

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the holiday break, spending time with friends and family, getting some rest and crossing items off the “to do” list that seems to grow beyond a fair pace. We are excited to get started in our classrooms and beyond, back to the routine of student engagement and learning. We remain dedicated to safety protocols and monitor state and federal correspondence that shape our environment. We have made some minor adjustments to our setting in the cafeteria, replacing the stand-alone desks with our traditional lunch tables. The tables have clear dividers for students to use while eating, and social distancing regulations remain in place.

All eighth-grade students are encouraged to attend the Miller Place High School **Incoming 9th Grade Orientation** on Thursday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Place High School. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet some of the members of the MPHS staff and learn more about MPHS programs and expectations.

Although we do not have a **Mid Term** week at the middle school scheduled like the High School, certain subjects will have exams within the school day. Our **Earth Science Mid Term** will take place Tuesday, January 24th at 8 a.m. in a block schedule within the day. Our **Algebra Mid Term** is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at 8 a.m. as well. In both instances, students will come to school regular time, and will take the exams that provide two hours (or three hours if needed) to administer, much like the NYS Regents model. They will then join the regularly scheduled nine period day in progress. There may be other mid terms scheduled, but they will be within the traditional 42 minute period. These exams will be announced via the Google Classroom.

Important January Dates:

December 26 th – January 2 nd :	Winter Recess – School Closed
Tuesday, January 3 rd :	Return to School “A” day
Monday, January 16 th :	Martin Luther King Jr Day, School Closed
Tuesday, January 17 th :	NCRMS Late Winter Sports begin
Wednesday, January 25 th :	Board of Ed Meeting 8:00PM
Thursday, January 26 th :	9 th Grade Parent Orientation 7PM MPHS
Friday, January 27 th :	2nd Marking Period Ends NCRMS

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:

Congratulations to all who participated in our middle school **Winter Concert Series** in December! It is always a treat to hear our students perform, and take pride in the development of their talents each year! We are looking forward to the next opportunity for each group to perform this Spring.

Congratulations to December's character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Liam Travers, (grade 7) Aubrey Keller-Schwab, and (grade 8) Van Johnson**. Students were given some tangible rewards from local vendors and merchants for their acts of kindness and revealing strong character without prompt.

In order to prevent some potential traffic issues in our parking lots, children that are to be dropped-off and picked-up before and after school hours should be using the back parking lot that is accessible by the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Driveway. **The NCRMS "north roadway" is closed to all traffic except buses from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.** Your cooperation and interest in the safety of our students is appreciated.

Schools across the nation are taking measures to enhance safety standards in their communities. It is very important that you **remember to bring proper identification with you when signing your child out** of our school for any reason. Please ensure that family members/friends listed on the Census Verification Card are able to provide identification as well.

A brief reminder in reference to **school closings and delayed openings**: ***In case of adverse weather and/or road conditions, the district schools may be closed or delayed by two or three hours, depending on the severity of the weather.*** Visit News 12 and our website where school closings, delayed openings, and inclement weather bus stops will be posted. You will also be notified via our communication system Ed Connect, which will send a phone call and/or an email to the numbers/addresses on file. **Please be sure that you discuss your early dismissal plan with your child.**

We have posted a number of informational items for your review. One example that will always accompany the newsletter is the monthly publication titled, **Middle Years**, which provides information and ideas to help support your adolescent child. The website for middle school interscholastic athletics information is <http://www.sectionxi.org>. Please check this website for dates of games, directions, etc. Also, take a look at the **FYI NCR Page** a link can be found on the NCRMS homepage. The goal of this website is to help inform students and parents about all of the great things that are planned for the North Country Road Middle School. Please visit the District's homepage (<http://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/>) to find the link that will bring you to a site dedicated to promoting Miller Place School District happenings. Scroll through the page to see news stories and photos as we celebrate our District's hardworking students and dedicated staff. This page can also be accessed by visiting <http://millerplaceinthedia.com/>.

From time to time the guidance office receives information on **enrichment programs**. If you are interested in learning more about these programs contact your child's guidance counselor.

Feel free to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, or any member of the administration at any time to answer your questions or address your concerns. Remember, no concern is too small. Working together, we can help your child reach his or her maximum potential in order to experience success.

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