

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE JANUARY 7, 2018

The NM Robotics Team won the Southeastern Mass Qualifying Competition held at Bristol Community College in Fall River on Saturday. This win qualifies the team to compete at the Southern New England Regional Tournament in March. Congratulations to all!

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018; at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

PRESENTATION

1. SEPAC Report ~ Co-Chairs, Connie Menice & Sally Greig

OLD BUSINESS

1. Footsteps2Brilliance Discussion/Vote

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Changes to the North Middlesex Regional High School Program of Studies for the 2018-2019 School Year Discussion/Vote
2. FY'19 Budget Requests for North Middlesex Regional High School Discussion/Vote
3. FY'19 Budget Requests for Hawthorne Brook Middle School Discussion/Vote
4. FY'19 Budget Requests for Nissitissit Middle School Discussion/Vote
5. FY'19 Budget Request for Technology Discussion/Vote
6. FY'19 Budget Request for Assistant Superintendent 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, January 8, 2018; at the high school at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items include the following:

OPM Report

- Construction Progress with Photo Update
- Review Contractor's Construction Project Schedule
- Review Contractor's Construction Change Order
- Review Hazardous Materials Removal Update
- Review Project Budget
- Review Designer Update for "Athletic Field B"
- Review Designer Update for "Snack Shack" ~ Awaiting Final Pricing from Contractors

SQUANNA COOK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Preschool Information Night: January 18, 2018 (snow date January 25th) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Varnum Brook School

Registration: March 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 9th Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting 4:30-6:30 p.m. ~ NMRHS Café Annex

Tuesday, January 12th Hawthorne Brook 6th - 8th Grade Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. ~ NMRHS

Monday, January 15th, No School, MLK Jr Day

Wednesday, January 17th Hawthorne Brook/Spaulding Memorial 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. ~ HBMS

NORTH MIDDLESEX SNOW DAY EXTENDED LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM

The Snow Day Extended Learning program provides the students of NMRSD with real-time, authentic learning opportunities to replace canceled school days in place of adding the days to the end of the school calendar in June. Teachers will provide curriculum-based learning that their students can complete in place of a canceled school day. Assignments may be short-term, unit-based or a long-term project equal to multiple days of learning.

The pilot program will take place starting January 16, 2018, through April 1, 2018, for up to five snow days that may take place during that time period.

There are a few ways that you can learn more about the details of the pilot program:

- Faculty and staff will have overview and training meetings during the first two weeks of January to review the contents of the Extended Learning pilot and to begin creating assignments that reflect their grade level, subject and curriculum needs.
- The district website has the PowerPoint presentation used at the December 18th school committee meeting for you to view, as well as, the pilot proposal containing an Overview, Frequently Asked Questions, Roles and Responsibilities, Sample Assignments and the Communication Plan. These can be accessed on the front page or by choosing the Extended Learning tab.
- An Informational Meeting for families is going to be held next Thursday, January 11, 2018, beginning at 6:30 pm at the North Middlesex Regional High School.
- Individual Schools will be sending out information through their preferred communication methods as well.

At the end of the pilot, the Snow Day Extended Learning committee will send out a survey to determine the strengths and areas of improvement for this initiative. The school committee will then be presented with a recommendation from the committee to either adopt the Extended Learning for future years, continue with a revised pilot, or discontinue the program based on the results of the survey.

We are excited to be a district piloting this alternative to the traditional “making up” of all snow days at the end of June and feel that this will provide a quality alternative for the students of North Middlesex to learn in an extended environment.

A special thank you to Principal Janda and members of the Snow Day Extended Learning committee for their commitment to this process.

MESSAGE FROM NM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE- Kenny Chesney tickets at Gillette Stadium!

The NM Scholarship Committee encourages all students to participate in our annual raffle. We hope that all students reserve their "10 tickets" here. Students can sign up for tickets to sell between now and January 12th. A member of the Scholarship Committee will then be available both during lunches and after school on January 16th 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00-6:00 p.m. and January 17th 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to distribute the actual tickets.

Sold ticket stubs and money, as well as any unsold ticket stubs, are due February 14, 2018.

Each student who sells ten tickets will be entered into a raffle to win \$100. (The committee did this a few years ago with the Taylor Swift raffle.)

MESSAGE FROM PROJECT GRADUATION

Comedy Night – Join NMRHS Project Graduation on Saturday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. for a night out. Enjoy a night of laughter in the high school auditorium.

COVER - \$25 @ door / \$20 advance purchase / \$25 advance PREMIUM Reserved seating.

Contact any committee member for tickets – see the event on our Facebook page NMRHS Project Graduation.

Contact pgnmrsd@yahoo.com or 508 736 5116 Kris Bouchard for further information.

MESSAGE FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The North Middlesex Regional School District will be activating district email accounts for elementary students. Student email addresses will be linked to their existing Google Apps accounts. Communication to and from their district email accounts will be restricted to communication with other district students and staff using the same nmrsd.org domain and receiving emails from select approved district systems such as Aspen.

Activating district email accounts for elementary students provides a safe and secure opportunity to begin teaching students proper use of email at an early age. It will provide a good communication tool for collaborative projects, communication from teachers, and opens up the option for elementary teachers to use Google Classroom, Aspen Pages, and other interactive tools with their classes.

Parents who wish to monitor their student's district email and Google Apps activity may use the login information for their student found in the Aspen Family Portal within the Family top tab, Details side tab, bottom right corner.

District email accounts have been successfully active for Middle and High School students for a few years using the same settings.