

# NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the holiday break, spending time with friends and family, getting some rest and crossing items off the “to do” list that seems to grow beyond a fair pace. We are excited to get started in our classrooms and beyond, back to the routine of student engagement and learning. We remain dedicated to safety protocols, and monitor state and federal correspondence that shape our environment. We have made some minor adjustments to our setting in the cafeteria, replacing the stand alone desks with our traditional lunch tables. The tables have clear dividers for students to use while eating, and social distancing regulations remain in place.

We continue to work in the **hybrid setting**, with Cohort I in person every Monday and Tuesday, and learning from the stream on Thursday and Friday. Cohort II is learning in person on Thursday and Friday, and will learn from the stream on Monday and Tuesday. The cohorts will learn in person or the stream on alternating Wednesdays.

## WEDNESDAY “In Person” ATTENDANCE:

1/6 Cohort 1  
1/13 Cohort 2  
1/20 Cohort 1  
1/27 Cohort 2

Our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual STEAM night** will take place during the week of February 1st! The expo-style event has been reshaped to be provided in a virtual setting, and will include workshops, activities, and challenges for students to experience the disciplines of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). We have welcomed local science & technology businesses, organizations, community groups, and parents to collaborate with our teachers to provide amazing opportunities for our school community. We welcome you to be a part of an amazing event! Stay tuned for more details.

## Important January Dates:

December 24 <sup>th</sup> – January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Winter Recess – School Closed
Wednesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Ed Meeting 8:00 pm
Monday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr Day, School Closed
Friday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Marking Period Ends NCRMS

**Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Miller Place in the annual **SCMEA All-County Music Festival!**

Sophia Cui	Andrew McGuirk	Dylan Tamburino	Oscar Romero	Hazel Samonas
Andrew Byrnes	Nailah Rahman	Claire Wagner	Zoe Weisman	Dena Lehmann
Nicholas Vallary	Grace Walker	Bianca Zou	Lucy Chang	Sierra Wilson
Lorenzo Killary	Ava Walter	Sean Creedon	Devin McGrath	Evelyn Weiner
Addison Vecchio	Michael Drago	Carrie Davis	Edward Caufield	Jack Sauer
Maya Murphy	Allison Creighton	Noelle Nania	Dane Lagrasta	Kerriane Harten
April Nielson	Marc Lindemann	Stephen Ye	Andy Luo	Madelayna Vomero

Congratulations to December's character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Andy Luo, (grade 7) Shane Kiernan, and (grade 8) Jackson Thompson.** Students were given some tangible rewards from local vendors and merchants for their acts of kindness and revealing strong character without prompt.

**Reagan Commander (grade 7)** seized an opportunity to go above and beyond to provide an awareness about Nephrotic Syndrome, a condition that is close to home in her family. Reagan crafted an idea for the **Project Based Learning** course, which included a power point presentation and a bracelet fundraiser to raise money to donate to the Nephrotic Syndrome Foundation. She rallied her friends to support the endeavor, and has been able to make hundreds of bracelets that have helped her raise \$1000 so far!!! A special thanks to PBL teacher **Mrs. Allison DeSario** for her support in shaping the presentation and the fundraising endeavor. We hope to celebrate with Reagan in reference to her efforts, and continue the support her in her taking on a cause that is near and dear to her heart.

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.

Sincerely,

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