NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL North Notes August 13, 2023

Hello and Welcome Back Vikings!

Our administrative team and front office staff have been back in the building since last Tuesday, we welcomed back our teachers on Wednesday and anticipate meeting our new 6th graders on Wednesday the 16th! I feel so fortunate to have a job I look forward to every day, and students and teachers are the reason I feel so blessed. Parents and students, please take the time to read through this whole communication as it has a lot of useful information for the start of the school year!

Thank you, and I can't wait to see you later this week!

The first day of school and **orientation for 6th grade only** is **Wednesday**, **August 16th.** Staff will be posted at the northeast cafeteria entrance (in the back of the building by the track) to greet your children, provide schedules, and escort them to the orientation. 6th grade day is from 8:45AM - 3:54PM and buses will run at normal times. Parents will be able to tour the building and meet the teachers during our **Open House on August 30th from 5:30PM**-**7:30PM**.

The **first day** of school for **7th and 8th** graders is **Thursday, August 17th.** Please follow the link for bus route pick-up locations and times: <u>https://routing.vmaxcompass.com/Infolocator/Info.aspx?OrgGuid=ORG-</u> <u>CSSD&ProfileGuid=</u>

School **instructional hours are 8:45AM – 3:54PM.** The current Bell Schedule is attached. **Office hours are 8:00AM – 4:30PM**

PICTURE DAY is Tuesday, August 22nd. Order your child's photos before Picture Day at <u>my.lifetouch.com</u> and use Picture Day ID:
EVTVSZN99. Paper order forms will also be available in the main office.

The 2023-2024 supplemental school supply list is attached. As has been the case in the past, District 11 provides students with their most necessary school supplies. Open House is scheduled for August 30th 2023, from 5:30PM-7:30PM Due to the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All Program, D11 student meals (breakfast and lunch) are <u>free</u> for all students the 2023-2024 School Year!

The first SAC meeting is scheduled for **September 12th at 9:00 AM** via WebEx. SAC members get updates on school events, data, budgets, and general information. We would love for you to participate. Please email **Lanie Roberds at lelania.roberds@d11.org** if you would like an invite to join the meeting.

Instructions for creating an account in <u>PowerSchool</u> are attached in this email. Watch your email **next week** for your log-in and password information.

The cell phone policy at North is "not seen, not heard". The Cell Phone Policy is attached.

This year lockers will be optional. If your student chooses to use a locker, he or she may do so by visiting the North homepage and clicking on the link that says, "Locker Sign-Up". From there they will be prompted to fill out a form. An email will then be sent to them with their locker number and combination.

Registration is still open for football this fall. Current physical and blue card are **required** and can be emailed to <u>morgan.hantschel@d11.org</u>. The head coach, Mr. Rob Moore, can be reached at <u>robert.moore@d11.org</u> or **719-328-2470**.

We will be open for tours Monday, August 14th and Tuesday, August 15th between 8:00AM - 11:30AM and 1:00PM - 3:30PM. This is **ONLY** for new incoming 7th and 8th grade students. Parents - when dropping off at school, please remember to yield to pedestrians and the crosswalks and obey all traffic signs. Patience and courtesy are key for a smooth transition. Bus lanes are on the east side of the building. Please do not park or block the lane.

North Middle School will continue its Title I program for the 2023-2024 school year. Please click on the embedded link at the bottom of this page for additional information.

The Viking yearbook is accepting applications to be part of the student staff. This year-long commitment allows students to build skills such as journalism, photography and graphic design while they document all aspects of student life. This will require time commitment outside of the school day. Complete the application at https://forms.office.com/r/V5jjwc00S7 or see Mr. Wolf in room 159 for more information. You may also email steven.wolf@d11.org.

10% discount when you buy your North Middle School Yearbook by September 30th. The yearbook will include 72 schoolwide pages PLUS 2 customizable printed only in your book. To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook go to <u>https://www.treering.com/purchase?</u>

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Girls Track starts August 21st and continues everyday after school from 4:00PM - 5:30PM until October 2nd. Current physical and blue card <u>must</u> be on file to participate. Please turn in dues ASAP. Email Coach Freeman at gerald.freeman@d11.org with any questions or for more information.

Cross Country starts August 21st. Practice is everyday after school from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. First meet is September 1st at Monument Academy Middle School. Current physical and blue card <u>must</u> be on file to participate. Please turn in dues ASAP. Email Jesse Walker at jesse.walker@d11.org with any questions or for more information.

CCG & TCG Club (Magic Monday's) will start on Monday, September 11th from 8:00AM - 8:40AM in room 204. Come play Magic the Gathering MtG or bring your own Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, or the upcoming Disney Lorcana TCG to play. We have more than enough Magic cards for anyone to attend. Learn how to play, build your own deck, concentrate, think critically, make decisions, gamesmanship, patience, prediction, probability, and reading comprehension skills all while having fun.