

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

North Notes October 22, 2023

LAST CHANCE TO SCHEDULE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES!

Conferences are Wed. October 25th (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM) and Thu. October 26th (8:00 AM - 6:00PM). This [scheduling link](#) closes **October 22nd at MIDNIGHT**. **Password for Scheduling**: "North"

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!

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

COME SEE A SHOW! Our 8th Grade Advanced Drama class is performing '**Wishful Thinking**' on Monday, 10/23 at 5:30 PM in the *Cafetorium*. The show is free for all, with concessions available for CASH purchase.

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 by AVID Students. Buy your Boo a treat, or buy one for yourself!

Follow the [link](#) to purchase **Basketball Gear**. The store closes **October 23rd**. All purchases will ship to you.




1st Quarter grades have been posted on the PowerSchool parent portal.

DRAMA CLUB! We will only have one rehearsal this week due to 'Wishful Thinking' and Parent-Teacher Conferences. That rehearsal is on **TUESDAY, 10/24 from 4:00-5:30pm**. Please be there!

Also, T-Shirts are in so come see Mrs. Gaden to pickup your order.

Parents, please take some time to fill out the anonymous **5 Essentials Survey** at the [link](#) attached!


The **5E Survey** seeks perceptions of *parents, students and teachers* surrounding North Middle School, so to have the most triangulated feedback, we need your help! The survey takes about 15 minutes, and we receive all the data in the Spring after teachers & students complete it. Our goal is to have 50% parent participation—we only reached about 23% last year, so please help us reach our goal and learn how to best serve the students and community of North Middle School!




Missing a jacket, hoodie, water bottle, shoes or any other miscellaneous item? Please check the **Lost and Found** in the **Cafeteria**.
Lost and Found will be donated after PT Conferences!

Please consider joining the **North PTA!** Our mission is to support students & staff throughout the year with events/appreciation. Membership fees do not require any time commitment, but allow us to host staff appreciation celebrations & student dances. If you would like to become more involved, upcoming PTA meetings will be held **November 7th & December 12th**. Use the [attached QR code](#) to join! Watch for upcoming Zoom links.

The **Harvest of Love Food Drive** will be accepting non-perishable food donations from **November 1st - 17th**. The food drive is a competition between [Discovery classes](#)! See more information [here](#).



The Middle School Wrestling Classic 2023 is coming up quickly! The tournament will be held November 4th, with official weigh-ins taking place on November 3rd. Events will be held at the Palmer High School Main Gym. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information.



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

Get your **YEARBOOK** before it's too late! Through the end of October, pre-order a yearbook with **10% OFF!** Purchase the yearbook at <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=101389638985296> before this SPOOKY SALE is over!

Parents - when dropping off at school, please remember to yield to pedestrians and obey all traffic signs. Patience and courtesy are key for a smooth transition. Please do not park or block the bus lane on the east side. **Do not park by the orange and blue Cafeteria dumpster, 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. Attendance Line: (719) 328-2435

Mitchell High School's United Way Food Distribution is upon us! Please see the linked fliers below for more information.
[Spanish](#) / [English](#)

Follow the link for bus route pick-up locations & times.
School **instructional hours are 8:45AM – 3:54PM.**
The current Bell Schedule is attached below.

Instructions for creating an account in **PowerSchool** can be found [here](#). Please call **(719) 328-2400** for your student's access ID and password.

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://lingconnect.com/public/meal-application/new?identifier=JX9G3Q>

School Menus and meal payments for Ala Carte purchases only can be accessed at www.lingconnect.com. The link is also on the Food and Nutrition Services webpage.

Additional Attachments:

[Cell Phone Policy](#)
[Bell Schedule](#)
[Parent Pickup Map](#)

[Fall Clubs & Activities List](#)
[North Swag Order Form](#)
[Boo Gram Cards](#)

5 ESSENTIALS PARENT & FAMILY SURVEY



Your voice matters to us!

Survey dates: 10/24 to 11/17

SCAN ME!



<https://survey.5-essentials.org/sd11/survey/parent/>

- Your voice is used by your school for planning and improvement
- Takes about 15 minutes to complete
- Your responses are anonymous
- None of your data is shared with outside groups