



We Are NM

NMRSD Update December 6, 2023

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 3-5 pm on weekdays and from 10 am-2 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 2-3 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.

Class of 2027

The Class of 2027 brings festive charm to your holiday season with NM Croc charms for just \$5.00! Swing by the high school main office during school hours starting on December 5th to snag yours or mark your calendars to pick up on Wednesday, December 20th, from 6-7:00 p.m. in front of the high school.

Looking for a great holiday gift?
Look no further.....
The Class of 2027 has you covered!
We are selling NM Croc charms!
• **\$5.00 (cash or check)**

YOU MAY PURCHASE THEM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS STARTING 12/5/23
OR
PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH 6PM-7PM IN FRONT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Questions? Or can't make it to the pick up time?
Please email:
Tiana Babin: tbabin@nmrsd.org
or
Carla McLeman: cmcleman@nmrsd.org

Winterfest

Get ready for a winter wonderland of festive fun at Winterfest! Join us at NMRHS, 19 Main Street, Townsend, on December 9th from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a spectacular craft fair featuring local vendors showcasing their unique creations. This event is brought to you by the NM Student Council, ensuring a fantastic atmosphere and a great selection of handmade goods. It's the perfect opportunity to find one-of-a-kind gifts for your loved ones this holiday season. If you're a talented vendor and want to be a part of this merry event, don't miss out—contact bchamberland@nmrsd.org to secure your spot. Let's make Winterfest a day to remember!

Winterfest

Where: North Middlesex Regional High School

Address: 19 Main Street, Townsend ❄️

When: December 9th, 10:00 - 2:30

What: Craft fair with local vendors!
Run by Student Council!

If you're interested in being a Vendor contact bchamberland@nmrsd.org



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

HBMS Choir Fundraiser

HBMS CHOIR PROGRAM
CAROL GRAMS FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 15th
 (Snow Date Dec. 16th)
Arrives between 5 - 8 p.m.
Townsend & Ashby

Send a Carol-Gram to someone special!

Performed by our 5-8 Grade Choir Members

1 Carol for \$5
 2 Carols for \$8
 3 Carols for \$10
 4 Carols for \$15
 5 Carols for \$20
 Bonus Carol for \$5

Choose from:
 • Jingle Bells
 • Joy to the World
 • Dreidel Dreidel Dreidel
 • We Wish You a Merry Christmas
 • Feliz Navidad
 • Bonus Carol - All I Want for Christmas by Mariah Carey

 Scan the QR Code to order your Carol Gram!
<https://hbms-choir.cheddarup.com>

NMRSD Food Drive

All seven North Middlesex School District schools will join forces in a food drive to benefit our local food pantries!

This event, being billed as ‘Stuff The Bus,’ involves each school serving as a food donation site and, at the end of their drive, filling the North Middlesex Regional School District mini-bus with everything they collected.

Once ‘stuffed,’ the donations will be delivered to TEO and PACH in time for the Holiday and winter months ahead.

The bus will also appear at Baileys Bar & Grille, where patrons can

North Middlesex School District

STUFF THE BUS FOOD DRIVE

December 6th - December 20th

School Drop Off Locations
 North Middlesex HS
 Ashby Elementary
 Varnum Brook Elementary
 Nissitissit MS
 Squannacook Early Childhood
 Hawthorne Brook MS
 Spaulding Memorial

Catch the bus, December 9th at

 Get a MRG \$10 voucher for your food donation.
 Voucher is good from January 1 - March 1

December 16th the bus will be at


Needs
 Paper Towels
 Toilet Paper
 Hand Soap & Dish Soap
 Aluminum Foil
 Taco & Chilli Seasoning
 Knorr Rice & Pasta Sides
 Hormel Instant Meals
 Condiments & Spices
 Jello & Pudding Cups
 Veggie Straws
 Gluten Free Snacks
 Breakfast Cereal
 Pancake Mix & Syrup
 Peanut Butter & Jelly
 Granola
 Cereal Bars
 Juice Boxes and Bottles
 Canned Fruits & Vegetables
 Canned Soups
 Canned Tuna & Chicken
 Boxed Rice, Quinoa
 Instant Potatoes
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Pasta & Sauce

THANK YOU

donate to our cause and receive a \$10 voucher, good at all three MRG locations.

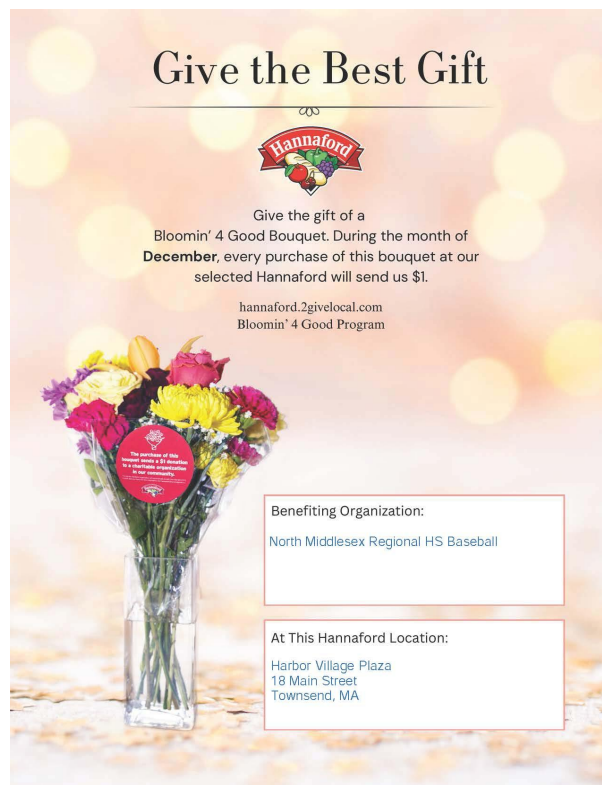
We will also be parked at Hannaford on Saturday the 16th, where grocery shoppers can donate food while completing their shopping.

Please bring your food donations and drop them off at any of our schools, Bailey's or Hannaford.

Let's 'Stuff The Bus' for those in our community!


NMRHS Baseball

Brighten up your Holiday table with a specially marked bouquet purchased from our local Hannaford's Supermarket (Harbor Village) during December, and support our high school baseball program with each purchase!



NMRHS Basketball

🏀 NM Basketball Store Fundraiser is here, and they'd love your support. Explore exclusive NM Basketball gear, supporting our players and boosting team spirit.

 Fundraiser Details: Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2023

👉 Store Link: [North Middlesex Basketball Apparel Store - Orders due 12/6/23](#)

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.

Building Counselors

As the role of traditional school counselors (previously referred to as Guidance Counselors) has evolved to meet the needs of our students, please read this article to learn more about the role of a school counselor in today's schools:

[Guidance-Counselor-vs-School-Counselor](#)

For more information on this, please contact your child's school counselor.

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 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 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	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 Homeschooling Title VI/IX Coordinator for Students	District
Kevin Cormier	Director of STEM (Math, Science, & Engineering)	District
Lisa Comeau	Director of Humanities (English, Language Arts, History & Social Sciences)	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.

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.