

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As we move into the homestretch of our school year, it is always interesting to reflect back to September and our opening few weeks of school. Significant academic, social, and physical growth has taken place since then and the experiences that our school community has shared are now memories that we will cherish and learn a great deal from. The month of June brings thoughts of celebrations and wrapping up preparation for final exams and projects. Our **End of the Year schedule** for the 2022-23 school year will operate on a full day schedule (7:35 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.) through Wednesday, June 23rd **with two exceptions**. Due to the fact that we will administer NYS Regents exams on Thursday, June 15th & Friday, June 16th, daily classes will NOT be in session. Students will either come in to take a morning exam, or sit for the Algebra Regents (Thursday 12 p.m.) and the Earth Science Regents (Friday 8 a.m.). This year's final exam protocol includes final exams for all courses that will be administered as per the schedule provided by the link below during the week of June 12th. The schedule can also be found on our FYI page. The time frame allotted for each exam will be 90 minutes and make-up exams will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th, Wednesday, June 21st, or a specific time beyond that if the need surfaces.

Please use the following link to find the final exam schedule.

[2023 Final Exam Schedule](#)

Fines: Students are issued textbooks at the beginning of the school year and have the opportunity to sign out library books. Students are responsible for the care of these books and are issued fines for any lost or damaged items. The same applies to school athletic uniforms, equipment, etc. If your child has lost an item mentioned previously, you will be notified and asked to return the item or a fine will be imposed. Please call our main office if you have any questions in reference to this matter.

Another very important announcement from our Health Office: New York State Law requires that **all medications that are not picked up at the end of the year must be disposed of**. No medication will be held over the summer. Therefore, all medications must be picked up by **Wednesday, June 21st**. After that date they will be disposed of. Please call our Health Office, if you have any questions in reference to the medications that are currently kept in our office.

At the end of the year, our guidance department will be working to determine which of our grade 7 students will qualify for our **accelerated classes that are offered in grade 8**, and which of our grade 6 students will qualify for our **7 Math Honors class**. Students will be ranked using a rubric for both our **Regents Earth Science and Regents Algebra I Honors classes**. Our rubrics for the classes mentioned is as follows:

For your child to be considered for our **Math 7 Honors** class in grade 7, he/she will be evaluated based upon the following criteria pending final grades:

- Math 6 final grade (60%)
- Math 7 H entrance exam (30%)
- Overall GPA Grade 6 (10%)

The **pathway to Algebra from grade 7** is twofold. Students that are in **Math 7** shall be considered for **Algebra I** in grade 8 if they have a Math 7 final average of 95%, and a 90% on the final exam. Students that are successful in **Math 7 Honors** will be placed in **Algebra I**. Individuals will be notified of the possibilities during the last week of June after graduation.

For your child to be considered for **Earth Science** in grade 8, he/she is evaluated based upon the following criteria pending final grades:

- Science 7 final exam score (30%)
- Science grade point average (60%)
- Science 7 Mid Term (10%)

Please be aware that due to schedule restraints, placement in accelerated courses cannot always be accommodated. If you have any questions about your child's tentative course listing feel free to contact our main office at the middle school.

Our **Junior Panther Players** are rehearsing in preparation for the recording of their rendition of **"Finding Nemo Jr."** The recording will be made available via ticket sales for Friday, June 9th, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 10th, at 2 p.m. General admission is \$15, and tickets are available now!

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/74227>

This year's **8th Grade Moving-Up Dance** will take place on **Tuesday, June 20th, from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** at the Miller Place Inn next door to our middle school. Students are not expected to rent tuxedos or purchase "prom" type gowns to the dance. It is a fun and informal event held to celebrate the completion of middle school. Many thanks to our Miller Place PTO for their partnership in this endeavor.

Our **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony** will take place on Wednesday, June 21st, at 6 p.m. We are currently evaluating the best possible setting available to hold our ceremony. We will provide an Ed Connect message about the location during the week of June 5th.

State Assessment Dates:

Monday, June 5 th :	NYS Grade 8 Science Assessment (Written portion)
Thursday, June 15 th :	Algebra I Regents (12:00 p.m.)
Friday, June 16 th :	Earth Science Regents (8:00 a.m.)
Tuesday, June 20 th :	World Language state exam (FLACS) (8:00 a.m.)

Important Dates:

Wednesday, June 14 th :	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm MPHS
Friday, June 9 th	Jr. Panther Players (grades 6-8) will be performing “ Finding Nemo Jr. ” 7pm at MPHS
Saturday, June 10 th :	Jr. Panther Players (grades 6-8) will be performing “ Finding Nemo Jr. ” 2pm at MPHS
Monday, June 19 th :	Juneteenth SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, June 20 th :	Grade 8 Moving Up Dance 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. @ Miller Place Inn
Wednesday, June 21 st :	NCRMS Last Day of Classes 8 th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm (Outdoors)
Friday, June 23 rd :	Miller Place High School Graduation

Listed below are some of our Middle School achievements:

It is my honor to congratulate **Mrs. Laura Opitz** for her being honored as the **Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS) Middle School 2023 Teacher of the Year**. Mrs. Opitz never rests when it comes to reaching for more to share with the children of our community. Students are excited to be in class, working on relevant projects that inspire curiosity and a deep respect for the sciences. She is compassionate, kind, reflective, and provides meaningful feedback that helps our students grow. She is an amazing mentor to students and members of our faculty and staff.

Congratulations to our **grade 6 Math Olympiad team** for their second place team finish in the **2nd annual Suffolk County Virtual Math Tournament** that was held on Thursday, May 11th! Individual awards went to **Conrad Lindemann** (8th place), **Kellen Davidson** (7th place), and **Emmanuel Dada** (5th place) in the 6th grade county wide. Other members of the team include **Lexis Goldberg** and **Aiden Lempin**. Thank you to **Ms. Deana Ortiz** for her work with our grade 6 team!!

On Wednesday, May 24th, grade 6 classes met with Mr. Nicky, a teacher and musician who's YouTube channel "**Mr. Nicky's World History Songs**" has over 18 million views and 100,000 subscribers. His songs are parodies of well known hits, to which he changes the lyrics to teach about ancient civilizations. He has visited hundreds of schools across the USA performing his songs, with his performances providing exciting opportunities for students to learn through the medium of music. We had a great time creating some tunes in collaboration with Mr. Nicky with lyrics that our students composed from their background knowledge in Social Studies.

Character coupon winners for the month of May were **Giavanna Simoes** (8th Grade), **Leland Messina** (7th Grade), and **Matthew Tringone** (6th Grade). Students were giving some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

On Wednesday, May 24th, students in **Mrs. Sommo's 8th grade Family and Consumer Science** class visited with students from **Mrs. O'Brien's class** at the Andrew Muller Primary School. The project called for students to design and fabricate **tooth fairy pillows for some of our elementary students** during the sewing unit. The class had the opportunity to take a short walk to the primary school and deliver the pillows and interact with the students which was well received by all!

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 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. 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.

Is there a particular teacher or staff member who you feel really made the difference this year in your child's education? If so, feel free to let me (or that teacher) know either with a note or a call. I am happy to acknowledge such efforts. Thank you for your cooperation and support, which contributed to an environment of teaching and learning for our middle school community. If you have any questions about the final exam schedule or end of the year events feel free to contact the middle school.

Sincerely,

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