## NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

North Notes October 29, 2023

Please see the attached guidelines (PAGE 4) if you wish to wear a COSTUME on Halloween, October 31st.

Federal Impact Aid forms will be going home on Monday 10/30 with students whose parents were unable to attend Conferences.

Parents, please fill out the form and send it back to school with your child on Tuesday 10/31.

Student <u>CMAS Score Reports</u> were passed out during Conferences. Any remaining CMAS scores will be sent home with students on <u>Monday</u> 10/30.

Parents, please take some time to fill out the anonymous 5 Essentials Survey at the <u>link</u> 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 <u>15 minutes</u>, and we receive all the data in the Spring after teachers & students complete it. Our goal is to have <u>50% parent participation</u>—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!

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

The **HARVEST OF LOVE FOOD DRIVE** will be accepting non-perishable food donations, coins, and cash from **November 1st - 17th** to help feed local families. The food drive is a competition between <u>1st period classes!</u>

See more information <u>here</u>.

The Middle School Wrestling Classic 2023 is coming up quickly!

The tournament will be held November 4th, with 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.

Cast AND Crew of 'Everyone Gets Eaten by Sharks'! We have only 7 rehearsals left before opening night (Nov 14th!), so make sure you are in the cafeteria for rehearsal this week on Monday & Thursday from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. You are off on Tuesday for Halloween because Mrs. Gaden loves you! See you next week for some sharky-fun!

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 <u>attached QR code</u> to join! Watch for upcoming Zoom links.

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

#### 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!

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. <u>Attendance Line</u>: (719) 328-2435

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.

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

<u>Spanish</u> / <u>English</u>

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.

Families who qualify for <u>free or reduced meals</u> are strongly encouraged to complete the Meal Benefits Application. Even though all students are receiving free breakfast and lunch this school year, it can provide additional benefits to you and your school in the form of fee waivers and additional school funding.

Apply here!

School Menus and meal payments for **Ala Carte** purchases can only be accessed at <a href="www.linqconnect.com">www.linqconnect.com</a>. 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



## HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXPECTATIONS



### **Expectations for Costumes**

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, students may wear a Halloween costume to school if they are willing to abide by the below conditions and are willing to donate \$1 to the Harvest of Love Food Drive being conducted by our AVID students on behalf of Care and Share Food Bank. Students can make their donation and receive a wristband in the cafeteria before school on Tuesday. Students are not required to wear a costume. If a student wears a costume to school, he/she MUST follow the school Dress Code (all rules apply). The list below is not inclusive of all inappropriate attire.

All costumes must follow the additional guidelines below:

- 1. No clothing with obscene or inappropriate words or pictures.
- 2. All tops for students should cover the midriff, back, and shoulder areas, and shorts/skirts should be of appropriate length.
- 3. Costume attire should not cause a disruption to the school day or be unsafe. Students must be able to still sit in a desk and engage in classroom tasks.
- 4. No fake weapons or other large hand-held items (such as brooms) may be carried as part of the costume.
- 5. Masks or face paint cannot cover the entire face—this is purely a safety issue—we must be able to recognize the student.
- 6. Wigs and/or hats are permitted only if it is part of the costume (i.e. baseball player, etc.).
- 7. No helmets or shoulder pads can be worn (for example, football gear).

Students must be able to change into other clothes if their costume is not acceptable or if it causes a disruption to the academic environment. Administration (and/or a designee) will have the final decision in whether a costume is appropriate for school. We want to make this a positive experience for all students. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

# 5 ESSENTIALS PARENT & FAMILY SURVEY



Your voice is important!
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
- Your responses remain anonymous
- None of your data will be shared with outside parties