

# NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

North Notes October 8, 2023

## Attendance Matters

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month...

- You miss 20 days a year!
- You miss 30 hours of math over the school year!
- you miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year!
- You will miss over 1 year of school by graduation!

When a student misses 4 days a month...

- You miss 40 days a year!
- You miss 60 hours of math over the school year!
- you miss 120 hours of reading and writing over the school year!
- You will miss over 1 year of school by graduation!

## Spirit Week

Celebrate the end of the 1st Quarter and your school spirit by dressing up with the following daily themes for the week of October 9th - 12th!

**MONDAY** | Go Retro with 80's

**TUESDAY** | Dress as Your Favorite Book/Movie Character

**WEDNESDAY** | Dress Like a Teacher

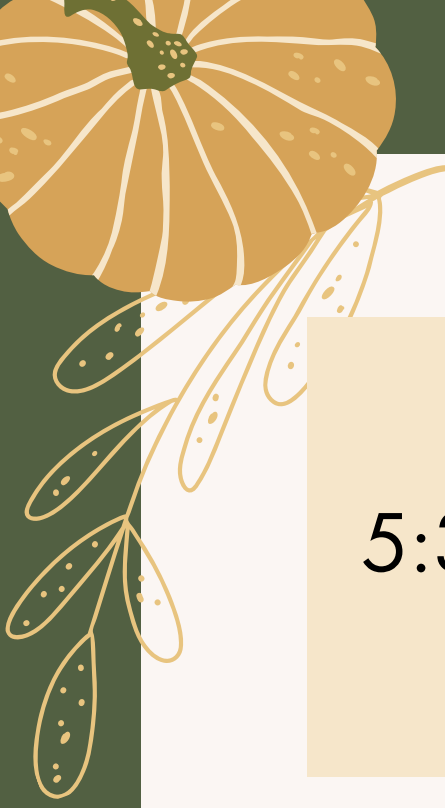
**THURSDAY** | Pajama Day

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are Wednesday October 25th, from 5-8pm and Thursday October 26th, from 8am-6 pm. Parents, click the [scheduling link](#) or it can also be found on the NMS Website.

**Password for Scheduling:** "North"

The end of Quarter 1 is **October 12th**. Grades will be posted on the PowerSchool parent portal by **October 18th**.


**BOO GRAMS** will be available for purchase before school and at lunch from **October 16th - 25th** for only \$2. Boo Grams will be delivered on Halloween, October 31st, by AVID Students. Buy your Boo a treat, or buy one for yourself!



NJHS will be hosting a **TRUNK-OR-TREAT** on **October 20th** from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the east side staff parking lot. If you would like to donate candy or put a trunk in, please email [eric.trujillo@d11.org](mailto:eric.trujillo@d11.org).


**The Scholastic Book Fair** will take place **October 19th - 26th** in the Library. The fair will be open during evening Parent-Teacher Conference times, as well. Scholastic now has a digital payment option called **eWallet** - set up an account and shop online at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/northmsvikings>

**North Families:** If you are in need of holiday assistance, please contact **Connie Rogers**, the North Community Liaison, for more information. (719) 328-2452 or [connie.rogers@d11.org](mailto:connie.rogers@d11.org)





The 8th grade students will participate in the district-approved Signs of Suicide (SOS) program through their history class on **Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 19th**. Counselors will teach the warning signs for suicide and how to ACT (Acknowledge, Care, Tell). This lesson encourages students to seek help from a trusted adult if they need to talk to someone individually or are concerned about a friend. Please contact North's counseling center should you have any questions.

**DRAMA CLUB!** Cast & Crew of 'Everyone Gets Eaten by Sharks' - you ALL need to be at EVERY rehearsal now! **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:00-5:30pm** in the cafeteria. See you there!



Girls basketball tryouts are **October 17th and 18th from 4:00-5:45PM**. Please get a physical and blue form into the office by Friday, October 13th. The **GYM** will be open before school October 9th & 11th for open gym from **8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**.






Please consider joining the PTA to help plan and fund some of our school activities! Follow the [link](#) to join.


For Picture Questions, here are 3 ways you can contact **Lifetouch** for help:  
Jessica - School Support Specialist: (303) 565-5208  
Lifetouch General Customer Service: (800) 736-4753  
To email Customer Service: [colorado@lifetouch.com](mailto:colorado@lifetouch.com)

Yearbook Club has started! Please join Mr. Wolf in Room 159 every Wednesday from 4:00PM - 4:30PM.  
To Purchase & Customize your Yearbook go to <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101389638985296>.

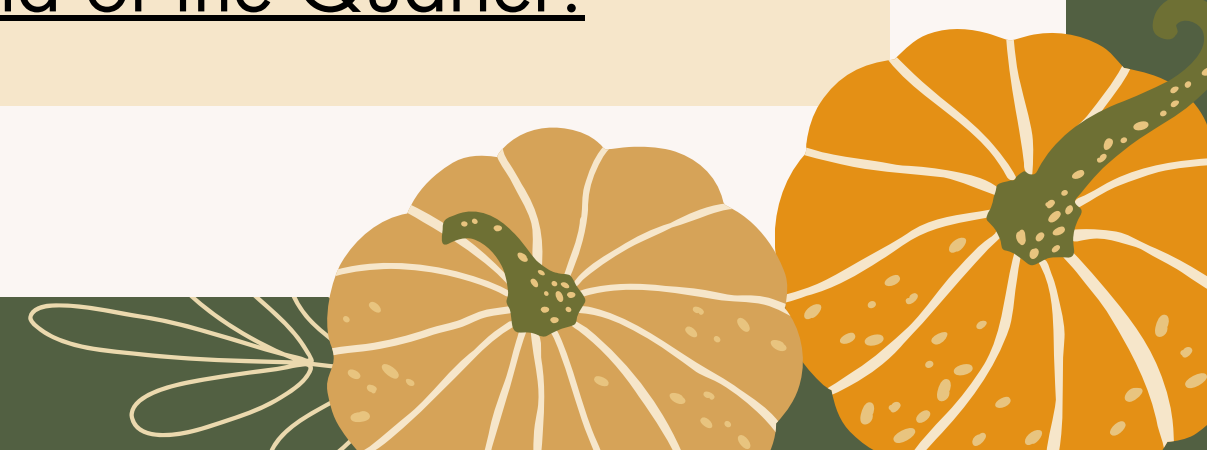


Parents - when dropping off at school, please remember to yield to pedestrians and the crosswalks and obey all traffic signs. Patience and courtesy are key for a smooth transition. Bus lanes are on the east side of the building. Please do not park or block the bus lane. See attached map.  
**Do not park by the orange and blue dumpster by the cafeteria, this is a safety issue due to how many students walk back there.**

Attendance: Due to the high volume of attendance calls we receive daily, we kindly request a 24-hour window to make necessary adjustments.  
**Please monitor PowerSchool for updates,** as we are not able to return all phone calls with confirmation. If you have any attendance questions please call the attendance line at (719) 328-2435 or email [Andrea.Manuszak@d11.org](mailto:Andrea.Manuszak@d11.org)



Missing a jacket, hoodie, water bottle, shoes or any other miscellaneous item? Please check the Lost and Found located in the **Cafeteria** before school, during lunches and after school.  
Lost and Found will be **donated** at the end of the Quarter!



Mitchell High School's United Way Food Distribution is upon us! Please see the linked fliers below for more information.

[Spanish](#) / [English](#)

Please [follow the link](#) for bus route pick-up locations & times.

School **instructional hours are 8:45AM – 3:54PM.**

The current Bell Schedule is attached.

Instructions for creating an account in **PowerSchool** are attached or follow this [link](#) for more information.

Please call (719) 328-2400 for your student's access ID and password.

Due to the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All Program, D11 student meals (breakfast and lunch) are free for all students the 2023-2024 School Year!

Food and Nutrition Services is no longer using MySchoolApps.

**Families who qualify for free or reduced meals are strongly encouraged to complete the Meal Benefits Application. It can provide additional benefits to you and your school in the form of fee waivers and additional school funding.**

Apply here: <https://linqconnect.com/public/meal-application/new?identifier=JX9G3Q>

Parents can request refunds from their students meal accounts by filling out a Refund Form or access the Menu link on the Food and Nutrition Services webpage at

<https://www.d11.org/Page/6035>.

Other information is available on the FNS landing page at <https://www.d11.org/Page/352>.

School Menus and meal payments for Ala Carte purchases only can be accessed at [www.linqconnect.com](http://www.linqconnect.com). The link is also on the Food and Nutrition Services webpage.

The cell phone policy at North is **“not seen, not heard”**.

The Cell Phone Policy is attached.

**Attachments:**

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[PowerSchool Instructions](#)

[Parent Pickup Map](#)

[Lifetouch Photo Flyer](#)

[Fall Clubs & Activities List](#)

[North Swag Order Form](#)

[Boo Gram Cards](#)