

# NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

North Notes October 1, 2023

**COUNT DAY** is Monday, October 2nd

Attendance is very important - be sure your student is present!

## 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!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are Wednesday October 25th, from 5-8pm and Thursday October 26th, from 8am-6 pm. The scheduling link attached will open Monday, October 2nd, at 9AM. The link is also available on the NMS Website.

**Password for Scheduling:** "North"

Vikings, unfortunately because of so many schedule conflicts, we are **unable to host a Color Dance this coming week**—we will look forward to our first dance of the year to take place mid-December!

**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!




Quarter 1's progress reports have posted to your student's portal in PowerSchool.

NJHS will be hosting a **Trunk-or-Treat** on October 20th from 5:30-7:30 in the teachers parking lot. We are collecting candy donations. More details to follow.

Picture retakes will be Tuesday, October 3rd.  
For Parents With Picture Questions, here are 3 ways they 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)



**DRAMA CLUB!** All cast and crew (including those newbies who applied to be part of the tech crew) should plan to attend **ALL** rehearsals this week. We will **NOT** be calling specific scenes to work this week, so plan to be there Mon, Tues AND Thurs from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. Girls Track will attend rehearsal **ONLY** on Tuesday this week.


Girls basketball will start on October 17th. Tryouts - **October 17th and 18th from 4:00-5:45PM**. Athletes **must** have a physical on file with the office and a new blue card filled out before they are able to try out. Please get the physical and blue form into the office by Friday, October 13th.



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







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. 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)


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](mailto: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 <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101389638985296>.

Yearbook Club has started! Please join Mr. Wolf in Room 159 every Wednesday from 4:00PM - 4:30PM.

Please follow the link for bus route pick-up locations and times:  
<https://routing.vmaxcompass.com/Infocator/Info.aspx?OrgGuid=ORG-CSSD&ProfileGuid=>

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



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

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

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.

Instructions for creating an account in [PowerSchool](#) are attached in this email 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](#)