:08
- 7th Period 7:12-7:20
- Open Hour 7:20-7:30 (*Parents may visit with any teacher.*)

September 1: WEB EVENT 7:45-12:00 in classrooms
DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT AT HS - 7:30-3:30

**See separate chart for session offerings

- Bullying Prevention Schoology Course - Required
- Required to attend 3 of the 5 sessions

Our custodial and building and grounds crews have worked diligently around summer programs and into August to be prepared for the first day of school. If you stop in during mid-August, please be prepared to dodge any final projects that need to be completed before Parent Night.

****IMPORTANT NOTE FOR STAFF THAT PARK IN THE BACK OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL****

One of the items that came out of community discussions about the middle school entrance and 246 traffic flow was the fact that our neighbors located in the back of the school are frustrated with both our families who use their streets to pick up and drop off students as well as the staff who park outside their houses during the school day. I will be encouraging families to use our front entrance for drop off and pick-ups, now that we have improved the flow of traffic. I would also request that middle school staff park in our parking lot and not in the neighborhood behind the school. When the building was built the back entrance and neighborhood was not designed for this purpose. We have a golden opportunity with our newly renovated entrance to show our neighbors some good will and honor their request for no parking on the streets. Thank you for your assistance with this and willingness to support our neighbors.

See you soon,
Greg