

Welcome to 6th Grade!

NEW teachers. NEW classes. NEW friends. NEW demands. NEW choices. And many NEW opportunities! As 6th grade teachers, we strive to create a safe and welcoming environment that considers the unique experiences, interests, and talents each student brings to our classroom. We are here to support, encourage and guide our students through all of these new experiences!

Meet the Team 2 Teachers!

SARA MIKKELSON - ENGLISH

Years in Education: 27

Favorite Book for Middle Schoolers:

Bud, Not Buddy, Holes, The Giver

Favorite Travel Destination:

Grand Marais, MN

Favorite Food: Nachos

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, taking brisk walks, watching baseball, spending time with family

Top Song on Playlist: Too tough to choose! My favorite musical artists are P!nk, Michael Franti & Myles Smith.



RYAN SCHNAITH - MATH

Years in Education: 7

Favorite Book for Middle Schoolers:

The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins

Favorite Travel Destination:

Family cabin near Longville, MN

Favorite Food: Chicken alfredo pizza

Hobbies/Interests: Running, swimming, hiking, video games, and watching the Vikings fail me year after year

Top Song on Playlist: *Numb*, by Linkin Park



HEATHER RYDEN - SOCIAL STUDIES

Years in Education: 31

Favorite Book for Middle Schoolers:

I Am Malala, Hatchet, A Wrinkle in Time

Favorite Travel Destination:

The North Shore and England

Favorite Food: All things PASTA!

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, walking, traveling, the outdoors, music

Top Song on Playlist: *Watch the Sun*, by PJ Morton and *Freedom*, by Jon Batiste



ANGIE SCHOCK - SCIENCE

Years in Education: 28

Favorite Book for Middle Schoolers:

Peak, Maximum Ride, Hunger Games, The Giver

Favorite Travel Destination:

San Diego and Oceanside, CA

Favorite Food: Prime rib

Hobbies/Interests: Biking, Raider athletic events, spending time with family and friends

Top Song on Playlist: Can you say, Taylor Swift?



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Communication, Assignments & Grades

Within the first few days and weeks of school, students will learn how to use several resources to locate, complete, manage, submit and monitor assignments and grades. It takes a little time and patience, but it will become second nature before you know it! This is a great opportunity for students to develop age-appropriate independence and responsibility for their own learning.

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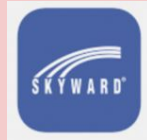
This is the place where teachers post assignments, directions and resources. It is also where students submit many of their completed assignments. If you have a question about an assignment, start here.



NMS PRIDE PLANNER: This is where students will record all of their assignments each day. Students should use this information to prioritize their assignments and check them off as they complete them.

SKYWARD (FAMILY ACCESS)

This is where you go to check grades and get a list of all missing assignments. Check Skyward (Family Access) often to monitor academic standing and progress. Skyward is used district-wide at all grade levels.



iPads: Students will use their iPads on a daily basis. They should bring their iPads **fully charged** every day, along with their earbuds. We recommend bringing their charging blocks and cords as well, just in case. Please label iPads with first and last names.

DAILY LESSON HIGHLIGHTS (DLH)

This is your one-stop-shop to see what has been covered and assigned each day in all five core classes. The [link](#) is posted at the top of each teacher's Schoology page. Remember, when students are absent, they are responsible for missed lessons even when the absence is excused. Please bookmark DLH and check it daily!

Our goal is to help our students feel welcome, safe, motivated and successful at Northfield Middle School. We look forward to partnering with you in this effort in the year ahead!

When you have questions about your student's assignments or something that occurred at school, we recommend following these steps to find the answers:

1

Talk with your student. Check their planner and Daily Lesson Highlights.

2

Then, if needed, refer to Schoology and Skyward to see if your questions can be answered there.

3

Finally, if questions remain, contact your student's teacher(s) for more information.

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