

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FEBRUARY 5, 2017

The North Middlesex Regional School District congratulates “the other Patriots” on winning the Super Bowl!

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 include the following:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Varnum Brook Elementary PTO ~ Lisa Horne
2. Photovoltaic System (NMRHS Building Site) ~ Heidi Messing

The Policy Subcommittee will be recommending that the school committee adopts the following policy for (1st reading):

- IHA Basic Instructional Program

The Policy Subcommittee will be recommending that the school committee adopts the following policy for (2nd reading):

- FF Naming School Facilities

Finance Subcommittee

- FY18 Budget Discussion

Facilities Advisory Subcommittee

- Review FY18 Capital Plan

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brad Brooks, Director of Special Education, recommends the Committee extend the three-year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017) transportation contract with Van Pool Transportation, for an additional three years July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020 Discussion/Vote
2. WIFI Update Discussion/Vote

NEW BUSINESS

- North Middlesex Regional High School Bond Discussion/Vote

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 include the FF&E bid results.

Public Forums have been scheduled for February 28 and March 23 at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium to provide members of the community with an opportunity to ask questions regarding adding an artificial turf field to the high school building project. We hope all community stakeholders will attend these important forums.

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 02/06

- Complete masonry in E building locker room
- Complete drywall in E building locker rooms
- Hanging drywall on gym walls
- Complete taping kitchen soffit
- Continue taping and sanding in C and E buildings
- MEP rough in auditorium / A /E and C buildings and mechanical space
- Continue installing doors and hardware in D building
- Continue installing marker and tack boards/ install lockers
- Continue install of elevator
- Complete porcelain tile corridor B-2 and continue corridors B-1
- Layout and start kitchen quarry tile
- Complete frame and glazing CW 13 and start CW 21 frame
- Continue interior SF and glazing in C building
- Installing ACM, porcelain panels in E building and installing phenolic soffits west elevation
- Installing VCT classrooms- science rooms B-1
- Continue ceiling grid in A and C buildings
- Insulation of MEP in all areas

- Installing MEP finishes in B and A buildings
- Continue rigging in auditorium
- Continue interior and exterior caulking
- Complete science rooms B-1- set countertops and install finishes
- Continue polished concrete in D building
- Startup of RTUs in D building
- Complete OH Work to complete list on Procore- D building

CENTRAL DISTRICT RESULTS FOR NISSITISSIT

On Saturday, January 28th, 20 Nissitissit Middle School students auditioned for the Central District Festival. Nissitissit had nine chorus students and one band student accepted into the festival! Congratulations to:

Troy W. on trumpet and our Vocalists, Chloe B., Nina S., Eva H., Mark A., Aaron C., Ella G., Elizabeth C., Emily D., and Dova K.

Congratulations to everyone and a big thank you to Mr. Lanctot and Mrs. Wilson for their efforts.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday, February 8	Early Release / Professional Development	Early Dismissal Schedule
Thursday, February 9	NMRHS Program of Studies Evening - Auditorium	6 pm – 8 pm
Saturday, February 11	Casino Night 2017 - Townsend Ridge CC	6 pm

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.