

# TEAM GRIFFIN

August 2019

Dear Parents and Student,

**Team Griffin** would like to welcome you to Northwestern Middle School! We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation. We are looking forward to meeting our new seventh grade students. To use any of the URLs in this letter, go to [www.nwr7.com](http://www.nwr7.com) and click on “Middle School” then “MSResources” then “Summer Information Packets.”

Your team teachers this year will be:

Mr. Daniel Wilbur	Social Studies
Mrs. Lesley Sullivan	English
Mr. Derek Santoro	Science
Ms. Kimberley Perschmann	Reading
Mrs. Pamela Hurley	Math
Mrs. Katie Mello	Special Education
Mr. Robert Fullerton	Educational Assistant

Team Griffin places an emphasis on maintaining high standards in the quality of your education. There are several tools in place that will help you find success.

1. We require that each child use the school-provided agenda to record their homework assignments. This agenda is expected to be brought to all classes and home every evening.

2. After-school academic support sessions are available for students to receive extra help from teachers on scheduled Mondays and Thursdays. Please see the included Academic Help Schedule. These sessions allow for more individualized attention and should be seen as a tool, not as a punishment. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions and to come prepared with appropriate materials and specific questions if they need extra help in any subject. Students should make an appointment with a teacher, as all students **must** be with a teacher during this time.

3. Grades will be posted on Powerschool. While it is school policy to update assignments every two weeks, longer assignments may require longer grading time.

As well as academics at Northwestern Middle School, there are a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities. For the sports enthusiast there are many teams including soccer, baseball, field hockey, and basketball. For the student who likes to be involved there are clubs such as Student Council, and the Green Team. Other clubs include drama, book club, yearbook, photojournalism/newspaper, STEM, and quiz bowl. Students are encouraged to develop their interest outside of academics. It is a chance to make new friends and get involved in the middle school experience.

Enclosed please find a field trip emergency/parent contact form. Please fill out each of these and have your child bring them on the first day of school. We have also enclosed a recommended supply list.

## TEAM GRIFFIN

### Required School Supplies for the Core Academic Classes:

Students are expected to come to class prepared. In order to help you, please enjoy the convenience of **one-click shopping** from national retailers including Amazon, Target, and Office Depot by going to

[www.teacherlists.com/schools/87454-northwestern-reg-middle-school/1894908-Team-Griffin-Supply-List/list/supply-list](http://www.teacherlists.com/schools/87454-northwestern-reg-middle-school/1894908-Team-Griffin-Supply-List/list/supply-list) (A link to this URL can be found on the school website.)

- Accordion folder, or other organizational tool
- Three 2" 3 ring binders (social studies/science/math)
- 2 pocket folders (1 English, 1 Wellness/Health)
- lined loose-leaf paper- to be replenished (college ruled recommended)
- One spiral-bound notebook - college ruled recommended (math)
- Three sets of 5 notebook dividers (social studies/science/math)
- 11 one subject composition books (4 in English, 2 social studies, 2 in science, 3 in reading) \*Avoid spiral bound notebooks\* \*\*Recommendation to **color code** composition book according to subject
- calculator (see recommended calculator list for Math)
- blue or black pens/pencils/colored pencils/highlighter/erasers/ scotch tape, glue sticks
- 1 large package of Post-it notes
- \$5 deposit for a PE Lock

*Recommended:* pencil case or pouch for supplies

*Recommended:* earbuds/headphones to allow student to listen during multi-media learning opportunities

---

### Griffin Apparel Fundraiser: Order T-Shirts and Sweatshirts Online Today!

We look forward to building our new team community with you. As a first step, we would like to invite you to purchase our team apparel. We will wear our team apparel during special events and on exciting upcoming field trips. Proceeds from team sales will fund student need-based scholarships for field trips and/or other educational opportunities.

Access our team "storefront" at the following website:

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/team-griffin-spirit-fundraiser-2019> The deadline to order apparel is **September 20, 2019**. Order online and we will deliver directly to your child in homeroom. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

---

We are looking forward to working with each of you in providing for your child a positive and productive 2019-2020 school year. Please feel free to contact us during the school year with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

### Team Griffin

Mr. Wilbur, Mrs. Sullivan, Ms. Perschmann, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Mello, Mr. Fullerton

## TEAM GRIFFIN



August 2019

Dear 7th Grade Parents & Students,

We are excited to announce a unique educational program to **Riverfront Recapture** along the Connecticut River in East Hartford. To welcome our new students and to create a sense of cohesiveness, students will engage in group problem solving initiatives, low-ropes course group challenges, team dragon boat paddling, and at least one high ropes challenge element.

Team Griffin will be attending Riverfront Recapture on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019**, for a full day of friendship, exercise, team building, and fun. Students will be encouraged to work together to build leadership skills and make friends with students from each of our feeder towns.

The cost of this trip will be **\$50 per student**, which includes the cost of the instructors, all activities, and transportation to and from Regional to East Hartford. We will leave Northwestern at **7:45 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.** **Students must arrange pick up from the school promptly at 3 p.m.**

We recommend that students consider bringing the following items: a sweatshirt and/or appropriate weather gear, sturdy footwear, and sunblock. Students must bring a **bagged lunch** to eat on site. Please no glass bottles. All students must have a current immunizations form, a current state medical form for the 7th grade, and a medications packet (if your child takes any medications during the school day) on file with the school nurse to be eligible to attend.

Please sign and return the permission slip and waiver agreement below, along with payment to Mr. Dan Wilbur by **September 13, 2019**. Both the permission slip and money need to be handed to Mr. Wilbur in person.

**TEAM GRIFFIN**

**Please make checks payable to RSD #7 in blue or black ink.**

We are very excited about this team building opportunity and hope all of our students are able to participate.

Sincerely,

Team Griffin

-----  
I give my son /daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the 2019 Team Griffin Riverfront Recapture Adventure. Students will be bussed to the Riverfront Recapture area along the Connecticut River in East Hartford, CT at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

**Parents must pick up their child at Northwestern at 3 p.m.**

-----  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN

-----  
DATE