

NYM Principal's Update-Grades 7-12

October 2023

Good morning! It has been a busy, exciting start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our K-12 Open House was well-attended and a great success! It was fantastic to see so many parents take the time to meet with our wonderful teachers.

On the Monday of the first full week of school we held assemblies for students to introduce new staff members and clarify expectations for the upcoming school year. Our primary focus every school year is student achievement. In order to create an environment where achievement can take place -- 2 things need to occur: distractions need to be eliminated and students need to be "present." To support this effort our teachers have committed to being consistent about enforcing cell phone and earbud/headphone policies between 7:45-2:05 to set the stage for distraction-free learning. Students will be permitted to use cell phones during their designated lunch period as long as they do so in an appropriate manner.

In addition, we will continue working towards improving our attendance and punctuality rate this year. Letters are sent home at several intervals throughout the year with absence totals and detentions are assigned when tardiness becomes a chronic problem. Please know-we never want students to come to school when they are ill but, when they are well they need to be here to achieve!

As you may have already heard, one of our most loved teachers - Tim Papienuk, needs our help! Pappy has been diagnosed with stage IV squamous cell carcinoma and began radiation and chemotherapy treatments earlier this week. Tim and his family could use all the love and support we could offer as they weather this storm. Please consider clicking the link below to purchase an item from our "PAPPY STRONG" store. If you would like to simply donate to the family but not receive a product, Mohawk Valley Designs has also included a few preset options for monetary donations. Proceeds from every purchase will be given directly to Tim and his family to use as needed while he is out of work and battling this diagnosis:

<https://team-pap.itemorder.com/>

The store is live NOW and will close on Sunday, 10/8. Order completion is estimated on or around 10/20. A huge thank you to Mohawk Valley Designs for their patience, graciousness, and unyielding assistance in creating this opportunity for us.

Additionally, if you wish to offer messages of support to Pappy and family, please address any cards, letters etc. to Mr. Davis or Mrs. Hartmann as well as any questions. You may do so by emailing or sending them to school. They will ensure Mr. Papienuk receives every message.

Please address all cards and letters to:

Tim Papienuk
c/o Michelle Hartmann
New York Mills Jr./Sr. High School
1 Marauder Blvd.
New York Mills, NY 13417

Please direct all emails to:
mhartmann@newyorkmills.org
sdavis@newyorkmills.org

With one united voice, we have the ability to let Mr. Papienuk know just how much we love and support him. We are all PAPPY STRONG!

In Other News:

There is NO School this Friday, October 6th for a Superintendent's Conference Day.

There is NO School Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Sprit Week is scheduled for October 16-20 and the themes are the following:

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Rhyme Without Reason

Wednesday: Barbie Day!

Thursday: BBQ Dad vs. Soccer Mom

Friday: Orange and Blue!

Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. The weekend events include the varsity football game at 12:00 pm, vs. Sauquoit and the Homecoming Dance which will be held that evening in the cafeteria from 7:00-10:00 pm. All students in grades 7-12 may purchase tickets to attend. Tickets will go on sale homecoming week, during lunch periods.

Reminder-In order to bring a student guest from another school the ticket purchaser must have a form submitted to the HS Office by the guest's school principal indicating that the student is in good standing and will not be disruptive or a safety concern. Forms will be available at the ticket sales table or the HS Office and are due by the end of the school day on Thursday, October 19th.

All Juniors will be invited to go on a college visit to Utica University and SUNY Poly, on Thursday, October 19th. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Mr. Waterman will be visiting 11th grade classrooms to hand out permission slips.

PE uniforms are required & need to be purchased from Coach Dziekan or Coach Ricco. The uniform is \$23.00 for a t-shirt and shorts. Order forms were handed out in PE class and checks should be made payable to: The New York Mills UFSD.

Upcoming Dates:

October 3: Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm, HS Library

October 4: Athletic Boosters 6:30 pm, HS Library

October 6: Superintendent's Conference Day-NO SCHOOL

October 9: Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL

October 11: PTSO Meeting 6:30 pm, HS Library

October 17: 5-Week Progress Reports mailed

October 21: Homecoming- Varsity Football Game-12:00pm vs, Sauquoit, Dance-7:00-10:pm

October 28: "Trunk or Treat" Sponsored by the PTSO, 5:00-6:00pm in Bus Loop

That's all for now! Have A Great Day!

Mrs. Facci