



NMRSD Update

Monday, September 25, 2023

In the News

North Middlesex proudly announces that Jessica Harrington, a special education teacher in the +STEPS program at Nissitissit Middle School, has been selected to participate in the 2023-24 Teach Plus Education Policy Fellowship program. Learn more about the appointment [here](#), and we look forward to using her expertise in moving NM forward. In addition, Catherine Djerbaka, also a +STEPS teacher at Nissitissit and member of the 2022-23 Teach Plus cohort, is currently continuing her work as part of the 2023-24 Massachusetts Mobilizers, which will focus on expanding high school student access to opportunities to earn college credit and industry-recognized credentials, career counseling, and work-based learning. This work is being done with the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education.

North Middlesex is excited and proud to have teachers actively engaged in meaningful conversations regarding education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NM Patriots Apparel Flash Store

We're hosting an NM Patriots apparel flash store. Orders are due **on Sunday, October 1, 2023.**

Shop NM Patriots apparel, clothing, spirit wear, and merchandise on our NM Patriots flash store.

IMPORTANT: To ensure proper distribution, please begin by selecting the school you want to receive your merchandise. We will arrange to have orders sent home with your student. Parents will also have the choice to pick up during specified hours.

This is your opportunity to proudly wear NM Patriots merchandise and join in the school spirit!

NM Patriot Athletic Apparel Store

<https://redbrickclothing.com/rbcmall/stores/store/449>

Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming Weekend is almost here, and we're excited to invite all our alums and community members to join us in cheering on our Patriots!

Consider getting the Patriot All Access Card for an incredible Homecoming experience! With this card, you'll have entry to all varsity homecoming games and receive a souvenir lanyard to show off your Patriots pride!

Here's the schedule of games you won't want to miss:

10/6

- Varsity Golf vs. Tyngsboro @ Northern Spy Golf Course - 4:00pm
- Varsity Girls Volleyball vs. Hudson @ NMRHS - 7:00pm

10/7

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Lunenburg @ NMRHS - 10:00am
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Monty Tech @ NMRHS - 12:00pm
- Varsity Girls Field Hockey vs. Groton Dunstable @ NMRHS - 2:00pm
- Varsity Football vs. Northbridge @ NMRHS - 4:00pm

Let's fill the stands with #PatriotsPride! Don't miss this exciting weekend of sports and celebration. Go Patriots!

**ALUMNI
AND
COMMUNITY
WELCOME**

*Come cheer
on our
Patriots*

**Per game: \$3 Students, \$5 Adults
or
purchase your
Homecoming All-Access Card
\$10 Students, \$15 Adults
(Available at the
High School Main Office
M-F 9am-2pm until 10/6)
*cash only***

Marching Band Competition

On Saturday, September 30th, North Middlesex Regional High School will be host to a NESBA marching band competition. This event will feature fourteen high school bands, including a special performance from the exceptional UMass-Lowell Marching Band! Performances begin at 3:00 p.m., and awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Please come support our first home marching show!



The poster features a red oval at the top left containing the date and time. To the right is the NESBA logo, which includes a stylized 'N' with a flag and a treble clef. Below the logo is a small illustration of a marching band. The main title 'Marching Band Competition' is in large, bold, red letters with a drop shadow. Below it, the location and time are listed. The bottom section includes ticket prices, a concession icon, and the event's payment policy.

September 30, 2023
@ 3:00

NESBA

@ North Middlesex Regional High School
19 Main Street Townsend MA

Marching Band Competition

Enjoy over a dozen High School Marching Bands
& A Special performance by UMASS Lowell Marching Band

 **\$15 Adults,**
\$10 Students/ Seniors

NM

Concessions & 
50/50 Available

Event is CASH Only

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.

Title I - Annual Parent Meeting

Title I is a federal aid program for schools. The goal of Title I is to ensure a high-quality education for every child, by providing extra help to students who

need it most. Title I has three primary objectives:

- to improve student achievement for all participating children
- to improve staff development
- to improve parental and community involvement

For the 2023-2024 school year, Title I funds are being allocated to our three elementary schools, with academic interventionists focusing their efforts on reinforcing early literacy skills.

As part of the grant requirements, a meeting is held each year to explain the program and for families to learn about the service delivery in each school. This year's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually in order to provide greater opportunity for participation. If you would like to attend, please register [here](#), and a link for the meeting will be sent to you as the date approaches.

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 guidance counselor. If you are still concerned, contact the building Principal.

*Scheduling issues...*contact the Guidance 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 to speak with the applicable Director.

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

*Report Cards & Transcripts...*contact the Guidance 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 Guidance 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	Co-Principal	VBES
Meghan Branco	Co-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	District

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.

NMRSD Adopt a Spot Program

We will continue the NMRSD "Adopt a Spot" Program, which provides opportunities for companies, civic groups, and community members to adopt a "spot" (island/mulch bed/entryway) to create attractive, welcoming "oases" throughout the District. Adopters agree to invest "sweat equity" to maintain a spot at one of our schools, in return for which an Adopt a Spot sign recognizing the spot's adopter will be installed by the District. Adopters agree to maintain the area for one fiscal year (July-June) during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Spots are available at all of our schools.

To begin the process of becoming a Spot Adopter, please contact Andrea Royer at 978-597-8713 ext. 1900 to find a spot that suits your interest and discuss guidelines.