

# Welcome Back to School!!!

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2023-24 School Year  
Mrs. Pritchett

# Who is new to NBC Middle School?

Miss Patton - Middle School Counselor

Mr. Tritt - Physical Education/Health





# Who should I know in the middle school/high school?



Mr. Beatty



Mrs. Pritchett



Mrs. Cherry



Mr. Cerully



# Three Basic Expectations For Our Middle School

- Be On Time
- Be Prepared
- Be Respectful

These expectations apply to everyone.





# PRIDE - School Wide Positive Behavior

- Positive
- Respectful
- Involved
- Dependable
- Excellent

Each and every student is important at NBC, and we want you ALL to do your best. Let's work together to make this school year the best we can!



# What is bullying?

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully try to control or harm others.
- Repetition: Bully behaviors happen more than once.

Bullying is NOT cool. It is cowardly...done by someone who is trying to gain control in a wrong and disrespectful way.





# Bullying

- We all have disagreements, but we can handle disagreements in a kind way.
- Bullying is extremely harmful to all involved.
- Let's work together to keep this out of our school.
- Remember number 1 of our 3 basic expectations - BE RESPECTFUL
- Bullying will not be tolerated and has serious consequences.

# Bullying - Your Role



- We will not bully others.
- We will try to help students who are bullied.
- We will include students who are easily left out.
- When we know someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school or an adult at home.

**Together let's prevent bullying at NBC!**





- <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

# Taking Care of Our School

## Gym Floor Expectations:

- Our gym floor was resurfaced a little over three years ago. The floor turned out great, and we want to do everything we can collectively to take care of the new surface.
- “Street” shoes are not permitted on the gym surface. Athletes and PE students must change into their clean, indoor athletic shoes before walking on the new surface.
- At no time should any student be unsupervised in the gymnasium.

Also, clothing must be hung in a locker for PE class and for practices/games. Be sure to clean up after yourself. Nothing should be left on the locker room floor after you leave.



# Focus Login and Attendance


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Thought for the day –  
"Change is the end result of true learning." ~ Leo Buscaglia

**District Shortcuts**

- Focus
- Staff Email
- Office 365
- ESSA Report Elementary
- ESSA Federal Report HS/MS
- 2020-21 District Calendar
- District Newsletters
- E-Funds for School Food Service Account

**Agriculture Land Lease Requests for Proposal**

Agriculture Land Lease Requests for Proposal are now being accepted. Please click [here](#) for the bid packet. Sealed bids will be accepted until 1 pm on Friday, October 9, 2020.

**Wednesday Free Meal Pick-up**

Starting Wednesday, September 23 meals will be picked

**Upcoming Events**

**October 13, 2020**  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
School Board Meeting

**November 10, 2020**  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
School Board Meeting

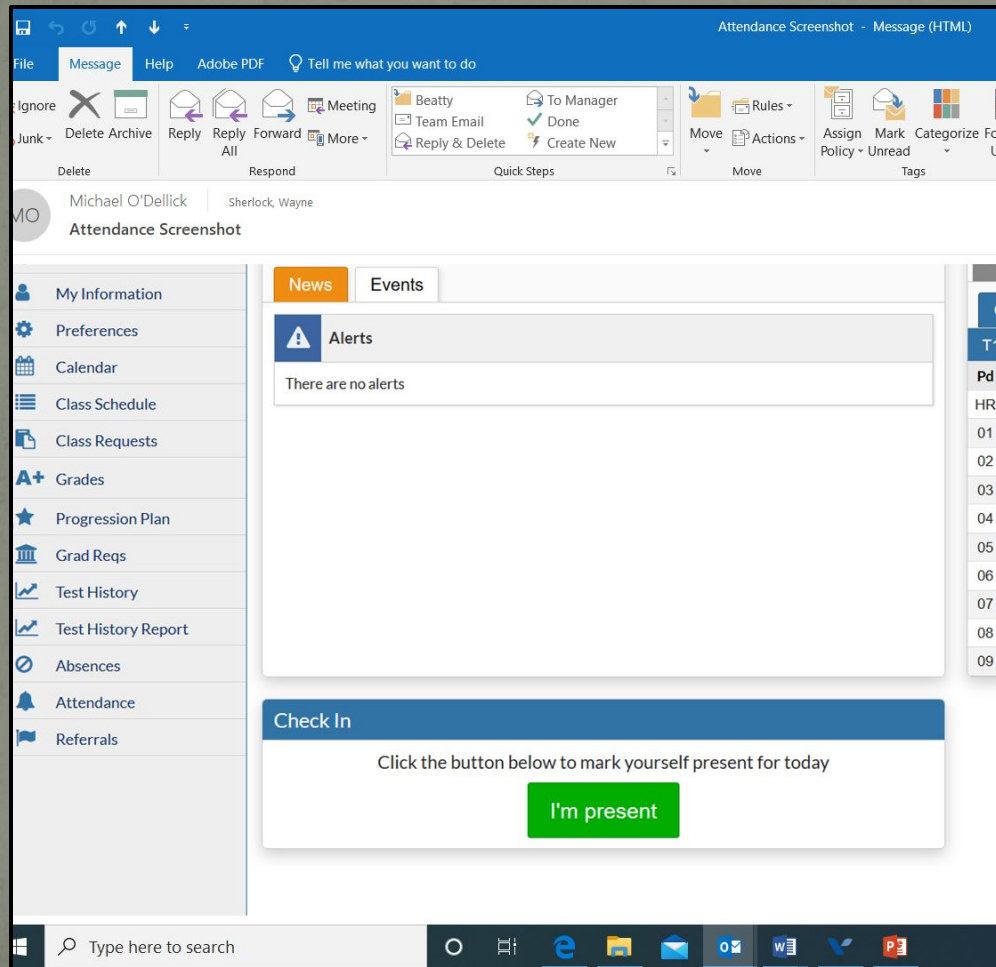
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# Focus Login and Attendance



# Cafeteria





# Cafeteria Behavior

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may not change seats when the sixth grade leaves.
- Talk in a normal tone.
- If you make a mess, clean it up.
- Keep your hands to yourself - off others' trays, food, and bodies.
- Push your chair in when returning your tray and at dismissal from the cafeteria.
- Put trays neatly on top of the previous tray.
- NO food or drink may be removed from the cafeteria – breakfast or lunch.
- Students that misbehave may receive an assigned seat and/or other discipline.

# Breakfast/Homeroom

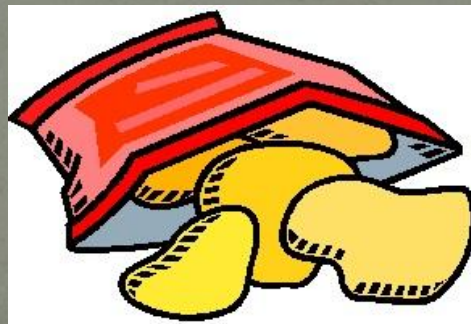
- IMPORTANT: Stop at your homeroom to sign the board before going to breakfast.
- Do not wait for friends.
- Remain in the cafeteria until dismissed by the supervisor to report to period 1.
- Pledge of Allegiance will occur at 7:59am each day.



# Breakfast/Lunch



- Breakfast is FREE!
- Help your parents stay up to date on your cafeteria account.
- Must make ala carte purchases with cash only.
- Mrs. Over, Mrs. Litzenberger, Mr. Miller, and Mr. England will be on lunch duty each day.



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# Chromebooks



- Charging batteries
  - ~ Do this at home
  - ~ Keep your charger at home
- No labels or stickers - but **school labels and stickers must stay on the Chromebook/charger**
- Computer bags - You receive one. Take care of it.
- Computers should be carried in a computer case moving from class to class. Do not put anything in computer case other than laptop and agenda.
- Report malfunctioning or damaged computers to the office immediately.
- When a computer is damaged, a bill is sent home. If not paid, you will be on the Ineligibility list.
- Stolen computers must be reported immediately to the ***Middle School office*** and the police department by your parents.
- Replacement cost (estimated \$300.00)



# Internet Safety for Students

When using electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communications DO NOT:

- Go to unauthorized sites.
- Use or give personal identification information.

Name

Address

Phone Numbers

- 'Hack' or become involved in any other unlawful activities while online.



# Substitute Teachers

- ~ Guests in our building
- ~ Be on as good as or better behavior than you would be for your regular teacher.

Student expectations:

- Courteous
- Respectful
- Cooperative
- Helpful



Treat them with RESPECT!



# School Bus Conduct



- Bus riding is a privilege.
- What is expected in school is also expected on the bus and bus stops.
- Do not do anything that distracts the driver. This is for the safety of you and all other passengers.
- Bus misconduct may result in your removal from the bus.



# SAFETY



- ❖ Please do NOT open an outside door for anyone. This is against our school safety procedures.
- ❖ If you ever see a door propped open, report this to an adult as soon as possible.
- ❖ You will be written up for opening a door for anyone without proper identification.
- ❖ Run, Hide, Fight - Mr. Tritt & Mrs. Clouse



# School Counselor

Miss Patton - Middle School

Services Provided:

- Academic
- Personal / Social
- Career

# Student Assistant Program (SAP)

Help students who may be experiencing certain difficulties including drug/alcohol, home, school, or personal problems that are affecting you at school.

If you know of someone in need of help, feel free to let any teacher know, and he/she can help you get in touch with a member of our SAP team.

Members:

Mrs. Cherry  
Mrs. Perry  
Mrs. Hetzer  
Mrs. Klavuhn  
Mr. Miller  
Mrs. Over

Mrs. Brumbaugh  
Miss Patton  
Mrs. Over  
Mrs. Pritchett  
Nurse Snyder  
Mrs. England





# Schedules



- Schedules are mandatory. You are expected to be present for everything that is on your schedule each day.
- Any needed schedule changes must take place within the first 8 days of school. No changes can be made after the end of the first six-day cycle.
- You must follow your schedule that was originally given to you until you get a new schedule.

# Visits to nurse



- Use good judgement when going to the nurse
- You should not be making excessive/frequent trips to the nurse.
- If you go more to the nurse more than 10 times, it is excessive.
- Different situation if you have a medical condition that requires regular visits.

Ms. Snyder





# Behavior in Stairwell

- Walk
- No skipping steps
- Do not pass other students
- Stay to the right so other students may pass in the opposite direction



# Hallways

- Walk on the right side of the hallway. Do not cut corners.
- “Walk and Talk” so you are not late to class.
- Do not cause congestion in the hallways.
- When you see friends, speak softly.
- If the stairwell is congested, wait patiently at the top until it clears.
- If students are exiting your next classroom, wait patiently without blocking the doorway and/or hallway until students have exited.
- Do not pass people on the stairs.
- Keep your books, bags, hands, and feet to yourself.
- If you see trash, pick it up and throw it away.
- Do not slam your lockers.
- Bookbags stay in lockers.





# Middle School Office

## Office behavior

- Be respectful
- Be quiet
- Be patient
- Be kind



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# Weekly Schedule

- It's printed on blue paper and can be found in every middle school classroom.
- Please read it weekly.





# If you are absent from school...

- Check in with your teachers during (when possible) and after your absence.
- Email your teachers to find out your assignments.
- Complete all assignments provided by your teachers.



# Attendance Policy



Doctor's List if...

- 5 absences during the first 45 days
- 10 absences after the 45<sup>th</sup> day of school

What does this mean?

- All future absences must have Drs. Excuse or the absence will be considered unexcused
- No EFTs approved
- Other field trips may be restricted
- We can accept up to 10 parent excuses, the rest need to come from a doctor.
- 10 absences INCLUDES unexcused days



# Attendance Policy continued

Three Unexcused Absences:

- Letter sent home
- Attendance Improvement Plan is created & parent meeting is held

You may fail for the year if you are absent for 25 days or more.

Consequences for 3 or more unexcused tardies/early dismissals



# Tardies/Early Dismissals

- Students must arrive at school before 11:30 AM to attend/participate in extra-curricular activities - practices or events.
- Students who are sent home from school early by the nurse or administration due to illness or other reasons may not participate or attend any extra-curricular activities.

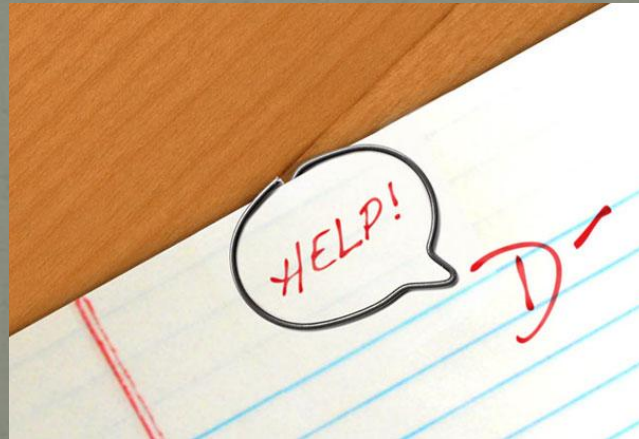




# Grading Periods



- Report Cards - four times per year.
- Interim Reports - midway through each marking period - earning less than an 80%. Will be sent home.



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# Finals for Grade 8 Students

- All year long courses, except Algebra I will have a comprehensive final!
- Will count as 10% of final course grade.
- Each marking period will count as 22.5% of your final grade
- Optional for Grade 7 Courses



# Homework

- Complete your assignments in a timely manner and bring them to class.
- Grade 6—60 minutes
- Grade 7—70 minutes
- Grade 8—80 minutes

Homework is a part of your responsibility as a student and is assigned to provide you with extra practice or to show your teacher whether you understand a concept or not.



# Eligibility Policy



You will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities if...

- You are failing 2 or more classes (weekly)
- You will be ineligible for 15 school days if you fail 2 or more classes on your report card
- Discipline—Several referrals in a marking period will cause you to be on the Ineligibility list.

If ineligible – you are not permitted to miss school to travel with the team or group to games, events or performances; not permitted to wear your uniform or jersey; not permitted to represent NBC in any way



# Dress Code



- Hair - Dyed hair must be of a natural color.
- Body piercing – tasteful ear piercings only. Nose piercings are not permitted.
- Shorts/skirts/dresses – finger tip rule
- Holes in clothes – finger tip rule
- No visible undergarments/bare midriffs
- No advertising alcohol/tobacco/...
- No “double meanings” or innuendos
- Clothing must be worn in the manner that it is designed.
- Disruptive to the educational process, then you will need to change.
- No oversized purses/bags are permitted in classrooms
- Straps for girls shirts must be at least one inch wide and cover all undergarments
- No flip-flops in Tech. Ed. classes

# Physical Education (Gym)

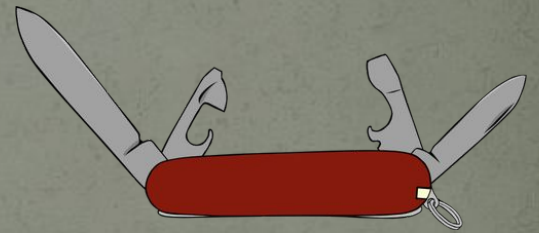


- Phys. Ed class - Students must wear black, white, or gray t-shirt (plain or with NBC logo) with black athletic shorts or pants and sneakers. Tank tops and cut-offs are not permitted. It is helpful to bring an old pair of sneakers since you may be outside in wet grass.
- If you are on a medical excuse for 2 weeks or less, you will continue to stay in regular physical education class and participate to the extent you are able.
- If you are excused for more than 2 weeks, you will be required to complete relevant written assignments each day you are scheduled for physical education.
- If you are medically excused from all activity for more than 4 weeks, you will be reassigned to study hall and will be required to make up the time missed due to the excuse.



# Dangerous Objects/Weapons

- You are not permitted to possess items such as guns, knives, bow and arrows, air rifles/pistols/, etc. on school property. - THIS INCLUDES LOOK ALIKES SUCH AS TOYS.
- You may be expelled or sent to alternative education for violating the District Weapon Policy.
- Threats will be treated seriously.
- Be sure to notify a teacher or the office IMMEDIATELY if you have a pocket knife here accidentally.



# Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco



- Illegal Drugs/Alcohol
- Over-the-Counter Drugs/Medications
- Prescription Drugs/Medications
- You may be expelled or sent to alternative education for violating the District Drugs and Alcohol Policy
- Illegal to possess or use tobacco products or vapes on school property - THIS IS SERIOUS AND WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.
- Juuling, Vaping, e-cigarettes - Caffeine ingestion devices
- First offense - referred to “Saturday” school and to District Magistrate
- Second offense - referred to District Magistrate



# Lockers



- Every student is assigned a specific locker. Only use the one assigned to you.
- School property - may be searched
- No locks unless you want to bring one of your own
- All locks can (and may) be cut off by administrator if you forget your key or combination and/or if your locker needs searched.
- Do not share lockers
- No items are permitted on top of lockers
- Leave your valuables and large sums of \$ at home.
- You are responsible for the condition of your locker.
- Lockers must be closed with no items sticking out of the locker.
- Report problems to the office immediately.

# Locker Visits

You are permitted to visit your lockers after periods that allow 3 minutes to get to the next class.

- You are NOT permitted to stop after period 1. Take your materials to homeroom or breakfast.
- After periods 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10
- Before and after lunch to take care of cell phone
- With teacher permission

NEVER get into another student's locker!





# Quiet Zone

- **Goal: Not to disturb any high school students and teachers.**

## Early Arrivers



- If you arrive at school before 7:55 AM, have your parents drop you off at the front of the school.
- If you're here before 7:45 you must go directly to the cafeteria. Do not go to your locker first.
- No students are permitted in the building before 7:30.

# Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, iPods, and other electronic devices

- Middle school students are not permitted to have a cell phone on their person during the school day aside from lunch.
- Cell phones and smart watches with texting features can be kept in the hallway lockers throughout the day.
- If you display or use it without teacher permission, you will be told to put it away. Put it away. Not complying with the teacher will make things worse.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Time: Warning.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Placed in the office until the end of the day.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Placed in the office until a parent can pick it up, and may be referred to principal for disciplinary action.
  - 4+ Times: Disciplinary referrals with progressive discipline

Excessive or severe cell phone violations may result in cell phone suspension for that student.





# Bus Notes & Riders Passes

- Complete the proper paperwork from the MS office.
- If you don't have a rider's pass you must ride the bus.
- Bus notes must be submitted to the office by the start of Homeroom.

# Office Telephone

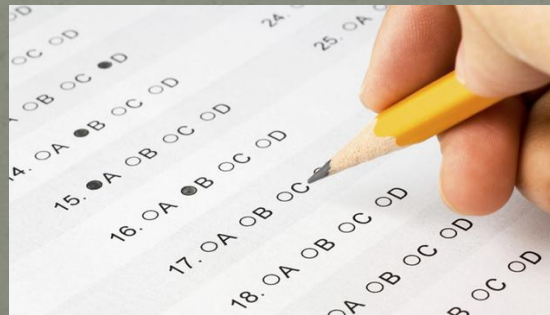
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- Not permitted if you forgot your gym clothes
- Not permitted to get permission to ride home with another student
- Not permitted to get permission to stay after school



# PSSA & Keystone Testing Dates:

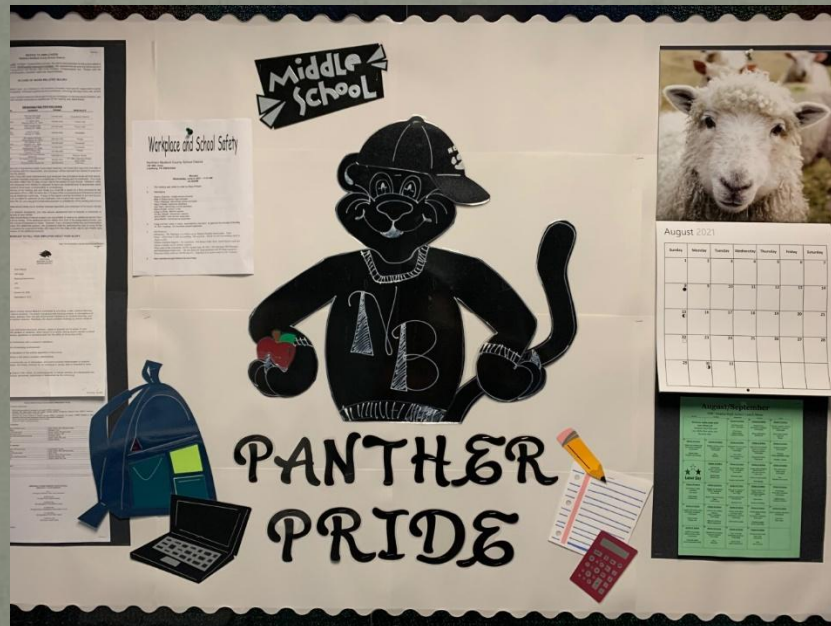
- April 23rd and 24th: ELA PSSA (Grades 6-8)
- April 30th: Math PSSA (Grades 6-8)
- May 1st: Science PSSA (Grade 8)
- May 14 and 15: Algebra I Keystone (Grade 8)



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# Students Representing NBC

Dress code and all other school regulations apply to students who are representing our school and are away from our campus.





# Reteaching

For failure to comply to school rules:

- Any teacher may request a reteaching if needed
- This will be done during the most convenient time for the teacher
- A student failing to attend a reteaching will result in a discipline referral !!!

Remember: Panthers have...

# PRIDE

**POSITIVE \***

**RESPECTFUL \***

**INVOLVED \***

**DEPENDABLE \***

**EXCELLENT**



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going to  
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