

NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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News from the Principal

Middle School Families:

My hope is that by the time you are reading this message Spring has found its way to Northfield. I would argue that this may be the most difficult time of the school year as students and adults alike hit what marathon runner calls, "the wall." The wall for a middle school student can take the shape of procrastinating more, having missing assignments, forgetting about tests and quizzes, and the number one sign is the lack of motivation for anything academic.

The good news for our students is they have many personal trainers to help encourage, coach and even run part of the race with them. Our community of adults becomes more important to our student's success as the year goes on. Let's continue to work together so not only do our students finish the marathon, but do it better than they have ever done before.

The newsletter is again filled with many important items for our students and families. Take a few minutes to look it over and feel free to contact the middle school if you have questions. I will be sending out a few more Skylerts than normal, over the remaining couple months, with information about some of the many events that happen in the spring at NMS.

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and I am looking forward to cheering our students on, right through the finish line.

Greg Gelineau
Northfield Middle School Principal

NMS PRIDE

Prepared
Respect
Integrity
Dependability
Excellence

Cinco de Mayo

Northfield's annual Cinco de Mayo event is just around the corner!

Come celebrate with others in your community on **Friday, May 4 from 5:00-9:00 pm** as you enjoy a night of authentic Mexican food, dancing, and activities for all ages. Money raised at the event will go towards scholarships for Northfield T.O.R.C.H. students.



If you would like to make a donation, please use the forms below. We are in need of many donations including bottled water, pop, desserts, and small prizes for the lottery.

<https://goo.gl/forms/0DuJkhUOdY0AHY563> (English)

<https://goo.gl/forms/2afGcWbvQHRyNqg42> (Español)

We hope to see you there!!

Please contact Rebecca Lorang for more information
rlorang@northfieldschools.org

Volunteer

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 the volunteer coordinator-
amcbroom@northfieldschools.org



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

Fun Fest is a safe and fun way for our 8th graders to celebrate the end of their middle school years. During Fun Fest, students enjoy games, activities, food, door prizes and more! To ensure that Fun Fest is a successful event, we NEED volunteers. **If you can help, please email amcbroom@northfieldschools.org or click <http://signup.com/go/eEpYVdW>**



Tattered Pages Volunteers – MAY 8 - 11, 2018

Volunteers are needed for the Mother's Day Tattered Pages event. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts. Shifts are available between 8 am and 3 pm on the dates of May 8 – 11. Healthy Snacks/Goodies are also needed to raise funds for wrapping supplies. Please sign up using <http://signup.com/go/DEGpdRb> or contact the volunteer coordinator at amcbroom@northfieldschools.org



Spring Track Meet Volunteers – Thursday, APRIL 19, 2018: 5-6:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to time athletes, record and report results. Sign up by clicking <http://signup.com/go/haiKYdP> or contact the volunteer coordinator at amcbroom@northfieldschools.org

Trash for Cash Fundraiser

Thank you to NMS families that turned in "trash" for this years Trash for Cash contest. Northfield Middle School was able to raise over \$500 for this effort. Keep saving that trash over the summer– BOX-TOPS, MILK MOOLA, HOLYLAND HUMMUS, ECONOFOODS RECEIPTS and LOAVES FOR LEARNING.



Spring Teacher Conference Meal: A Heartfelt Thanks!

Thank you to NMS families that brought in food for Spring conferences: Beth L., Carol M., Cheryl K., Emily M., Erica N., Jaimee F., Jamie W., Jessica M., Kris N., Laura C., Mara H., Melissa P., Michelle D., Mila V., Nancy H., Noreen C., Rebekah W., Robyn D., Ruth H., Serena Z., Tricia C. and Victoria S. We appreciate your support!



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News from the Student Support Services Office

Here are a few upcoming dates to keep in mind:

Registration:

We just finished registration for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. If you have any questions about registration, please contact the school counselors.

Self-Guided Tours/Pictures:

Families are welcome to tour the building and take a school picture. There will be maps available near the main office. Feel free to look around. The times are as follows:

August 21: Self-Guided Tours (12:00 - 4:00 pm)

August 22: Self-Guided Tours (12:00 - 4:00 pm)

New Student and St. Dominic Orientation: August 22, 10:30-11:30 am, Room 162/163.

The School Counselors will host an orientation session for all new 7th and 8th grade students and St. Dominic students.

In coming 6th grade WEB Orientation: August 30:

If you are requesting transportation, please fill out the gold card you received when the counselors visited the elementary schools. **Please remember to put your child's name and address on the card.**

Jenny Streefland and Cori Yamry
Middle School Counselors



NMS Breakfast



What's Cooking? At school, there's always a meal ready to be served!

Some mornings, it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious breakfast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards. Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that includes fruit, whole-grain rich items, and low fat or fat free milk. Check your child's menu to see the variety of nutritious choices available at School Breakfast, or stop by to sample the food yourself!

W.E.B. - Where Everybody Belongs

Sixth graders continue to enjoy all the WEB activities of late winter/early spring. We hosted our final WEB lunch in February and will be having a MSL (Middle School Leaders) lesson in mid-April.

7th graders have already applied to be WEB Leaders for the 2018-2019 school year. We are in search of 70 strong leaders. 7th graders who applied will have small group interviews on **May 4**. Thank you to all who applied!

WEB will also be hosting our incoming 5th graders on Parent Night, **April 12 at 6:00 pm**. All 5th graders are invited to come during the parent meeting and participate in a fun WEB event. We will be leading large group activities along with building tours lead by our CURRENT 8th grade WEB leaders while parents find out all the information about 6th grade.



Thank you to our 8th grade WEB leaders for all you do for NMS and the class of 2024. You have been an outstanding group this year. WEB Leaders can look forward to our final WEB Leader Celebration on **May 24**.

WEB Coordinators:

John Bade
Rafa Estrella
Cori Yamry

Student Council

The Student Council donated to the Community Action Center of Northfield. This is a local organization that helps people in need. Donations were also made for the 7th grade Courage Retreat and the 8th grade Funfest.

The Student Council hosted the last Films 4 the Food Shelf in March. Three drawings were held at the end of the movie and two winners went home with movie treats while the lucky grand-prize winner received a movie-themed basket. At the first two films hosted by student council, students at NMS donated \$270 and over

200 pounds of food for the food shelf. The last school dance will be held on **April 27**. The dance is open to students who attend the Middle School at least halftime. The cost is \$4.00, and there are concessions for sale in the cafeteria. All school rules apply throughout this event. Students should be picked up promptly at 5:00 pm.

A **special thank you** to the 2017-2018 Student Council members who have been dedicated to making NMS and the Northfield Community a better place. It has been a pleasure working with each of you.

8th Graders: Ada Gabert-Nicholson, Cambria Monson, Adam Reisetter, Sophia Schewe, Nathan Stevens

7th Graders: Joey Benson, Rylee Blandin, Marisa Devito-Winget, Isaac Leer, Lucy Rand, Molly Roethler

6th Graders: Sam Boardman, Gracie Freyberg, Mari Hanson, Hal Shuffelton, Parker Sneary, Gwen Stopka

Monika Burkhead and Heather Kuehl
NMS Student Council Advisors

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)

•All childhood vaccines must be on file

•OR, provide a Legal Exemption, this must be notarized or signed by your physician, if a medical exemption.

You may schedule your immunization appointment now with your clinic. Get them done early since supplies become limited in August. Students who are non-compliant will not be allowed to attend public school according to Minnesota State Law.

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 (or another dose that is not listed on the medication form.)

End of year planning: Parents are required to pick up their student's daily medications from school. Medication such as Ritalin, Adderall, etc. are controlled substances and will not be sent

home with your student for safety reasons. Any unclaimed medication will be properly disposed of according to school procedure.

Sport Physicals

Middle School students who will be participating in High School sports are to provide a sport physical. Provide a copy to the Health office at NMS, a copy will be sent to NHS and another will be kept in your student's health file. They must be completed on the official High School Sport physical form and are good for 3 years. Make sure you have a copy for your home records.

Nancy Becker, RN
Middle School Health Services
nbecker@northfieldschools.org
phone: 507-663-0656 (during school year)



Northfield Schools Career Exploration Day

Northfield Middle School will be hosting the 4th Annual Northfield Schools Career Exploration Day on **Tuesday, May 15**. This event will officially combine the annual 10th grade Career Expo with the Middle School's Career Exploration Day to create a high impact, effective, and efficient day for students in grades 7 through 12!

The morning is geared towards Middle School students and focuses on exposing them to a wide variety of careers and areas of interest - especially ones with which

they might not be familiar with. Various business and technical colleges will have booths for students to visit. After lunch, there will be a career panel approach to having representatives "present" to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. ALL 10th grade students from the High School, as well as a select group of 11th and 12th graders, will participate in the afternoon session.

In the event of inclement weather, the event would be moved to **Thursday, May 17** when the weather will be warm and sunny!

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email Michael O'Keefe at 507.663.0650 or mokeefe@northfieldschools.org. For the informational flyer, use the following link <http://northfielddyouthfuture.org/career-exploration-day/>.



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
CAREER EXPLORATION DAY 2018
Learn about careers you've never even heard of!



Choir / MIT News

Thank you to all the parents that stopped by at Spring Conferences and also for all the support you continue to give the Music Department at the Middle School! Your children are great to work with and are getting excited for all the spring choir events.

Upcoming Event dates:

Choir Concert for all 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choirs. **Thursday, April 26, 7:30 pm.**, NMS Auditorium. We will be singing two mass choir selections at the end of the concert that will include **ALL** 6-8th grade singers. Singers need to report by **7:00 pm**.

May 3 to the end of the school year-small ensembles and/or solos, sign up for your voice lesson with your group if you haven't yet done so. Singers get to pick their small group and the song they choose to sing (lyrics appropriate). ☺☐ Groups will be filmed during class or by special arrangements.



Concert Choir Tour for all 7th and 8th Grade Choirs. **Monday, May 7**, Field trip cost is \$12. Our 7th and 8th grade choirs will travel up to Minneapolis to perform a concert at Field Community School. Singers will need to wear their concert dress to school that morning. Buses will leave at **7:45 am**. We will be sharing this concert with their school choirs. We will be back to catch the buses at the end of the school day. Students going on this tour may bring their own lunch or bring money for a lunch at the mall. **I am still looking for more chaperones for this tour.** If you haven't seen a permission slip, ask your child or go on line to Schoology to get the form. These slips will also include information for sign-ups for chaperones. Anyone that wants to donate money for scholarships is always appreciated. This is the first year you can choose to pay for the field trip online.

Concert Dress for girls: PLAIN WHITE top, (no tank tops or spaghetti straps, top needs to cover the shoulder) BLACK DRESS PANTS (**NO YOGA STRETCH PANTS or LEGGINGS**).

Concert dress for boys: Plain white collared shirt and tie, black pants, and dark shoes.

Congratulations to the following 6th grader who auditioned and made it in the MN ACDA State Honor Choir for 4-6th grade. She will perform a concert with singers from all over the state on **Saturday, May 5, Elise Garlitz**.

MIT Classes- We just finished our music keyboard unit and are just starting to plan on producing our annual Lip Dubs. This year we are using a green screen to increase the use of technology and the ability to be able to make our videos appear to be other places than just in our school building. Does anyone have a drone that we could do some filming from above? Students will be looking at home for fun innovative costumes to add to the fun.

Any questions contact; Mrs. Cathy Penning, Vocal Music 663-0675, e-mail cpenning@northfieldschools.org

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Band News

Congratulations to the 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade and middle school jazz band members on a fantastic concert February 8! The 8th Grade band had an incredible concert on February 5. All that hard work by students, parents, and teachers paid off. Good job!

Congratulations to **Jacob Reister** for being chosen to play in the Minnesota Band Director's Association 6-8 all state honor jazz band. They performed at the Minnesota Music Educator's State conference on February 23.

Congratulations to **Jacob Reister** on being chosen to be a member of the Minnesota Band Director's Association all state 6-8 Concert Band! Way to Go!

Congratulations to **Owen Riley** and **Nick Broske** for their participation in the SEMBDA 9-10 honor jazz band. They rehearsed and played a concert on March 3.

On March 3, the Middle School Jazz band attended a Jazz festival at the University of Minnesota. They performed in the concert hall, and then worked with a clinician. They also were able to hear some other bands and eat at McDonalds or Subway! It was a great day.

Attendance at lessons has been excellent for most students. Check with your son/daughter and see how their lessons are going. Students have practice records on Schoology that they should be filling out

regularly with parent signatures at the end of the quarter.

Practice makes progress! Please encourage students to spend at least twenty minutes at least three times a week working on their lesson material and their band music so that their "chops" will continue to develop. Finding a time to practice, the same time each day, works well for many people.

Upcoming concerts:

May 17: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade band Concert, 7:00 pm, NMS Auditorium.

Mr. Freier



Orchestra News

The 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras participated in the MNSOTA Orchestra Festival on February 28. Both groups performed for 2 judges and a clinician, and watched a few other Middle School groups perform. It was a great day! The 7th Grade Orchestra received a superior and a superior with distinction rating from the judges. The 8th Grade Orchestra received a superior with distinction rating from both judges, giving them an invitation to participate in Tier II of this festival. On April 2, the 8th Grade Orchestra worked with Minnesota Orchestra musicians and performed on a concert at Orchestra Hall with other groups that received this honor.

Orchestra students have an opportunity to participate in a Solo Festival on **April 10**.

Participation in this festival is open to students in grades 6-8. This optional event provides students with an opportunity to perform a solo for an adjudicator, work with another string teacher and receive constructive comments about their playing. More detailed information about this opportunity was made available to students in March.

The last NMS Orchestra Concert for this year is on **Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm** in the Middle School Auditorium. All students need to arrive by **6:30 pm**. Students in Chamber Orchestra will meet at **6:00 pm**. All groups have worked hard this year and have expanded their string skills. I hope you are looking forward to seeing their growth!

We will again be offering lessons during the first part of the summer. Students will receive summer lesson registration forms in early May. This is a great opportunity for your son or daughter to continue to build their string playing skills. Lesson time slots are scheduled in the order in which the registrations are returned. The sooner the form is returned, the better the chance of having your 1st choice lesson time.

I am proud of the progress the NMS orchestras have made this year! Thank you for supporting your child and the Northfield Orchestra Program. I look forward to more music in the fall!

See you at the concert!



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Middle School Athletics

Weather permitting, the first day of practice will be Tuesday, April 3. Athletes should come to practice prepared for chilly weather. Dressing in layers works best. Practices will be 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm, Monday - Friday, unless specified otherwise by the coach. Game/Meet schedules are also available online at <http://big9.org>, as well as in the main office.

Activities Hotline: 507-645-3559

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.

Please contact Mr. O'Keefe or Mrs. Henriksen at 663-0680 if you have questions.

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Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
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mokeefe@northfieldschools.org

Jen Henriksen
Office Specialist
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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.



Speech and Hearing

MAY IS BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

New data is showing that a majority of speech and hearing professionals are seeing that children and teenager's preoccupation with personal technology is qualitatively different from past generations' distractions of choice such as television, and with greater potential for harm. These professionals are also seeing sufficient misuse of personal technology devices by children and teenagers to the point that there are serious concerns about our kids' communication health. Professionals are urging parents to implement some basic tech rules in their households to make time for verbal communication, and to model safe device listening to prevent irreversible, lifelong hearing loss in their children.

Among the top concerns is that excessive technology use is replacing conversation and human interaction. The availability

and convenience of tablets and other kid-friendly devices may be supplanting time for talking, reading, and face-to-face interaction. Even if a child is playing an 'educational' game on a device, nothing replaces what is gained through person-to-person communication. The majority of speech-language professionals say the solution to children's tech overuse is to encourage parents to set reasonable parameters and model safe technology usage at home. We know that technology is here to stay, but consider when you can carve out some dedicated tech-free time each day.

In addition, a growing concern as children increasingly use devices to listen to music, watch television shows, play games and otherwise entertain themselves, often for hours each day, is noise-induced hearing loss. Once this hearing loss occurs, it is irreversible. This is completely preventable by adhering to some very basic safe listening habits. A few simple actions such as keeping the volume at half level and tak-

ing listening breaks can go a long way in protecting kids' hearing. This is especially true when using devices with accompanying earbuds or headphones. There is disturbing data showing sharp increases in hearing loss among adolescents, as well as the World Health Organization labeling unsafe listening to devices an international health threat. Parents play a key role in not only teaching these habits but modeling these behaviors.

*Pam Palmquist, Speech-Language Pathologist
Heather Pudas, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing*



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 webmaster 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



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Community Services Division News

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has openings in many great programs that start in **April-June, 2018.**

SPRING CLASSES

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre – Robin Hood

Performances: F, April 13 at 7 p.m. and Sa, April 14 at 1 p.m.
Adults - \$5,
Students & Seniors \$3, kids younger than Kindergarten – free

Community Services Summer 2017 Brochure – Coming to a mailbox near you on Friday, April 13

Start planning your summer schedule with Northfield Public Schools Community Services.
Summer classes for students of all ages are currently available online for viewing as you begin planning your summer. **The brochure will be mailed and summer registration opens on F, April 13, 2018.**

Home Alone Safety Workshop for Children

Grades 3 - 7, \$34; Sa, April 7; 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Northfield Community Resources Center 225
Class #:4354-W18A

Child & Babysitting Safety Class (CABS) *Certified through the American Safety and Health Inst. and approved by the American Pediatrics Association*

Boys & girls grades 4 - 8, \$34; Sa, April 7; 9 a.m. – noon, Northfield Community Resources Center 225;
Class #:4351-W18A

NEW! You Can Play the Ukulele!

Ages 10-17, \$49, M, April 9-May 14; 5-6 p.m.; NCRC Room 108
Class #: 4438-W18A

Tae Kwon Do for Kids

Grades 2 - 12, \$74, Tu & Th, April 17 – May 24;
Beginner: 6:15 – 7 p.m., Sibley Cafeteria, **Class #:4165-W18E**
Advanced: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Sibley Cafeteria, **Class #:4165-W18F**

Gumdo – Korean Sword

Ages 12 and older, \$49 (plus \$15 sword); T & Th, April 17 – May 24; 7:45 – 8:45 p.m., Sibley Cafeteria
Class #:4108-W18F-Youth

Horseback Riding

Ages 8 and older, \$139; W, April 11 – May 16; 4 – 5 p.m., Winterhaven Stables; **Class #:1276-W18A**

Eagle Bluff Trip

Entering grade 7, \$225 per student; W, July 23– F, July 25, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

Class#: 4804 - W18A

The Eagle Bluff overnight program offers engaging classes in an outdoor setting. This three-day experience promotes learning in a manner that dovetails academic and social needs. The trip to Eagle Bluff will foster a sense of respect for the community, provide positive outdoor experiences, impart life skills such as teamwork and problem solving, increase environmental awareness and science literacy, and spark an interest in and appreciation for the natural world. The bus will leave by 8:30 a.m. on July 19, from the Middle School and will return at 3:00 p.m. on July 21, to the Middle School. A packing list will be provided several weeks prior to the trip. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the trip is full. Scholarships are available. **Registration deadline is May 2, 2018. A parent meeting is scheduled for 7 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, in room 104 of the Northfield Senior Center.**

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.**



REGISTRATION FOR WINTER/SPRING 2018 IS NOW OPEN!

Click this ad to view all classes and to register.

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Summer Eagle Bluff Trip through Community Services

For current 6th grade students (2017-18 school year), entering 7th grade in the fall of 2018.

Registration is open for the summer Eagle Bluff trip through Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division. The trip will take place July 23-25, 2018. Students who participate in this trip will leave from the Middle School at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 23 and return to the Middle School at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. The cost of the trip is \$225.00

Registration for the Eagle Bluff Trip closes on May 2 and registrations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. There are five easy ways to register:

1. Online. www.northfieldschools.org - click on Community Services and then enter class number 4804 in the search field.
2. Call our office at [507-664-3649](tel:507-664-3649). We accept Visa, MasterCard or Discover.
3. Visit the Community Services office located on the first floor of the Northfield Community Resource Center at [1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield](http://1651JeffersonParkway,Northfield). Our office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
4. Fax the completed registration form found in the Middle School office to [507-664-3651](tel:507-664-3651).
5. Mail the completed form found in the Middle School office to Community Services, attn: CS Class Registration, [1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN 55057](http://1651JeffersonParkway,Northfield,MN55057).

Scholarships are available for the trip. If your family qualifies for free lunches through the food service program, the cost of the trip is \$25. If your family qualifies for reduced lunches through the food service program, the cost of the trip is \$50. To receive a scholarship, please call [507-664-3649](tel:507-664-3649) or visit our office ([1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield](http://1651JeffersonParkway,Northfield)).

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Additional information, including packing lists, schedules and room assignments, will be distributed at a later date.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Erin Bailey
Director of Community Services
[507-664-3652](tel:507-664-3652)
ebailey@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.



NMS Breakfast



School Breakfast is Cool! Every day is a perfect day for school breakfast!

As the summer approaches, kids often become more restless and distracted at school. You can help to make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they begin the day with a nutritious breakfast. Studies

show a good breakfast makes kids more alert, less distractible, and better behaved in school; it can even improve their test scores!

Let's keep our students focused by making sure they begin every school day with a balanced meal at home or at the School Breakfast Program.

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 507.663.0664 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.)

April 2	No school / Teacher work day
April 3	4th quarter begins
April 6 & 7	“The Best of Broadway” Middle School Play, 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium
April 9 - 14	Prairie Fire Theatre: Robin Hood, MS Auditorium
April 9	Site Improvement Team, 3:15 pm, room 116
April 10	Student Council mtg., 7:00 am, room 217
April 10	MS Strings Solo and Ensemble Festival, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Room 57
April 12	8th Grade Band Festival, Farmington HS, 8:00 am
April 12	5th grade Parent Night / WEB event, 6:00 pm
April 18	WEB Leader Applications due for the 2018-19 School Year
April 20	Arts Ala Carte, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Northfield High School
April 24	Student Council mtg., 7:00 am, room 217
April 26	MS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, MS Auditorium
April 27	MS Dance, 3:00 pm
April 30 - May 4	Student Council Cancer Awareness Week
May 3	Mid-quarter 4
May 4	Cinco de Mayo event, 5:00 pm
May 4	WEB Leader Small Group Interviews
May 7	7th & 8th Grade Choir Tour (buses leave @ 7:45 am
May 7	Site Improvement Team, 3:15 pm, room 116
May 8	Student Council mtg., 7:00 am, room 217
May 8 - 11	9th Annual Tattered Pages Mother’s Day Sale
May 9	Bike to school day (watch for more information to come)
May 11	Defining Moments Presentation, 7th Grade Social Studies Classes
May 15	CTE Career Day
May 16	WEB MSL Follow up, 4th Hour Team 2, 5th Hour Team 1
May 17	CTE Career Day (Rain Date)
May 17	WEB Spring Play Day 5th -7th hours
May 17	MS Band Concert, 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium
May 18	8th grade Fun Fest, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, MS
May 22	Student Council End of Year Celebration
May 24	MS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium
May 24	WEB Leader meeting, 7:15 am
May 25	WEB Kickball Tournament, 5th hour
May - June	MS Choir Solos/ Small Ensembles, Room 50
May 28	No school / Memorial day / No evening meetings
May 31	8th grade Celebration Event (during school day)
June 8	Last day of school, two-hour early release (12:51 pm) (Make-up snow day from March 6, 2018)



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.



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