

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the month of December is already here! The holiday season adds to the hustle and bustle of our busy lifestyles. It is especially important at this time that your child maintains an academic focus and takes time to remain as a well-balanced individual.

We are very excited about the middle school **Winter Concert Series** that begins in early December! The winter concerts have been moved back to the Miller Place high school auditorium in traditional fashion. All the concert dates will consist of ONE concert with two groups performing **with one exception**. **An adjustment to the grade 6 & 7 Chorus concert will be made to provide two separate presentations on the same evening** due to the number of students in each group and the projected audience for the evening. Please see the following schedule of middle school performances.

- **Grade 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert:** Monday, December 5th @MPHS auditorium 7:30pm
- **Grade 6 Band & Orchestra Concert:** Tuesday, December 6th @MPHS auditorium 7:30pm

CHANGE TO CALENDAR BELOW FOR 12/12:

- **Grade 6 Chorus Concert** - Monday, December 12th @MPHS auditorium **7:00pm**
- **Grade 7 Chorus Concert** - Monday, December 12th @MPHS auditorium **7:30pm**
- **Grade 8 Chorus & Vocal Jazz:** Thursday, December 15th @ MPHS auditorium 7:30pm
- **Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert:** Monday, December 19th @ MPHS auditorium 7:30pm

The NCRMS **student government** is working with **Reespecht Life and Project Toy (Family Service League)** for this year's **toy drive**. Students will be made aware via postings and our FYI page. We will place the toy drive box in our café during the school day, where students can drop off donations so we can help local families in need. **Items will be accepted until Wednesday, December 14th.**

Our first **grade 6 dance** of the year took place on Friday, November 18th. 75% of the grade attended and enjoyed an evening of dancing and socializing in our middle school cafeteria. Special thank you to our student government for organizing this event.

Important December Dates:

Wednesday, December 7th:	BOE Meeting 8PM MPHS
Friday, December 16th:	Progress Reports Posted
Monday, December 26th – Monday, January 2nd:	Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED
Tuesday, January 3rd:	Return to School “A” Day

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:

Congratulations to the **2022 National Junior Honor Society members** that were inducted on Wednesday, November 9th. Congratulations to this year’s Teacher inductee, **Mr. O’Brien**, who was selected by our candidates prior to the ceremony. Special thank you to Ms. Sanatore and Ms. Farrell, our junior honor society advisors. The members will move forward to satisfy service hours that will include endeavors to help those in need both locally and on a national level.

2022 National Junior Honor Society Members		
Luke Angelo	Vandorn Johnson V	Michael Poerio
Carmela Avgoustidis	Lorenzo Killary	Naeema Rahman
Sailor Bila	Jeffrey Kinkaid	Hannah Rice
Addison Bracco	Kevin Kuriakose	Spencer Rock
Sadie Bryant	Dylan Lempin	Oscar Romero
Katherine Byrnes	Lillian Loughlin	Justin Rowe
Brendan Cannon	Tristan Luise	Claire Sadler
Charles Clifford	Andy Luo	Hazel Samonas
Allison Creighton	Zoe Malawista	Shayna Selnick
Ayomide Dada	Kayla Martins	Kayla Skoblicki
Violet Dalberg	Eve McCabe	Jamal Smith
Charlotte Davidson	Cameron Meadows	Ella Stein
Jaylen DiBartolo	Riley Meadows	Julia Sullivan
Grace Drumm	Savanna Moeller	Winni Sun
Evan Fallon	Jesse Mott	Dylan Tamburino
Ryan Farley	Jack Murphy	Gianna Trovato
Elissa Feldman	Teeghan Murphy	Mia Vaccariello
Keira Felser	Noelle Nania	John Vomero
Nicolas Freire	April Nielsen	Riley Waltz
Nolan Fries	Luke Nolan	Kyle Wesley
Martin Gilroy	Christian Novissimo Jr	Brendan White
Brady Golding	Ava O'Connor	Brett Winslow
Michael Grasing	Anna Paesano	Ella Wyllie
James Grossi	Dailee-Ann Pancir	Matthew Yashowitz
Francis Holmes	Anthony Perrino	Mr. O'Brien

Congratulations to our **NCRMS grade six engineers** who were able to successfully build and **launch their rockets** this year! After the rocket was fabricated, students went outside to launch on our fields behind the building. It is always so much fun to watch the student reaction. 7th and

8th grade students at recess also enjoyed watching the process. Special thank you to **Ms. Brocking, Ms. Cuba, Ms. Healy and Ms. Luchsinger** for their efforts during the process.

Our **student government** continued our annual tradition to honor our **bus drivers** and **the operations staff** every year with a breakfast and luncheon respectively as part of our **appreciation days** to say thank you for all the support throughout the year. We provided a “drive thru” breakfast to our bus drivers on Tuesday, November 22nd, where drivers stopped in our bus circle and were given a bagged breakfast and coffee or tea. Our operations unit was given an individually packaged lunch and beverage on Monday, November 21st. Students prepared the meals and greeted our members of both organizations with holiday wishes and a hearty thank you! A very special thank you to advisors **Mrs. Ferro and Ms. Meyer**, as well as clerical assistant **Mrs. Carbonette** for all their efforts to keep a tradition alive!!

Members of **Girl Scouts Troop 1780** has been selected by the **Town of Brookhaven’s Volunteer Your Board** to be the recipients of a **2022 Volunteer Youth Award** for their work in providing food and gift certificates to support the Miller Place Food Pantry that is in our middle school. Congratulations to the members of Troop 1780, which includes grade 6 students **Leah Bartoszak, Caris Chabza, Madison Chacon, Annika Dunlop, Brighton Fries, and Paige Shannon!**

Congratulations to November’s character coupon winners, (grade 6) **Victoria Freire**, (grade 7) **Ayla Derin**, and (grade 8) **Eve McCabe**. Students were given some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

In order to prevent **traffic issues in our parking lots**, children that are to be dropped-off and picked-up before and after school hours should be using the back parking lot that is accessible by the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Driveway. The NCRMS “north roadway” is closed to all traffic except buses from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. and from **2:15 p.m. until 2:40 p.m.** Your cooperation and interest in the safety of our students is appreciated.

Schools across the nation are taking measures to enhance safety standards in their communities. It is very important that you remember to bring **proper identification** with you when signing your child out of our school for any reason. Please ensure that family members/friends listed on the Census Verification Card can provide identification as well.

A brief reminder in reference to **school closings and delayed openings**: *In case of adverse weather and/or road conditions, the district schools may be closed or delayed by two or three hours, depending on the severity of the weather.* Visit News 12 and our website where school closings, delayed openings, and inclement weather bus stops will be posted. You will also be notified via our communication system Ed Connect, which will send a phone call and/or an email to the numbers/addresses on file. Please be sure that you discuss your early dismissal plan with your child.

From time to time the guidance office receives information on **enrichment programs**. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, contact your child’s guidance counselor.

We have posted a number of **informational items** for your review. The website for middle school interscholastic athletics information is <http://www.sectionxi.org>. Please check this website for dates of games, directions, etc. Also, take a look at the **FYI NCR Page** a link can be found on the NCRMS homepage. The goal of this website is to help inform students and

parents about all of the great things that are planned for the North Country Road Middle School. Please visit the district's homepage (<http://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/>) to find the link that will bring you to a site dedicated to promoting Miller Place School District happenings. Scroll through the page to see news stories and photos as we celebrate our District's hardworking students and dedicated staff. This page can also be accessed by visiting <http://millerplaceinthemedia.com/>.

Feel free to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, or any member of the administration at any time to answer your questions or address your concerns. Remember, no concern is too small. Working together, we can help your child reach his or her maximum potential in order to experience success.

Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,
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