

# NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## News from the Principal

NMS PRIDE is alive and well

Watching nearly 1000 middle school students walk into our building is one of the many highlights of my day. Students are smiling, saying good morning, stopping to tell me about some event in their life and generally just happy to be at the middle school.

I can also tell you that watching students go through our lunch lines and the amount of “thank you” comments they make to adults serving them is a huge example of NMS PRIDE and one that our food service adults don’t take for granted.

Every Thursday we draw PRIDE ticket winners. We draw two student names from each grade level plus more during full school assemblies. Students can earn tickets by showing PRIDE during the day and all adults are able to pass out a ticket. Winners are able to come down to the office to choose from a variety of NMS “swag” items.

I believe that when we work together to teach our students what PRIDE looks like in all areas of their life, we make a big difference in not only that student, but in our larger middle school and Northfield community. Please keep supporting our mission and thank you for partnering with us.

Over the last two weeks families have had the opportunity to fill out a short survey on how they felt their student had transitioned to the next grade level. I would like to thank all of you who participated. We will be looking at some of the great suggestions to make our transitions even better. The results showed that 98% of the families who responded stated that they felt their student had a smooth transition into the school year. Ninety three percent also stated that they felt their student was well prepared to start the school year. Both of these are dramatic increases from last year’s survey, but we will continue to work to reach the goal of 100%.

Finally, please look carefully at all of the information in our newsletter. Information about Music, how to support students, WEB and conferences are just a few of the items to look for.

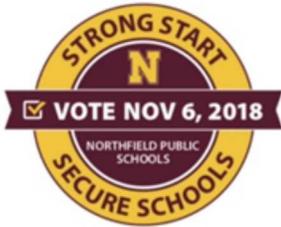
We are off to a terrific start and don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Greg Gelineau  
Northfield Middle School Principal

### **NMS PRIDE**

**Prepared  
Respect  
Integrity  
Dependability  
Excellence**





The District is grateful for community support of the increased operating levy in 2017. We take the confidence our community has placed in us very seriously. The passage of the operating levy provides fiscal stability in light of chronic underfunding from Minnesota's Legislature.

**Why is the District pursuing a bond referendum?**

The focus of the bond referendum is ensuring that every student has a strong start to their school career and attends secure schools.

**What is being proposed?**

The District is proposing the following projects as part of the \$40.975 million bond referendum:

A new, two-story, 600-student elementary school on the Greenvale Park campus.

Repurposing the current Greenvale Park Elementary School as a district-wide early childhood center. This building would host our Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Hand-in-Hand Pre-School, and licensed daycare program. These facilities are currently housed in two different locations.

Modest additions and renovations at Bridgewater and Sibley Elementary Schools. This would include improved security and additional classroom space.

**What will this cost me?**

Working with Ehler's, Inc, our public sector financial advisors, the Board has structured the bonding in such a way to minimize the initial impact to property taxpayers. The proposed bond would increase taxes on an average Northfield home (\$250,000 value) by \$27 annually, or \$2.25 per month. [The District has an interactive tax impact calculator available on its referendum website.](#)

**What else should I know?**

**The District listened to the community.** Northfield Public Schools did a lot of listening to community members after the ambitious \$109 million bond referendum failed last November. In addition to scores of individual community connections, the District convened a 30-member Facilities Action Team to guide the Board of Education. The District also conducted an online ThoughtExchange process that brought in the opinions of nearly 400 residents. Two key themes emerge: prioritize the early childhood/elementary projects and decrease the short-term impact on property taxes.

**Focus on early learning yields enormous benefits.** Investing in our youngest learners pays off. Early childhood education plays a key role in preparing children to reach their academic readiness benchmarks, such as being ready for kindergarten and meeting the third grade reading level.

**Relieve PreK-5 space issues.** Our elementary schools are struggling with space issues. These projects would provide additional instructional space at every elementary school.

**Improve security.** Unfortunately, we need to think about school security in a much different way than previous generations. This bond would finish upgrading security measures so all buildings have a secure front entrance. Security will be improved while maintaining a welcoming learning environment for our children.

**Where can I learn more?**

[The District website is an excellent resource for referendum-related information.](#)

Follow the District on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**Consider attending one of four presentation and tour events at Greenvale Park Elementary.** These public meetings will be held on September 17 (7 pm-8:30 pm), **October 1**(7 pm-8:30 pm), **October 13** (10 am-11:30 am), and **October 29** (7 pm-8:30 pm).

We are grateful for our continued partnership with parents and that you trust Northfield Public Schools with your children. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt Hillmann, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## Fall Conferences

Please plan to attend conferences with your student on **Thursday, October 11, or Monday, October 16, 3:30–7:30 pm.**

**6th Grade Conference Overview: Students should bring their iPads.** Grade 6 students will attend conferences with you and pick up a “passport” in the academic wing, to travel through the world of 6th grade. During your passport travels, please stop in to see your student’s Base teacher (*5<sup>th</sup> hour teacher*). Conferences with Base teachers will be 3-5 minutes in length and allow us to check-in regarding the transition to middle school. If you would like to see another teacher, feel free to stop by as well.

Come ready to share questions, concerns and celebrations! Your Sixth Grade Teachers are here to support YOU!

### NMS Sixth Grade Teachers

Team 1: Ms. Bloom, Mrs. Kovach, Mr. Langevin, Mr. O’Neill, and Ms. Schock

Team 2: Frau Burkhead, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Kust, Mrs. Mikkelson, Ms. Robertson, and Sra. Tacheny

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Students are encouraged to attend with parents/guardians. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade conferences are on a walk-in basis – and teachers will meet in or near their classrooms. Conferencing time should be limited to five minutes or less for each teacher. If you feel extra time is needed, we encourage you to arrange a time for a more detailed conference at another time.



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## Student Council

The student council is in the process of conducting elections for new representatives in sixth grade. There will be three representatives elected from each sixth grade team. We will also be adding 3 representatives in seventh grade and 2 representatives in eighth grade this year. This is something new from previous years. We made this change to allow

students who may have missed the opportunity to apply in 6<sup>th</sup> grade a second chance to participate and to fill an open position. The elections will take place on October 3. Election results will be printed in the next newsletter.

Please make note on your calendar of these future student council activities:

**Films 4 the Foodshelf:** October 26 and January 18

**Dances:** December 7, February 8, and April 26

Details will follow as the dates draw near.

Frau Burkhead and Mrs. Kuehl  
Student Council Advisors



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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## Volunteer

### VOLUNTEERING AT NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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, email the volunteer coordinator - [amcbroom@northfieldschools.org](mailto:amcbroom@northfieldschools.org)



### GiveMN: Northfield Middle School

**November 15 is Give to the Max day.** We encourage families to take part in NMS passive fundraisers which require minimal effort and time yet provides funds for school projects and initiatives.

Proceeds from NMS passive fundraising programs are overseen by the Site Improvement Team which is composed of parents, staff and administration.

To learn more about which projects SIT hopes to support this year or to make a direct donation, please visit our GiveMN page: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Northfield-Middle-School>



### Trash for Cash Fundraiser

Our Trash for Cash contest runs the month of October. Please see the addendum for eligible items and rules of the contest.

### Teacher Conference Meal: Thursday, October 11 - Help us Feed the Staff!!

Conference Nights get very busy and staff has minimal time to eat. Please consider helping to provide a meal. Our conference meal theme this fall is "AROUND THE WORLD"

Visit <http://signup.com/go/QzuFZoA> or contact the volunteer coordinator - [amcbroom@northfieldschools.org](mailto:amcbroom@northfieldschools.org)

Items needed: global inspired main dishes, salads, beverages, fruit, desserts, and paper products.



### Fall Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the Fall Scholastic Book Fair which occurs Monday, Oct 22 - Monday, Oct. 29. Please visit <http://signup.com/go/kkthGsx> or contact the volunteer coordinator at [amcbroom@northfieldschools.org](mailto:amcbroom@northfieldschools.org)

### Tutors Needed

If you would like to share your time and talent helping a NMS student or if you know of someone who would be a great tutor, please contact the volunteer coordinator for more information

[amcbroom@northfieldschools.org](mailto:amcbroom@northfieldschools.org)



## Choir News

The year has begun to get in full swing, and the students have been working hard on their choir music already! Our fall concert will take place on **Thursday, October 25.** I am asking that 6th grade students arrive at **6:15 pm.** The 6th grade concert will begin at 6:30 pm. I am asking that 7th/8th Grade students arrive at **7:00 pm.** The

7th/8th grade concert will begin at **7:15 pm.**

Parents, please check your students' Schoology accounts for a Syllabus document. This document contains concert dates for the year, as well as concert attire expectations. Thank you, and we look

forward to sharing our music with you!

Mr. Laudenbach



## Band News

Come to the Band Concert! The District Band Concert featuring all band members in grades 5-12 is on **Monday, October 29 at 7:00 pm** in the High School Gymnasium.

6th Grade band members should meet at **6:40 pm** in the High School cafeteria. 7th and 8th Grade band members should leave their coats and instrument cases in the High School Choir room and find their seat on the gym floor at **6:45 pm**. All band members are encouraged to

bring stands from home to use in the concert. Please label your stand so we can get it back to you if you forget to take it home. All the bands have already made considerable progress this year and are looking forward to showing you what they can do!

We have now started band lessons. The lesson times and the rotation schedule are on Schoology. Any and all encouragement or help you can give in terms of

establishing and maintaining a regular practice schedule is very welcome. See you at the concert!

Ethan Freier



## Orchestra News

The first orchestra concert for this year is on **Thursday, October 25** in the NMS Auditorium. Concert start and call times for this performance are different than in previous years. Due to our expanding enrollment at the MS, there will be **two concerts** on October 25. Each orchestra ensemble will perform at one of those times and is not required to attend both concerts. Please be sure your orchestra player arrives by the specified call time so each student has an opportunity to tune and warm-up before their performance. Concert dress is black and white (please refer to the Orchestra Syllabus for more detailed guidelines).

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra & Choir Concert – **6:30 pm** – Orchestra students arrive by **6:00 pm**

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra & Choir Concert – **7:15 pm** – Orchestra students arrive by **6:45 pm**

Orchestra lessons began on Tuesday, September 18. Each student received a lesson schedule and calendar with their lesson days. This information is also in Schoology. Students receive one lesson every six days of school. Students taking private lessons should refer to their orchestra syllabus for complete information. Lessons focus on technique and orchestra music.

Practice is the most important thing each student can do towards being successful in orchestra. Any encouragement you can give towards regular practice is greatly appreciated!

Please check that your student's instrument case is labeled, clearly, with their name, address and phone number. When cases look similar, it is very easy for a student to bring home the wrong instrument without realizing it. If your student's case needs a tag, please let me know. Thank you for doing this.

I am enjoying working with all of these students. I look forward to sharing a great performance with you soon!  
Mrs. Olivier



## Geography Bee:

The Geography Bee is coming in December! This is for any student in grades 6-8. Look for more information in November from Mr. Sawyer in room 265.



## Nurse Notes

**ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students:** Minnesota State Immunization Law requires the following immunizations **before entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 before school starts.**

### 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. **Controlled substances must be brought in by an adult.**

### Hearing & Vision Screening, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Screening will take place on **November 13**. A referral will be mailed home for those students in need of follow up. Encourage your student to wear their prescribed glasses or hearing aids for success in school. Vision exams are recommended

every 2 years. For students that have recently been screened by their physician, may opt out if parents provide a note. **Volunteers needed!! Without our volunteers we cannot have this screening. Please contact the school if you can volunteer! Thank you!**

### Sport Physicals

Middle school sports do not require a sport physical, however, if your student will be participating in a High School sport, a physical is required and must be on the Minnesota State High School League Sports Physical form. Those are good for 3 years. Those may be turned into the middle school nurse office and kept in your students health file. It is also sent to the High School activities office.

Contact the school nurse with updates to their medical file. Provide Dr. notes for extended absence, injuries, concussion, chronic conditions, etc.

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Middle School Health Services  
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## Yearbook

Order your 2018-2019 school yearbook and capture all the memories! Buy now for the best prices all year! Yearbooks are for sale now on the Northfield Middle School website. Click on the blue "Jostens Yearbook" link to place your order.



## Student Support Services

Our Student Support Team is located right behind the front office in room 113. There are two school counselors: Jenny Streefland (works with students with last names beginning with A-L), Cori Yamry (works with students last names beginning M-Z). Heather Stanton-Ims is our school social worker. Rachael Hudson is the school psychologist. Kim Tousignant is the student support administrative assistant.

### Resources we offer in the Student Support Office:

We offer assistance with students who are struggling with academics. We support students and families who are struggling with divorce, family conflict, death of a loved one, and any sort of life changing event. The student support staff can assist in exploring community resources, such as mental health and county providers. We also, address students issues with peer relationships, bullying, and friendship turmoil which may need mediation.

### Best ways to communicate with the Student Support Staff

We can be reached at 663-0664. We will do our best to return calls in a timely man-

ner. Email is also a great way to communicate. Our email is listed on the Student Support Services Web site, which can be found at <https://northfieldschools.org/schools/northfield-middle-school/student-support/> On your student's Schoology accounts you can also find classroom assignments, due dates, and other class information. Finally, parents can sign up for Family Access, which can be found on the middle school and district website. Family access is a great way to keep up with your student's grades, attendance and homework completion.

### Academic Assistance at NMS:

#### *The Middle School Youth Center*

The Youth Center is a place for middle school students to gather after school for fun, academic assistance, and social interaction with college students and friends. The Youth Center is open Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00 pm.

#### *Carleton Tutor Hotline*

Carleton College students volunteer their time in many ways. One service that is offered to our youth is tutoring. The ser-

vice offers students a chance to receive tutoring from fabulous Carleton students. Tutors and tutees meet one hour a week in a public location. Visit this website for more information: <https://apps.carleton.edu/ccce/programs/tutoringhotline/>

#### *Tutoring during the school day at NMS:*

If you are interested in having a tutor during study hall, stop by the Student Support Services Office for details. We have St. Olaf and Carleton students and parents who volunteer their time to assist our students academic needs.

**Jenny Streefland, Counselor (A-L)**  
**Cori Yamry, Counselor (M-Z)**



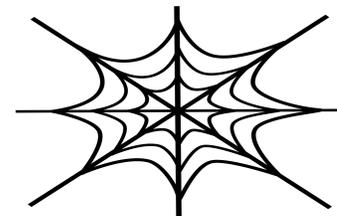
## W.E.B. - Where Everybody Belongs

We are off to a great start with WEB this year! Seventy-eight energetic 8<sup>th</sup> graders volunteered three days of their summer to help support the 6<sup>th</sup> graders transition to the middle school. Two days were spent learning how to lead activities and support the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in preparation for orientation on August 30.

On August 30, we had 330 excited 6<sup>th</sup> graders show up at 7:55 am for an eventful morning. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders led them

through a variety of large and small group activities and gave the 6<sup>th</sup> graders valuable advice for succeeding at the middle school. September 26, we had our first WEB lunch; WEB groups were able to check in and reconnect.

We want to thank the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the amazing job they have done to start this year in a positive way. We are looking forward to another great year of WEB!



Cori Yamry, John Bade and Rafa Estrella  
~NMS WEB Coordinators

## Academic Activities/Middle School Athletics

The fall sport activities end by the week of October 15, 2018. Please be sure your student has turned in their uniform to their coach or the main office. Our academic activities (Math League & Knowledge Bowl) started at the end of September. If your student would like to participate, registration closes the first week of October. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Jen Henriksen at [jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org) or 507-663-0680.

Middle school wrestling will be open for students grades 6-8 and will start on **Tuesday, November 6 at 3:00 pm**. Practices are held Monday through Friday from **3:00 - 4:45 pm** in the auxiliary gym. Our scheduled meets are posted on [www.big9.org](http://www.big9.org) and are also located outside

the main office. Your student must be registered before participating in practices.

The middle school Fitness Center will be open for students in grades 6-8 and will have three different sessions. The first session will be during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (November – January); second session will be 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (January 28 – March); and our last session will be the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (April – May). The first session will start on Tuesday, November 6 at 3:00 pm in our fitness room. The Fitness Center runs Monday through Thursday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Participants must register before participating, as well as register for each session they choose to participate in. The Fitness Center is staffed by Paul Stanaway and Curt Mikkelson.

The Geography Bee will be on December 10, in the middle school auditorium. It is open to students in grades 6-8. There will be a sign up sheet and informational letter on Mr. Sawyer's door in room 265. Also look for morning news announcements.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Henriksen at 507-663-0680 or [jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org).



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## Speech Team

The Northfield Middle School Speech Team will begin its 2018-2019 winter season the week of November 28-December 2! We are looking for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to improve and practice their speaking and performing abilities. Speech team isn't really about writing speeches; that is just one of the many categories. Students choose to expressively read literature from categories such as humorous and serious prose, poetry and drama; extemporaneous prose and poetry, great speeches, informative speaking, dramatic duo, storytelling, original oratory and creative expression. Students choose one category and one selection to perform throughout the season. One 20

minute practice session each week is required. Practice times are flexible, so students in basketball, ski club and other school activities are eligible to participate in speech. The team will attend four festivals on Saturday mornings in January and February (1/12, 1/19, 1/26 and 2/2)

An **informational meeting** will be held **Monday, November 19, in room 253**. If students cannot attend the informational meeting, they can stop into room 253 or the main office any day after school on November 19-30 to get information.. **Practice begins Monday, December 3, 2019.**

Find out more by attending the informational meeting or talk to or email the coaches Ms. Halvorson at [dhalvorson@northfieldschools.org](mailto:dhalvorson@northfieldschools.org) or Mrs. Hebzynski at [khebzynski@northfieldschools.org](mailto:khebzynski@northfieldschools.org)



## 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.



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## Attendance: (507) 663-0655

**Please call the 24-hour attendance line or email Jen Henriksen, each day that your child is absent. You may reach the attendance line at 663-0655 or emailing [jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org).**

E-mailing teachers DOES NOT count as official notification for state attendance records. When calling or emailing the attendance, please leave your student's name, grade, reason for absence and your relationship to the child. If calling or emailing 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

or emailed to Jen Henriksen, 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 a parent knows of a student's extended absence in advance, the absence should be called into the attendance line or emailed to Jen Henriksen. Students should also connect with their teachers to assure any missed work will be posted to Schoology. Students are responsible for completing all work posted to Schoology. Students returning from an extended absence will need to schedule

arrangements with the teacher for completing any work that could not be completed during the absence. Homework will not be collected in the office for a student prior to absence.

**Parents** call attendance line 507-663-0655 or email Jen Henriksen at [jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:jhenriksen@northfieldschools.org) to report the absence.

**Students** contact the teacher to assure that any missed work will be posted to Schoology and schedule arrangements to



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## 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](mailto: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.

## Community Services Division News

Northfield Public Schools Community Services fall registration is now open! Scholarships are available for youth and adult program offerings. You can browse all classes by visiting [www.northfieldschools.org/communityservices](http://www.northfieldschools.org/communityservices). To register by phone, please call us at 507.664.3649.



REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018  
IS NOW OPEN!  
Click here to view all classes and to register.

### Individual Math Tutoring, \$159

grades 6-12

Tuesdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6, NCRC Parent Ed Room

You will receive individualized tutoring and supplemental instruction in math concepts you are currently learning in school. Time slots will be assigned between 4-7 p.m. in 45 minute increments. Instructor, Dave Gilmore, has taught and provided tutoring in math for over twenty years. He is currently employed as a math instructor in Faribault at South Central Community College.

### You Can Play the Ukulele, \$49

grades 6-12

Mondays, Oct. 8-Nov. 19 (no class Nov. 5), 5-6 p.m., NCRC Room 225

Do you want to learn to play the ukulele? Do you play a little and want to strum in a group? Come learn the chords you need to play songs like Over the Rainbow, Riptide, I'm Yours, Fight Song, Hallelujah, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, and Let it Be. Bring your own ukulele.

### GoSolar! Kidz: Solar Wood Helicopters, \$65

grades k-8

Thursday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, Middle School Art Room 250

Up, up and away! You will have a blast building fun model helicopters using solar power. When you are done building, you will challenge other students with your newly built wooden helicopter. At the end of class, you will take home your mini-copter!

### Hanging Wood Wall Art, \$35

grades 6-8

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 3:30-5 p.m., Middle School Art Room 250

Add some inspiration to your day by making wall art out of unfinished wood and twine. You will use your favorite colors of paint and twine for this creative project that reminds you to, "be kind, be brave, be you!" All supplies are included and you are sure to leave class with a wall hanging that you be proud of! Dress for mess and prepare to have fun.

### Open Gym Basketball, \$3

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m., High School Gym

Gather your friends, family or teammates for some evening fun at this NEW open gym! Practice your basketball skills, shoot around or start up a game. Open basketball is available for all abilities, however the hoops will remain at 10 feet. Cost is \$3.00 (\$10 family max), payable at the door; no large bills. Pre-registration not required.

### Youth Horse Camp, \$225

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18 & 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Cornerstone on the Vermillion

Spend two days with horses, experiencing both Western and English riding, ground work and horsemanship. We welcome all riding abilities! We welcome those who have never ridden before to join us for a fun-filled, action-packed youth camp with horses. A Cornerstone waiver will be emailed prior to the program and must be signed and brought to class.

## Northfield Middle School 2018-2019

### 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> hour
5D	12:34 – 12:59
5	1:02 – 1:27
6	1:31 – 2:09
7	2:13 – 2:51

## Upcoming Events ~ 2018-2019 School Year

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

October 1 – 25	Trash to Cash Contest
<b>October 2</b>	<b>1st Quarter Midterm</b>
October 4	Grade 6 Team One - Big Island Rendezvous Field Trip
October 8	School Board meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Media Center
October 11 & 16	MS Fall Conferences, 3:30 - 7:30 pm
October 13	District Bond Referendum Presentation, 7:00 pm, Greenvale Park Elementary
<b>October 18 - 19</b>	<b>No School / Education MN Break</b>
October 22 – 29	Scholastic Bookfair – MS Media Center
October 22	School Board meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Media Center
October 23	Grade 6 Team One Bus Safety Drill, 9:00 am, Bus Plaza
October 23	Grade 6 Team Two Bus Safety Drill, 9:25 am, Bus Plaza
October 25	MS Orchestra and Choir Concert, MS Auditorium 6:30 pm 6th Grade Orchestra & Choir 7:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra & Choir
October 26	WEB Monster Mash event, 3rd hour
October 26	Films for Food Shelf, 3:00 pm, MS Auditorium
October 29	District Band Concert, 7:00 pm, HS Gym
October 29	District Bond Referendum Presentation, 7:00 pm, Greenvale Park Elementary
November 2	Grade 6 Team Two - Science Museum Field Trip
<b>November 2</b>	<b>End of 1st Quarter</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>No School / Teacher Preparation Day</b>
November 6	Election Day / District Bond Referendum - Please vote!
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Beginning of 2nd Quarter</b>
November 12 - 16	Prairie Fire Theatre - Community Services, 3:30 - 8:30 pm, MS Auditorium
November 13	7th Grade Vision and Hearing
November 13	School Board meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Media Center
November 14	WEB Lunch – 5D Lunch ( <i>All 6th graders eat D lunch</i> )
<b>November 21 - 23</b>	<b>No School / Thanksgiving Break</b>
November 30	All District Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, High School Auditorium
December 6	MS Choir, Winter Walk, 5:00 pm
December 7	MS Dance, 3:00 pm
<b>December 10</b>	<b>2nd Quarter Midterm</b>
December 14	WEB Winter Charades event, 6th hour
December 17	MS & HS Winter Orchestra concert, MS auditorium 6:30 pm 6th Grade, 7th Grade and HS Philharmonia Orchestras 7:30 pm MS Chamber Orchestra, 8th Grade, HS symphony Orchestras
<b>Dec. 20-Jan. 1, 2019</b>	<b>No School / Winter Break</b>

# NMS PRIDE

- Prepared**
- Respect**
- Integrity**
- Dependability**
- Excellence**



# 2018 Middle School Trash for Cash

October 1 – 26, 2018  
All Grade compete against each other.

The Classroom that collects the most “trash” wins the Trophy!  
Door Prizes for individual student winners!

## Contest Rules

1. Place your **eligible** items in a bag with your students name.
  - Please write the names on the outside of the bag, not each item.
2. Students bring labeled bags to school and place in 1<sup>st</sup> hour classroom’s collection container.

## Please bring eligible Trash for Cash Items Only

- Box Tops for Education
- Kwik Trip Milk Moola
- Econofood Receipts
- Our Family UPC Codes  
Starting with #70253 from Econofoods
- MOM Brands Cereal Bags + box liner bags
- Village Hearth & Country Hearth Bread UPC
- Holy Land Hummus Labels

