RESPECT
BELONG
ACHIEVE
TOGETHER

BETTER
STUDENTS
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS

NORTH RIDGE
RIDGE RUNNERS

Welcome to
NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Where you can get all important information

HOME OF THE RIDGE RUNNERS

SCHOOL HOURS
9:00 am - 3:45 pm

SCHOOL LOCATION
1619 N Jackson
217 4443400

ATTENDANCE OFFICE CONTACT
Ms. Jimson
217 4443404

STUDENT PICK UP
Please bring photo ID.
Must be listed on
approved pick up list.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS
No outside food and
drinks allowed.

ANY QUESTIONS?
Contact Mrs. Davis
217 4443400

VISION
To Engage, Educate, Empower,
Every Student, Every Day!

MISSION
Engage students by encouraging lifelong learning. Educate them for success in college and careers, and empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

ENGAGE • EDUCATE • EMPOWER

NORTH RIDGE RIDGE RUNNERS

SAME SCHOOL BIGGER BRIGHTER FUTURES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION & GENERAL OFFICE

	CONTACT PHONE / EMAIL
First Student Bus Garage	217-920-1347 / 217-920-1348
Main Office	217-444-3400
Receptionist (Mrs. Davis)	217-444-3403

STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

	CONTACT PHONE / EMAIL
Attendance (Ms. Jimson)	217-444-3404
Nurse (Nurse Ingold)	217-444-3408
Home Liaison (Mr. Hightowen)	217-444-3474
Home Liaison (Ms. Davis)	217-444-3482

7TH GRADE TEAM

	CONTACT PHONE / EMAIL
Guidance Counselor (C. Helferich)	HelferichC@danville118.org
Guidance Secretary (Mrs. Curry-Varner)	217-444-3419
7th Grade Dean (Ms. Williams)	WilliamsM1@danville118.org

8TH GRADE TEAM

	CONTACT PHONE / EMAIL
Guidance Counselor (T. Ferber)	FerberT@Danville118.org
Guidance Secretary (Ms. Augustson)	217-444-3412
8th Grade Dean (Mr. Smith)	Smithj@Danville118.org

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

QUICK REFERENCE CONTACT GUIDE

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | RELATIONSHIPS | RESULTS

STRONG STUDENTS BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



2026-2027

OWNERSHIP IN EDUCATION

HANDBOOK

DANVILLE 118 FOUNDED 1862

DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

110 E. Williams - Danville, IL 61832 - (217) 444-1000 - www.danville118.org

2026–2027

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY (2026–2027)

Zero-Tolerance Window: No personal electronic or telecommunication devices allowed **between 8:45 AM (arrival) and 3:45 PM (dismissal).**



DAILY ARRIVAL & STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- **Yondr Pouch Storage:** Upon arrival, students must power off all personal electronic devices and store their cell phone, smartwatch, and AirPods inside their assigned Yondr Pouch.



- **Over-Ear Headphones:** Headphones that are too large to fit in the Yondr Pouch must be kept out of sight in the student's backpack or locker.



- **Prohibited Items:** Personal laptops, iPads, tablets, and similar large devices will be confiscated at the door. **DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL.**



ENFORCEMENT & VIOLATIONS



IMPORTANT: Any personal electronics visible during the school day will be confiscated starting on the first offense.



Parent Pick-Up Required: Confiscated personal electronic devices will not be returned to students. A parent or legal guardian must come to the main office to pick up confiscated electronics.



2026–2027

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE VIOLATIONS POLICY (2026-2027)

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE & ZERO TOLERANCE
No personal electronic or telecommunication devices allowed. **THIS INCLUDES LUNCH, PASSING PERIODS, AND RESTROOM BREAKS.**



VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES & PROGRESSIVE

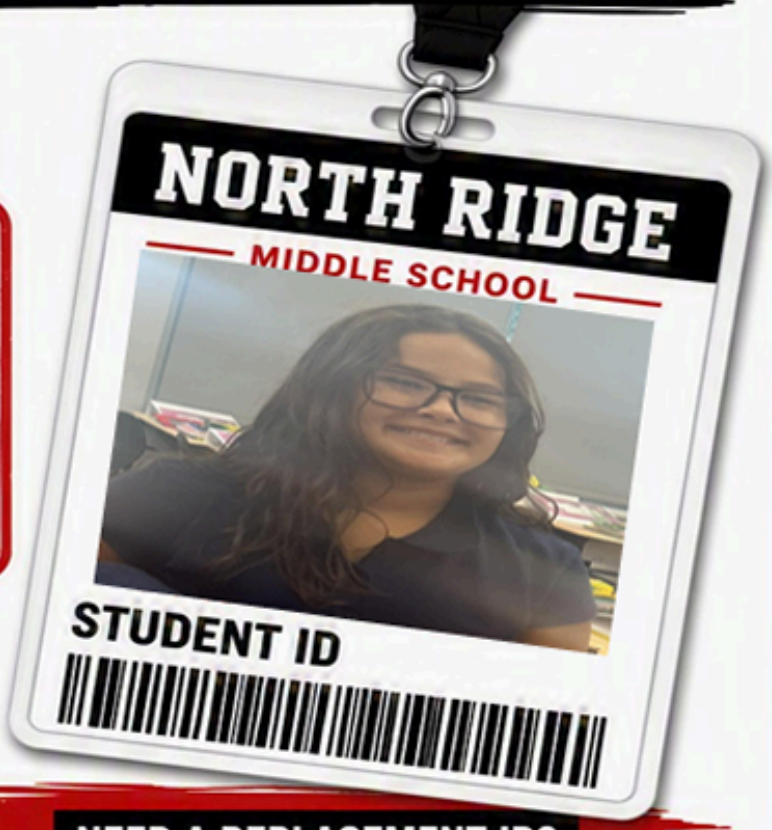
1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	3RD OFFENSE	4TH OFFENSE	5TH OFFENSE
Device Confiscated	Device Confiscated	Device Confiscated	Device Confiscated	Device Confiscated
Parent Pickup	Parent Pickup	Parent Pickup	Parent Pickup	Parent Pickup
Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home
Discipline Referral	After-School Detention	Half-Day ISS	Full-Day ISS	Progressive Discipline
	Phone Home for Quarter	Phone Home for Semester	Phone Home for School Year	Daily Phone Check
		Caregiver Meeting	Caregiver Meeting	May Lead to OSS

NORTH RIDGE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT ID REPLACEMENT NOTICE

Students who have misplaced or lost their school ID will be charged a:

$5.00
REPLACEMENT FEE



TO RECEIVE A NEW ID:

- Pay the $5.00 replacement fee
- Visit Mrs. Curry-Varner in the Guidance Office
- Receive your new school ID
- Guidance Office: 217-444-3419

NEED A REPLACEMENT ID?

SEE MRS. CURRY-VARNER IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

217-444-3419

Pay the fee and receive your new ID.

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Students are expected to have their school ID available each school day.

GUIDANCE OFFICE
217-444-3419

ID REPLACEMENT FEE:
$5.00

THANK YOU!
Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure school environment!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Parents

TeacherEase Access

Want to Keep Up with Grades & Behavior?

TeacherEase provides easy, convenient access to your child's grades, behavior, and teacher communication.



Log In or Set Up an Account

1. Visit www.TeacherEase.com and log in with your email address.
2. Call your student's guidance office and we'll create an account with your email.

Scan QR Code for Instant Access

HAVE QUESTIONS or NEED HELP?

7th Grade Office: 217-444-3419

8th Grade Office: 217-444-3412

Interested? Set up your account today!

TARDY WARS

7TH GRADE VS 8TH GRADE

October 26–November 12

Which grade level can keep the LEAST AMOUNT of tardies?!

THE GOAL:

20 OR LESS

TARDIES AS A GRADE LEVEL

THE PRIZE:

WALKING NACHOS ON NOVEMBER 16

FOR THE WINNING GRADE!
WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!



WINTER SCHOOL CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2026 & JANUARY 2027

DECEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 ALL SCHOOLS ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3	4	5
6	7	8		10	11 EARLY DISMISSAL FOR WINTER BREAK	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 ALL SCHOOLS ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL - BEFORE WINTER BREAK	
20	21 DISTRICT CLOSED - WINTER BREAK Two weeks Dec 21 – January 1 Winter Break	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED - WINTER BREAK Two weeks Dec 21 – January 1 Winter Break					1
3	4 STUDENTS & STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL	5	6 ALL SCHOOLS ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	7	8	9
10	11	12		14	15	16
17	18 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED – MARTIN LUTHER KING 3R DAY District closed	19	20 ALL SCHOOLS ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	21	22	23
24		26		28	29	
31						

NOVEMIBER 2026 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Tue 11/3/2026 Beys 8th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away-Mahomet) TBA Boys 7th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away-Mahomet) TBA Giris 8th - Basketball vs Georgetown (Away GEORCETOWN) 4:30 PM	4 Wed 11/4/2026 Boys 7th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away Mahomet) 4:30 PM Boys 8th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away Mahomet) 4:20 PM	5 Thu 11/5/2026 Giris 8th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Home) 4:30 PM	6 Fri 11/6/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away Mahomet) 4:30 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Mahomet (Away Mahomst) 4:30 PM	7
8	9 Mon 11/9/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Charleston (Home) 4:30 PM Bays 7th - Basketball vs Charleston (Home) 4:30 PM	10 Tue 11/10/2026 Giris 8th - Basketball vs Urbana (Home) 4:30 PM Beys 8th - Basketball vs Edizon (Home) 4:30 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Edizon (Home) 4:30 PM	11	12 Thu 11/12/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Jefferson (Home) 4:15 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Jefferson (Home) 4:15 PM	13	14
15	16 Mon 11/16/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Rantoul (Home) 4:30 PM Giris 8th - Basketball vs Rantoul (Away-RANTOUL) 5:00 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Rantoul (Home) 5:00 PM	17 Tue 11/17/2026 Giris 8th - Basketball vs Edison (Home) 4:30 PM	18 Wed 11/18/2026 Beys 8th - Basketball vs Urbana (Away-URBANA) 4:30 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Urbana (Away-ORBANA) 4:30 PM	19	20	21 Sat 11/21/2026 Beys 8th - Basketball vs Urbana (Away-Urbana) TBA Beys 7th - Basketball vs Urbana (Away-Orbana) TBA
22	23 Mon 11/23/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Franklin (Home) 4:30 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Franklin (Home) 4:30 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Mon 11/30/2026 Boys 8th - Basketball vs Seeger (Home) 4:30 PM Boys 7th - Basketball vs Seeger (Home) 4:30 PM					

HOME vs. AWAY

NORTH RIDGE SCHOOL
CLUB & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Book Efair (All Day)	2 Drama Club 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Cafetorium) Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Band Room)	3 Chess Club 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (Band Room) Volleyball 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Gym)	4 Builders Club 8:15 AM - 8:45 AM (Library) Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (Band Room)	5 Student Council Meeting 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM (Room 607) Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (Band Room) HBCU College Fair 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Field House)	6
9	9 NJHS 8:00 AM - 8:40 AM (Rm 808) Computer Club 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (Rm 603) Newspaper 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Drama Club 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	10 Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	11 NJHS 8:00 AM - 8:40 AM Yearbook 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Drama Club 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM GSA Meeting 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	12 NJHS Meeting 8:00 AM - 8:40 AM (Room 808)	13
16	16 Drama Club 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	17 Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	18 Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Volleyball Open Gym 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (Gym)	19 Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM C.E.E. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Cafetorium) NJHS Trivia Night 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Cafetorium)	20
23	23 Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	24 Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	25 Thanksgiving Break - No School (All Day) Drumline 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	26 Thanksgiving Break - No School (All Day) Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	27
29	30 Drama Club 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Jazz Band 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM				

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



NOVEMBER 17, 2026

MISSED YOUR CHANCE?

A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISTINGUISHED SMILE.

- CODE: 0519vjc
- LOCATION: SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
- WHO: ALL STUDENTS & FACULTY WHO MISSED THE INITIAL DATE OR WANT A NEW PHOTO
- RETAKES ARE FOR YEARBOOK & ID CARDS

$30

For Sale
YEARBOOKS

Orders due April 1st

7 MINDSETS

NORTH RIDGE RIDGE RUNNERS

WE ARE CONNECTED

NOVEMBER MINDSET THEMES

RELATIONSHIPS • TEAMWORK • VALUE • INCLUSION

We are Connected builds a sense of belonging. Life is happier and more meaningful when we build good relationships. It helps us be kind, work well with others, and see that we are never truly alone. Friends, family, teachers and our community are always there.

WEEK 1

November 2-November 6



EMBRACE EVERYONE

Welcome others with acceptance and kindness.

WEEK 2

November 9-November 13

MAXIMIZE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS



Build relationships that bring trust and happiness.

WEEK 3

November 16-November 20



BUILD YOUR DREAM TEAM

Surround yourself with people who inspire and support you.

WEEK 4

November 23-November 24

LEAD WITH VALUE



Help others and make a positive impact in your relationships.

STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS • POSITIVE SUPPORT • WE ARE CONNECTED

North Ridge Middle School

NOVEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

Go Ridge Runners!

★ ★ NOVEMBER 11 ★ ★
VETERANS DAY



Honoring Those Who Served

On November 11th, we honor thank the brave men and women whr have served uir country.

sacrifice, and dedication, tnd to protecting the acts of freedoms will never be forgetten.

Thank you, veterans, for your service!

NOVEMBER 13
WORLD KINDNESS



Kindness Starts With YOU!

A little kindness can make us a BIG differ: Our Ridge Runners encourage stread copassion, show compassion that even brighten someone's day.



NOVEMBER 19
NATIONAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DAY



Bridging The Gap Between Home & School!

At North Ridge Middle Schoo we know that student success beginrs strong Mr. Hightnowner and Miss Davis Davis, who work tirelesly to meet with relation-lationships, connect soient success, and ensure our families feel supported to lived.

Our Home Liaisons are an essential part for our Ridge Runner, helping reluing strengthen schoool, students, students and value.

NOVEMBER 16-20
SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK



Celebrating Our Amazing Substitutes!

Our substitute teachers play an important role in keeping our classrooms running smoothly! This week, we recognize and witn appreciate dedication, and willinness, and willingness to step in whenever needed.

Thank you for being an import ant of our Ridge Runner family!

NOVEMBER 2026

K-8 Breakfast Menu

10.23.26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Pumpkin Bread Mozzarella String Cheese Plain Applesauce 100% Fruit Punch Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	3 Mini Pancake Sausage Bites w/Syrup Peach Cup 100% Orange Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	4 French Toast Sticks Fresh Apples 100% Apple Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	5 Powdered Mini Donut Banana 100% Very Berry Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	6 Egg Turkey Bagel Pizza Raisins 100% Grape Juice 1% or Skim White Milk
9 Honey Bun Strawberry Applesauce Colby Jack Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Punch Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	10 Sausage Biscuit Fresh Orange 100% Orange Juice 1% or Skim white Milk	11 Cherry Strudel Strawberry Go-gurt Fresh Apple 100% Apple Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	12 Banana Bread Banana 100% Very Berry Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Peach Cup 100% Grape Juice 1% or Skim White Milk
16 Mini Pancakes Cinnamon Applesauce 100% Fruit Punch Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	17 Egg and Cheese Bagel Fresh Orange 100% Orange Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	18 Donut Holes Fresh Apple 100% Apple Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	19 Pancake Sausage Sandwich w/Cheese Banana 100% Very Berry Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	20 Assorted Cereal Vanilla Yogurt Clementines 100% Grape Juice 1% or Skim White Milk
23 Egg, Cheese, Sausage Scrambler Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Punch Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	24 Variety Cereal Bars Graham Crackers Strawberry Banana Applesauce 100% Orange Juice 1% or Skim White Milk	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 Pull Apart Donut Plain Applesauce 100% Apple Juice 1% or Skim White Milk				

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Menu Subject to Change

The Interactive Menu linqconnect.com has Real Time Updates

Served Daily:
Cold 1% White Milk
Cold Skim White Milk
Lactose Free Milk

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NOVEMBER 2026

K-8 Lunch Menu

10.23.26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Cheeseburger on WG Bun w/Pickles, Mustard & Ketchup Steamed Sweet Corn Grape Tomatoes w/Ranch Diced Peaches	3 Breaded Chicken Drumsticks 3 Cheese WG Cavatappi BBQ Baked Beans Fresh Celery w/Ranch Grapes	4 French Bread Pizza w/ WG Crust and Marinara Tossed Salad w/Dressing Steamed Carrots	5 Egg and Cheese Omelet Turkey Sausage Link WG Pancakes w/Butter, Syrup Hashbrown Patty Dragon Juice Fresh Orange Slices	6 Baked Potato w/ Butter, Chilli Topping, Sour Cream Shredded Cheese WG Dinner Roll Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit
9 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Edamame Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Pineapple Tidbits Chocolate Chip Cookie	10 Corn Dog w/Mustard, Ketchup Green Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Cocktail	11 Chicken Tenders w/BBQ Sauce Sliced Bread Smiley Face Potatoes Baby Carrots w/Ranch Fresh Grapes	12 Homestyle Sloppy Joe On WG Bun Steamed Carrots Popeye Salad w/Dressing Strawberry Kiwi Fruit Slushy	13 Meatloaf WG Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Sliced Cucumbers w/Ranch Fresh Apple
16 BBQ Riblet on WG Hoagie Bun Crinkle Fries Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Mandarin Oranges	17 Turkey Taco w/ Lettuce, Shredded Cheese, Salsa Sour Cream Spanish Rice Refried Beans Grape Tomatoes Diced Pears	18 Chicken Patty on Bun w/Mayonnaise Steamed Corn Fresh Cauliflower w/Ranch Fresh Grapes	19 Roasted Turkey w/Gravy Cornbread Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Baked Cinnamon Apples Brownie	20 Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad w/Dressing Mixed Vegetables Fresh Apples
23 Beef Hot Dog on Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Celery w/Ranch Sliced Peaches	24 WG Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers Variety Fresh Fruit	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 Cheeseburger on WG Bun w/Pickles, Mustard & Ketchup Steamed Sweet Corn Grape Tomatoes w/Ranch Diced Peaches				

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HAPPY THNKSGIVING!

Served Daily:
Cold 1% White Milk
Cold Skim White Milk
Cold 1% Chocolate Milk
Cold 1% Strawberry Milk

2nd Meal Option
Variety of Specialty Salad
Or Deli Sandwiches

Vegetarian Options:
Mixed Lettuce Salad
Sunflower Jelly Sandwich
Cheese Filled Bosco Stick
Popeye Salad w/Cheese Stick
Grilled Cheese Sandwich