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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Believe it or not, we are in **the final stretch of the 2022-2023 school year**. May and June are extremely important months in terms of preparation and administration for final exams and/or projects that complete the year's academic experience. It is also a time for culminating celebrations in the Arts as we prepare for our Art show and our Spring concert series. We will need your cooperation at home to ensure that your children are preparing for their studies on a daily basis. Your interest and involvement in your child's education is the best way to demonstrate the importance of academic success.

The **administration of the NYS assessments** in English Language Arts is behind us, and the NYS Math exam is scheduled for the first week in May. Students enrolled in Regents level Algebra I are exempt from the grade 8 NYS assessments, and will be involved in alternate instruction during the testing. Grades 6 & 8 will take the exam in traditional paper and pen setting, and our grade 7 students will take the computer-based tests (CBT) Math. The 3-8 assessment results will not be used for making student promotion or placement decisions and will not be used to evaluate teachers. Your child's score reports will show you how your child did in comparison to other students across the State and how your child scored in specific skill and concept areas.

After this week, our attention turns to **NYS Science Assessments for grade 8, Regents level and final exams**. 8th grade students will take the NYS Science Assessment or the NYS Regents in Earth Science. The **grade 8 Science** performance assessment will take place on **May 31st**, followed by the written portion of the process on **Monday, June 5th**. The **Earth Science Regents** has the same format, with the practical portion scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, and the written portion of the exam will take place on Friday, June 17th.

State Assessment Dates:

Tuesday, May 2nd & Wednesday, May 3rd	NYS 6-8 Math Assessment
Wednesday, May 31 st	Grade 8 Science Performance Test
Tuesday, June 6th	Earth Science Practical
Monday, June 5 th	Grade 8 Science Written
Thursday, June 15th	Algebra I Regents (12:00 p.m.)
Friday, June 16th	Earth Science Regents (9:15 a.m.)
Tuesday, June 20th	FLACS World Language exam (Grade 8) (8 a.m.)

The **Jr. Panther Players** of NCRMS are proud to announce their upcoming productions of ***Finding Nemo***. There will be two performances on Friday, June 9th @ 7 p.m., and Saturday, June 10th at 2 p.m. We hope to see you at the production!

Please come join us for our **NCRMS Art Show** on Tuesday, May 16th, from 3 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Student work will be displayed throughout our hallways to showcase our talented students working with a number of different mediums throughout the school year.

As part of our health curriculum, sixth grade students will participate in a **puberty lesson** which includes a video entitled, ***Amazing Changes*** on **Friday, May 12th**. This program is arranged in accordance with the New York State curriculum guidelines to educate our students about the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty and to recognize and value what is unique within themselves during this time of their lives. You are invited to preview the videos (one that is shown to the boys and one that is shown to the girls) which will be made available via a link that we will provide for you during the week of May 1st. The lesson will be delivered to grade 6 girls by **Ms. Alycia Sullivan** (grades 7 & 8 Health teacher), and to grade 6 boys by **Mr. Domenic LoRe** (MPHS Health teacher).

We continue to build upon a new tradition started last year in partnership with the Miller Place PTO to provide the end of the year **8th grade Moving up Dance** at the Miller Place Inn. The date and time of this event will be Tuesday, June 20th, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will be chaperoned by our administration and teachers. Information about ticket sales will be sent out via Ed Connect early this month. We look forward to celebrating with our grade 8 students!

Additional Important Dates in May:

Tuesday, May 2 nd	BOE Budget Hearing 7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 9 th	Grade 6 Orchestra/Band 7:30 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Wednesday, May 10 th	Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Thursday, May 11th REVISION (TIMES)	Grade 6 Chorus 7 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium Grade 7 Chorus 7:45 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Monday, May 15 th	Grade 8 Chorus and Vocal Jazz 7:30p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Tuesday, May 16 th	Budget Vote 6:00 AM -9:00 PM @ NCRMS Art Show 3 - 7:30 p.m. @ NCRMS
Thursday, May 18 th	Grades 7 & 8 Band 7:30 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Friday, May 19 th :	Progress Reports Posted A.L.S. Fundraiser Dance (Grades 7 & 8) 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31 st	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm @MPHS
Friday, May 26 th -Monday, May 29 th	Memorial Day-SCHOOL CLOSED

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments/events:

Character coupon winners for the month of April were: **Angelina Adams** (6th Grade), **Logan Jorgensen** (7th Grade), and **Bradyn Ellis** (8th Grade). Students were giving some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

As we move into the Spring of 2023, culminating events are more frequent in the NCRMS schedule. An example of this would be our **annual 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.** Students prepared their belongings by gathering snacks and games to play on the bus ride and planned some of the souvenirs that they would purchase, including the D.C. sweatshirt that would be worn at the United States capital during the picture that will be displayed in our middle school hallway. Students enjoyed the history documented through aircraft at the Udvar-Hazy Museum of Air and Space and move on to standing before the white house for a photo opportunity. The trip also included a walking tour that contains the Vietnam Veterans memorial, the Martin Luther King memorial, as well as the Jefferson and Lincoln memorial. A new addition to the trip included a walking tour of the places and events that shaped the Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. One of the highlights of the trip continues to be the tour of Arlington Cemetery, which was challenged by rain, but we persevered to keep our reservation. Students from NCRMS lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier on behalf of our school community each year. The events mentioned coupled with special memories that will last a lifetime.

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.

We have posted a number of informational items for your review. 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://millerplaceinthemedia.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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