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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the holiday break, spending time with friends and family, with students getting some rest and crossing items off the “to do” list that seems to grow on a daily basis. We are excited to get started in our classrooms and beyond, back to the routine of student engagement and learning.

All eighth grade Parents and students are encouraged to attend the Miller Place High School **Incoming 9th Grade Orientation** on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Place High School. Families will have the opportunity to meet some of the members of the MPHS staff and learn more about MPHS programs and expectations. Our High School guidance counselors will also meet with students during Social Studies classes on Wednesday, January 29th to continue to the process.

We are excited about two assembly programs that will take place in the month of January. Members of the **Miller Place High School Band and Chorus** will perform for our student body on **Friday, January 24th**. It is always a pleasure to have the former members of our middle school performance groups come back to play for our school. On Monday, January 27th, hometown hero **Chris Pendergast** will visit to speak with our faculty, staff, and students in our annual assembly in reference to the **Ride For Life**. We will use an assembly schedule that allows for all of our periods of instruction to meet for an abbreviated time prior to the event for both presentations.

The **late winter interscholastic athletics** season will begin with tryouts during the month of January. Girls' Basketball and Wrestling will take place during the second winter season (which begins on January 21st) and cheerleading will continue through the late winter season. You may visit www.sectionxi.org for interscholastic athletics schedules and directions to schools.

Important January Dates:

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| December 23 rd – January 3 rd | Winter Recess – School Closed |
| Friday, January 17 th | NCRMS Grade 6 Dance 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM |
| Monday, January 20 th | Martin Luther King Jr Day, School Closed |
| Tuesday, January 21 st | NCRMS Late Winter Sports Begin |
| Friday, January 24 th | 2nd Marking Period Ends NCRMS |
| Wednesday, January 29 th | Board of Ed Meeting 8:00 pm @ MPHS |
| Friday, January 31 st | Report Cards Posted |

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:

Congratulations to December's character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Alex Villanella, (grade 7) Noah Squires and (grade 8) Jake Siegel**. Students were given some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

In order to prevent some potential 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 2:30 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 are able to 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.**

We have posted a number of informational items for your review. One example that will always accompany the newsletter is the monthly publication titled, **Middle Years**, which provides information and ideas to help support your adolescent child. 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://millerplaceinthedia.com/>.

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.

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 Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,
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