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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

As we enter the final months of the school year, May and June bring both important academic milestones and meaningful opportunities to celebrate our students' growth. During this time, students will be preparing for final exams and completing end-of-year projects that reflect the progress they have made throughout the year. It is also a season to recognize their creativity and accomplishments, especially as we look forward to our Spring Concert Series—a highlight that brings our school community together.

As we navigate this busy and meaningful time, we kindly ask for your continued support at home. Please encourage your child to prepare for their studies each day and to arrive at school with a fully charged laptop. This small step helps prevent interruptions during lessons that rely on technology. We truly appreciate your partnership as we work together to finish the year strong.

As we approach the end of the school year, students will begin participating in their NYS Science Assessments, Regents Exams, and final exams. The Grades 3–8 NYS Math Assessment is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 11th and 12th. The Algebra I Regents will take place on Wednesday, June 17th, followed by the Earth and Space Science Regents on Thursday, June 18th.

While not all students will be taking each exam, we encourage all students to remain focused and continue supporting one another. You can help your child prepare by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school ready to do their best each day.

State Assessment Dates:

Monday and Tuesday, May 11th and 12th	Grades 3-8 Math Assessment
Wednesday, June 18th	Algebra I Regents
Friday, June 20th	Earth and Space Sciences Regents

As we enter the fourth quarter, it is important to recognize that this marking period plays a significant role in determining final grades. Students are expected to maintain strong effort, stay organized, and complete all assignments, as this is the final opportunity to demonstrate their growth and understanding of the year's content. Consistent attendance, active participation, and a strong finish can make a meaningful difference in overall academic performance.

In addition, the Jr. Panther Players of NCRMS are proud to present their upcoming production of *James and the Giant Peach*. Performances will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. We encourage families to come out and support our talented students.

We have also been busy planning the Grade 8 celebrations that will send our upcoming freshmen off with a memorable and well-deserved celebration. The Grade 8 Moving Up

Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Place High School gymnasium. There is ample space in this venue, so there is no need to limit attendance or purchase tickets. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you. Following the ceremony, families will be dismissed behind the gymnasium to allow time for photos and celebration.

The Grade 8 Moving Up Dance will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd, at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please note that students are expected to attend school for the full day in order to participate in this event.

Additional Important Dates in May:

Tuesday, May 5th	BOE Budget Hearing 7:00 PM @MPHS
Thursday, May 7th	Grade 7 and 8 Band 7:30p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Monday, May 11th	Grades 7 and 8 Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Tuesday, May 12th	Grade 6 Band & Orchestra 7:30 PM @MPHS Auditorium
Wednesday, May 13th	Grade 8 Chorus and Vocal Jazz 7:30 p.m. @MPHS Auditorium
Thursday, May 14th	Grade 6 Chorus 7pm and Grade 7 Chorus 7:30 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Friday, May 15th:	Progress Reports Posted and Grades 6 and 7 Dance 6:30- 8:30 @ NCR Cafe
Tuesday, May 19th	Budget Vote 6:00 AM -9:00 PM @ NCRMS
Monday, May 25th	Memorial Day-SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday, May 28th	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm @MPHS

Last month……

On Thursday, April 23, we had the privilege of welcoming the ALS Ride for Life to North Country Road Middle School, where they spoke with our sixth grade class about the power of perseverance, resilience, and hope. The presentation shared the inspiring story behind the Ride for Life and its founder, Chris Pendergast, whose determination in the face of ALS continues to impact communities across Long Island and beyond. Our students had the opportunity to learn not only about the realities of ALS, but also about the importance of empathy, advocacy, and never giving up—even when faced with life's greatest challenges.

A special thank you to Ms. Ports and Ms. Martin for helping to organize and bring this important and inspiring experience to our students.

We will once again welcome the Ride for Life team to North Country Road Middle School on May 20th. Students and staff will line the bus circle to cheer on the participants as they continue their inspiring journey. This event holds special meaning for our community as we remember Chris Pendergast, a Miller Place native who battled ALS. His strength, courage, and legacy continue to inspire us to support this cause.

The annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., held from Wednesday, April 15th through Friday, April 17th, once again offered students an unforgettable blend of history, learning, and meaningful experiences. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum, where students explored the rich history of American aviation. They also participated in a guided walking tour of several iconic landmarks, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial.

A particularly impactful portion of the trip focused on the events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, providing students with a deeper understanding of this pivotal moment in American history.

As always, one of the most memorable experiences was the visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where students observed the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of our school community—a powerful tradition that fosters pride and reflection. This year's visit was made even more meaningful by a rare and moving moment, as students witnessed members of the Kennedy family paying their respects to their loved ones, adding a personal and profound dimension to an already impactful experience.

Pictures from 8th Grade Washington DC Trip









Character Coupon winners for the month of April were: Jude Ryan (8th Grade) from Ms. Deiner, Christian Morency (7th Grade) from Mr. Denning, and Peter Sikora (6th Grade) from Ms. Fisher. Students were recognized with tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion, generously provided by local vendors and merchants.

In order to prevent some potential traffic issues in our parking lots, children that are to be dropped-off and picked-up before and after school hours should be using the back parking lot that is accessible by the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Driveway. The NCRMS "north roadway" is closed to all traffic except buses from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Your cooperation and interest in the safety of our students is appreciated.

Schools across the nation are taking measures to enhance safety standards in their communities. It is very important that you remember to bring proper identification with you when signing your child out of our school for any reason. Please ensure that family members/friends listed on the Census Verification Card are able to provide identification as well.

Our weekly schedule of events can be found on our new webpage under **"NCR Building & Club Information"**. This link will provide weekly reminders that support our calendar and club google classrooms and will provide special announcements about cancellations and/or changes to the schedule. The goal of this link is to help inform students and parents about all the great things that are planned for the North Country Road Middle School. Please visit the District's homepage (http://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/) to find the link that will bring you to a site dedicated to promoting Miller Place School District happenings. Scroll through the page to see news stories and photos as we celebrate our District's hardworking students and dedicated staff.

From time to time the guidance office receives information on enrichment programs. If you are interested in learning more about these programs contact your child's guidance counselor.
Feel free to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, or any member of the administration at any time to answer your questions or address your concerns. Remember, no concern is too small. Working together, we can help your child reach his or her maximum potential in order to experience success.

Sincerely,

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