



NMRSD Update January 9, 2024

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the arrival of a new member of our NM community! Mrs. Piselli, HBMS's sixth-grade special education teacher, welcomed baby Genevieve on December 16th. The newest member of our Patriot family weighed 6lbs 9oz and measured 19.5 inches long. Please join us in extending our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Piselli and her family on this joyous occasion. Welcome to the family, Genevieve!

Report Card Committee

We are in the process of improving our report cards that are sent home throughout the school year. We are collecting some information to help improve the current report cards, and using your thoughts will help us make changes to our reporting system to improve the overall experience. One of the ways we can improve on the information reported is to hear your thoughts through this [survey](#). Please answer the questions as best you can to share with us what you would like to see on report cards, what has been helpful with the current ones, and what are some of the areas that can be confusing to understand.

NHS Tutoring Program

National Honor Society members dedicate their time to tutoring elementary, middle, and high school students. Tutoring sessions are held in town libraries after school from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturdays. You can find more specific details about days, times, and locations in the [Google Tutoring Form](#). High school students also have the option for tutoring after school from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm in the Commons or during flex block on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Once a student or parent completes the Google Form, we match them with a tutor and assist in scheduling their first tutoring session.

Outstanding School Lunch Balance

Townsend Ecumenical Outreach (TEO) recently contacted the district with an offer to help families who may have an outstanding school lunch balance. Families in this situation are encouraged to contact Kym at 978-877-6002 or info@teo-ma.org for support in satisfying outstanding balances.

NMRSD Pre-School Information Night



Preschool Information Night

on

Thursday, January 18, 2024

(snow date January 25, 2024)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

at

SECC

66 Brookline Street

Townsend, MA 01469

From the Health Office

As we're in the thick of cold and flu season here in New England, a quick reminder that we're following CDC and Department of Public Health guidelines for influenza and COVID-19. Our aim is to keep the NMRSD community healthy, reducing student and staff absences and minimizing disruptions for caregivers. Your cooperation is key to maintaining a healthy learning environment. Thanks for your ongoing support. Stay well!

When someone is positive for COVID-19:

- they should remain home and in isolation through day 5 (day 0 is the onset of symptoms or the day of a positive test)
- if feeling better, they may return on day six as long as they are able to mask.
- the mask is worn through day ten or may be removed sooner with a negative COVID-19 test on day five or later.

When someone is positive for the flu:

- they need to remain home until they have been fever-free without any medications to reduce the fever for over 24 hours
- they need to be feeling better and able to participate in all activities

We also want to remind you of our general Health Protocols for Illness.

Please keep your child home from school if they display any of the following symptoms or illnesses:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more, and until the child has had a normal temperature for 24 hours; without the use of Tylenol or Advil
- Vomiting or diarrhea during the 24 hours before they come to school
- Uncontrollable or infectious (phlegm-laden) cough
- Abdominal pain lasting more than 2 hours
- Rash of unknown cause
- Signs of infection of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, skin, or scalp. For example: conjunctivitis or pink eye, open sores in the mouth, untreated strep throat, impetigo, or open weeping wounds
- If on antibiotics for less than 24 hours for infectious conditions such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, or impetigo
- Untreated lice and/or presence of nits (eggs) or scabies.

Whenever you have questions about your student's health status and whether they should come to school, we encourage you to contact your school nurse for guidance.

Parents/Caregivers - Who to Contact

Very often, students and/or caregivers are unsure who to contact in the North Middlesex Regional School District in case of questions, concerns, or problems. Please direct these to the appropriate contact(s) below to ensure a prompt response.

*Classroom issues...*contact the teacher first. If you have additional concerns, contact the School counselor. If you are still concerned, contact the building Principal.

*Scheduling issues...*contact the School Counselor first. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Curriculum issues...*contact the appropriate teacher first. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Principal. Finally, contact the Assistant Superintendent's office.

*Special Education issues...*contact the appropriate teacher(s) first and then your son/daughter's special education liaison (listed on your child's IEP), if

warranted. If you have additional concerns, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Finally, contact the Student Services office.

*Behavioral issues...*contact the teacher first. If you are still concerned, contact the Guidance Counselor and then the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Social, emotional, personal, health, or family issues...*contact the School/Adjustment Counselor or the nurse to discuss your concerns with them. If necessary, also contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Contact the Student Services office if you feel your concern has gone unresolved.

Homeless or temporary housing (McKinney Vento Status): Contact the Guidance Counselor and inform them of your status. In some instances, they may direct you to the building Principal. Finally, contact the Student Services office. The homeless liaison (Brad Brooks) will be notified of the status, and transportation will be arranged through his office (if needed).

*Athletics issues...*contact the coach first. If you are still concerned, contact the Director of Athletics. Finally, contact the Principal.

*Attendance issues...*contact the School Counselor first. If attendance issues continue, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Report Cards & Transcripts...*contact the School Counselor first. If you have additional questions, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Harassment & Discrimination...*contact building Principal. If you are still concerned, contact the Title IX and VI Coordinators. Finally, contact the Human Resources office.

*Bullying...*contact the School Counselor. If you are still concerned, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Technology questions and/or issues...*contact the district technology office.

*Student Activities/Clubs...*contact the advisor first. If you are still concerned, contact the building Assistant Principal/Principal.

*Special Education Transportation (VanPool Transportation)...*contact the Student Services office.

*Transportation (Dee Bus)...*contact the building secretary, followed by the building Assistant Principal/Principal. Finally, contact the business office.

*Food Service...*contact the Food Services Manager. Finally, contact the business office.

*Ethics Questions...*contact the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission. The Commission's Legal Division provides free, confidential advice to anyone subject to the conflict of interest law. To obtain advice from the Commission, call (617) 371-9500 or (888) 485-4766 or request advice online.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/state-ethics-commission-frequently-asked-questions>

*District Policies...*contact your School Committee representative or the committee chairperson.

For email contact to a specific faculty, staff, or committee member, please enter the person's first initial and last name @nmrsd.org, for example, jdoe@nmrsd.org.

2023-2024 NMRSD Administrative Team

Name	Role	School
Anne Cromwell-Gapp	Principal Extended Day Program Coordinator	AES
Kate Guziejka	Principal	SMS
Stephanie Thompson	Assistant Principal	SMS
Ami Dolan	Principal	VBES
Lisa Comeau	Interim Assistant Principal	VBES
Chantele Olmstead	Principal	HBMS
Jason White	Assistant Principal	HBMS
Lauren Young	Principal	NMS
Evan Worth	Assistant Principal	NMS
Tim McMahon	Principal	NMRHS
Laurie Smith	Assistant Principal	NMRHS
Ryan Demar	Assistant Principal	NMRHS

Matt Dawson	Athletic Director & Facility Rentals	NMRHS
David Amari	Director of Facilities and Grounds	District
Cathryn Hampson	Supervisor of Health Services	District
Jeremy Hamond	Director of Operations Technology Facility Use Student Registration	District
Nancy Haines	Business Manager	District
Anne Marie Tucciarone-Mahan	Director of Human Resources Title VI/IX Coordinator for Staff	District
Brad Brooks	Director of Student Services Special Education Counseling Homeless Liaison ADA Compliance Officer	District
John Judge	Assistant Director of Special Education Out-of-District Coordinator SECC Administrative Supervisor	District
Diane Gleason	Administrative Coach Grant Writer	District
Margaret Desilets	Evaluation Team Leader	District
Gary Burboa-Reese	Assistant Superintendent Homeschooling	District

	Title VI/IX Coordinator for Students	
Kevin Cormier	Director of STEM (Math, Science, & Engineering)	District
Brad Morgan	Superintendent	District

2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Dates

For now, all sub-committee and most school committee meetings will continue to be virtual as we continue to receive feedback that it is more convenient for the public to attend. Attendance at school committee meetings is one of the best ways to remain current with district policy, budgetary matters, and news.

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held on Thursday evenings and begin at 6:00 p.m. For the full docket of meetings, please click on the link below:

[SC Meeting Calendar.pdf](#)

Please note these dates are subject to change as committee business necessitates.

2023-2024 School Calendar

For the full 2023-2024 school calendar, please click the link below:

[School Calendar](#)

2023-2024 Caregiver-Teacher Conferences (March)

Due to the feedback we received, this year will be a little different than the past couple of years and will be as follows:

Elementary will encourage in-person but offer virtual if requested.

Middle will remain virtual.

Please keep in mind that while these are scheduled conference blocks, caregivers can request, either through the teacher or a guidance counselor, a meeting as well. Every effort needs to be made to ensure that these requests are granted in a timely manner.