

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE JANUARY 29, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the high school. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at the high school at 5:00 PM. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

Maintenance Building Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee reviewed three options to address the required renovation of the existing 2-bay garage on the current high school property. The building committee agreed that renovating the existing 2-bay garage was the most economical option. The options were reviewed during the school committee meeting on November 21, 2016. The school committee decided to move forward with the renovation option for a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Artificial Turf Field Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee discussed the possibility of adding an artificial turf field to the athletic upgrades for the project. An evaluation of the costs, long term maintenance, potential health concerns and usage needs were conducted over the next two months. A preliminary discussion/presentation occurred at the school committee meeting on December 5, 2016, followed by a formal presentation during the school committee meeting on January 9, 2017. During the school committee meeting on January 9th, the committee voted to bring a warrant article to the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to add an artificial turf field to the high school building project. The article will be brought to a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Note – for both the maintenance building and artificial turf field – it is the building committee's intent that the funds to cover these items would come from cost savings realized during the current high school building project and would not have an additional impact on our member towns.

Excellent progress continues on the high school building project site. Concrete work is complete on the main stairs in the common area and seating area of the auditorium. Drywall work continues and is complete in many areas of the building. Painting of the classrooms and hallways is also underway with tile work in the hallways and flooring installation in the classrooms. The masonry work in the gym and locker rooms is almost complete.

The exterior masonry work continues with the majority of the brickwork complete – work continues on a few exterior columns. The installation of the metal panels is complete on parapet walls surrounding the fly-loft and surrounding the library/media center with trim and finish detail work on-going.

Week of 01/30

- Complete masonry in locker rooms in E building
- Close up walls /taping in locker rooms in building E
- Complete framing MEP rough in soffit and board kitchen soffit
- Continue taping and sanding in C and E building
- Continue priming and 1st coat of gymnasium decking
- Complete exterior AVB in east elevation
- MEP rough in auditorium / A /E and C building and mechanical space
- Install doors and hardware in D building

- Continue installing marker and tack boards
- Install mock- up of lockers for review
- Continue installation of elevator in C building
- Complete porcelain tile in corridor B-2 and start tiling corridors in B-1
- Layout and start base kitchen walls
- Start install frame CW 13 and CW 21
- Continue interior SF and glazing in C building
- Install frame and glazing at CW /SF east elevation entrance
- Prepping and installing VCT in classrooms in B-1 / science rooms in B-2
- Continue ceiling grid in A and C building
- Insulation of MEP in all areas
- Installing MEP finishes in D and B buildings
- Installing sheetrock in E building/C building and auditorium
- Continue rigging in auditorium
- Continue interior and exterior caulking
- Installing science rooms in B-1
- Start polished concrete in D building
- Complete doors and hardware in MDF/IDF room
- Complete cleaning of MDF
- Startup of split system in D/B/A building

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, February 1, Scholarship Foundation Meeting, NMRHS, 7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, January 31st, NM Girls Basketball v. Clinton (JV 4:30 PM and Varsity 6 PM)

This game is the girls' basketball program annual fundraiser to support the ALS Foundation, and remember longtime supporter of the NM basketball Joe Killelea, who lost his fight with ALS last year.

SQUANNACOOK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT:

February 1, 2017

6:00-7:00 PM

10 Hollis Street, Pepperell

978-433-6150

COMMUNITY EDUCATION FORUM:

The Commissioner of Education will hold a regional town hall meeting from 6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, January 31 in the main lounge of Fitchburg State University's Hammond Building, 160 Pearl St. Registration and refreshments will be served from 6:00-6:30 PM.

Commissioner Chester will discuss the successes and challenges of the state's K-12 school system and how the state and districts work together. His opening presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The event is free and open to the public, but people who plan to attend are requested to register for the event.

Registration for the event is available online at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=9477>.

THE NEW NMRHS – 2017 PROGRAM OF STUDIES NIGHT

A reminder that our annual Program of Studies Evening for the 2017-2018 academic year will take place on Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 PM. This year's event is especially important as we will be reviewing the curriculum opportunities which will be offered at the new high school during the 2017-2018 school year.

The evening will begin in the auditorium and will include a walk-through of the process of signing up for classes. Parents and students will then be invited to our curriculum fair, where specific information about the classes offered by all our departments will be available, and subject specialists will be on hand to answer questions. This evening is open to all high school-aged students in our three member towns, current NMRHS students as well as current seventh and eighth graders and their families. By the end of the day on February 7, grades nine through eleven will have received their program of studies packet in advisory, and grade eight students will have received their packets in homerooms.

CHOIR BOOSTERS CASINO NIGHT

Don't miss Casino Night 2017 on Saturday, February 11th, benefiting the NMRHS Choral program! Over the past several months, we've been working tirelessly to bring you an evening of entertainment, fun and great prizes – all in support of our choral program and students. One hundred percent of the funds raised at Casino Night will go directly to the choral program to provide music and concert attire, produce concerts, and support our kids as they perform in NYC this spring.

Tickets are just \$40 in advance (\$45 at the door) and include a dinner buffet at 6:00 PM, gaming from 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM, and prizes awarded at 9:30 PM! Tickets are going quickly – so get yours now and have an early Valentine's Day celebration with us! To reserve your tickets, email nmchoirboosters@gmail.com.

NM Choir Boosters will be meeting Tuesdays January 24, January 31 and February 7 at 6:30 PM in the choir room to prepare for the upcoming Casino Night fundraiser. If you have a child in the choral program, please consider sending at least one person to attend these meetings.

ASHBY 250th KIDS WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Noon to 5:00 PM

Ashby Elementary School

All activities are free of charge, See attached flyer.

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention will be held at Nissitissit Middle School during the week of June 26th-June 30th. The camp day will run from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Students will engage in a variety of STEM activities as well as team building and problem-solving using real world ideas. Camp Invention is sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. It is open to all students in grades K - 6 for full participation, and there are limited spots for students in 7-9 as counselors in training. We also will be accepting applications for leadership interns (volunteer positions for students in high school or College). Please contact Branden Judkins (bjudkins@nmrsd.org) with any additional questions.

NM CARES

NM Cares is sponsoring 'High and Seek' on February 1 at 6:00 PM at the Townsend Ridge Country Club. This event is an interactive presentation for adults only, using a Staged Teenage Bedroom with indicators and warning signs of teenage risky behaviors, such as drug use and underage drinking. Participants tour the bedroom, receive training on current drug and alcohol trends, what to look for, and techniques for communicating with teens. This event is free for adults age 21 and up. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity, designed to help promote early detection and intervention of teenage risky behaviors. See flyer attached.