

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FEBRUARY 12, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 PM** at the high school. Agenda items include the following:

The Superintendent will present an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the North Middlesex Regional School District. The public has the opportunity to address the School Committee relative to the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The proposed FY2018 budget is available for viewing online at <http://nmrsd.org>. Hard copies of the FY2018 budget can be picked up at the Educational Support Center, 45 Main Street, Pepperell, MA 01463.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the high school at 5:00 PM. Agenda items will be included in a future weekly 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. Wall tile and lockers are being installed in many areas of the building. The boilers, many of the rooftop air condition units and the elevator are operational. Flooring has been installed in many of the classrooms along with classroom cabinets and marker boards. 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 02/13

- Complete masonry in E building locker room
- Complete drywall in locker rooms in building E

- Hanging drywall on high gym walls
- Complete taping kitchen soffit
- Continue taping and sanding C and E buildings
- MEP rough in auditorium / A / E and C buildings and mechanical space
- Startup of RTU in B and C buildings
- Continue installing doors and hardware in D building
- Continue to install lockers in D-1 and B-2
- Install elevator vent
- Complete porcelain tile corridor in B-1 and continue ceramic staff bathrooms and science rooms
- Layout and start kitchen quarry tile
- Complete frame and glazing CW 13 east elevation
- Continue interior SF and glazing in C building
- Installing ACM, Porcelain panels in E building and installing phenolic soffits in 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
- Complete polished concrete in A building
- Installing glazing A /B building protest
- Griffin complete with protest work in gym
- Complete rooms to complete list on Procore- D building

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, February 14	School Committee meeting - ILC	7:00 – 10:00 PM
Thursday, February 16	Program of Studies evening – NMRHS Auditorium	6:00-8:00 PM
February 21 - 24	No School: Winter Vacation	
February 28	Artificial Turf Field Public Forum – NMRHS	7:00 PM

THE NEW NMRHS – 2017 PROGRAM OF STUDIES NIGHT

The NMRHS Program of Studies evening will take place on Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 PM. 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. As of February 10th, all students in grades 8-11 have received a packet that includes information on course selection for the 2017-2018 school year.

NM MUSICIANS

The following NM musicians were selected for the All- State Music Festival and Conference to be held in Boston, March 9-11 culminating with a concert at Symphony Hall. The audition process is rigorous and truly encompasses excellence and skill from our students. We enthusiastically congratulate:

Paige D. - Trumpet

Kyle K. - Choir

Adam K. - Double Bass

Alivia R. - Choir

Joseph T. – Choir

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Coaches v. Cancers Basketball Games vs. Groton Dunstable will be held on Friday 2/17/17

Girls Varsity at 5:00 PM

Boys Varsity at 7:00 PM

Cancer survivors can enjoy the game for free wearing their survivor t-shirt!

Spring Athletic Registration-

Begins Friday, February 3rd and ends Sunday, March 5th.

Late Registration begins Monday, March 6th and ends Sunday, March 19th. (A non-refundable late registration fee of \$25.00 is applied during this period.)

WHITSONS FOOD SERVICE

Whitsons is now serving breakfast on early release days.

Regular breakfast hours apply. The menu consists of assorted muffins and donuts along with fruit and 100 percent juice. We want to take this opportunity to remind parents that breakfast is also available to any eligible students who qualify for free or reduced pricing.

Paid breakfast \$1.25, reduced 30 cents and free breakfast (for eligible students)

Any questions, please contact Michelle Curran at 978-597-8721 x 2457 or email curranms@whitsons.com.

ASHBY 250th KIDS WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Noon to 5:00 PM

Ashby Elementary School

All activities are free of charge.

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.