

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As we move into the homestretch of our school year, it is always interesting to reflect back to September and our opening few weeks of school. Significant academic, social, and physical growth has taken place since then and the experiences that our school community has shared are now memories that we will cherish and learn a great deal from. Students have worked hard to tackle new challenges and assessment requirements and their experiences this year have prepared them for future assessments. We have overcome so much together, and I look forward to moving to a more “normal” protocol.

As we move into the month of June, it is important that your child is reading, reviewing notes, and studying on a daily basis. Our **End of the Year schedule** for the 2020-21 school year will include having full days of school for a longer portion of June. The North Country Road Middle School will operate on a full day schedule (7:35 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.) through Wednesday, June 23rd. This year’s final exam protocol includes final exams for all courses that will be administered as per the schedule provided by the link below during the week of June 14th. The schedule can also be found on our FYI page. The timeframe allotted for each exam will be 40 minutes, and make up days or time dedicated to “extra-time” has been provided in the schedule.

Please use the following link to find the final exam schedule on our FYI page. Simply scroll down until you find the schedule.

[Miller Place School District \(google.com\)](#)

Fines: Students are issued textbooks at the beginning of the school year and have the opportunity to sign out library books. Students are responsible for the care of these books and are issued fines for any lost or damaged items. The same applies to school athletic uniforms, equipment, etc. If your child has lost an item mentioned previously, you will be notified and asked to return the item or a fine will be imposed. Please call our main office if you have any questions in reference to this matter.

Another very important announcement from our Health Office: New York State Law requires that **all medications that are not picked up at the end of the year must be disposed of**. No medication will be held over the summer. Therefore, all medications must be picked up by **Thursday, June 24th** or they will be disposed of. Please call our Health Office, if you have any questions in reference to the medications that are currently kept in our office.

At the end of the year, our guidance department will be working to determine which of our grade 7 students will qualify for our **accelerated classes that are offered in grade 8**, and which of our grade 6 students will qualify for our **7 Math Honors class**. Students will be ranked using a rubric for both our Regents Earth Science and Regents Algebra I classes. As you may already know, our district moved away from an open enrollment policy. Our rubric for the classes mentioned is as follows:

For your child to be considered for our **Math 7 Honors** class in grade 7, he/she will be evaluated based upon the following criteria pending final grades:

- Math 6 final grade (60%)
- Math 7 H entrance exam (30%)
- Overall GPA Grade 6 (10%)

The **pathway to Algebra from grade 7 is twofold**. Students that are in **Math 7** shall be considered for **Algebra I** in grade 8 if they have a Math 7 final average of 95%, and a 90% on the final exam. Students that are successful in **Math 7 Honors** will be placed in **Algebra I**. Individuals will be notified of the possibilities during the last week of June after graduation.

For your child to be considered for **Earth Science** in grade 8, he/she is evaluated based upon the following criteria pending final grades:

- Science 7 final exam score (30%)
- Science grade point average (60%)
- Teacher recommendation (10%)

Please be aware that due to schedule restraints, placement in accelerated courses cannot always be accommodated. If you have any questions about your child's tentative course listing feel free to contact our main office at the middle school.

Our **Junior Panther Players** are rehearsing in preparation for the recording of their rendition of "**Mary Poppins Jr.**" The recording will be made available via ticket sales for Saturday, June 19th, and Sunday, June 20th, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on both dates. General admission is \$15, and tickets are available now!

Code: **mpjrpantherp2021**
<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/52355>

The **8th Grade Moving-Up Dance** returns! This year's theme is a "#NCRMS Strong". The dance will take place on **Thursday, June 24th, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.** at the Miller Place Inn. Students are not expected to rent tuxedos or purchase "prom" type gowns to the dance. It is a fun and informal event held to celebrate the completion of middle school.

Our **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony** has evolved from a number of events to one date and time! We will hold ONE ceremony on Monday, June 14th, beginning the festivities at 6 p.m. The event will be outside behind our school on the fields, and we ask that you bring your own folding / beach chair for your seating arrangement. We are asking that we maintain the protocol that includes having TWO guests per student.

State Assessment Dates:

Monday, June 7th:	Grade 8 Science Written
Wednesday, June 23rd:	Algebra I Regents (8:00 a.m.)
Thursday, June 24th:	Earth Science Regents (8:00 a.m.)

Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 1 st :	6 th Grade Chorus Concert @ 5:30 pm 8 th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:00pm Both on the NCRMS Field
Thursday, June 10 th :	7 th Grade Chorus Concert 6pm Outdoors
Friday, June 11 th :	8 th Grade Adventure Park Field Trip
Monday, June 14 th :	NCRMS Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony 6pm Outdoors NCRMS ART SHOW Posted (Virtual Celebration)
Wednesday, June 16 th :	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 19 th & Sunday June 20 th	Jr. Panther Players (grades 6-8) will be performing virtually at 5pm Mary Poppins Jr.
Tuesday, June 22 nd :	8 th Grade Adventureland Field Trip (Rain Date)
Wednesday, June 23 rd :	8 th Grade BBQ on NCRMS Field
Thursday, June 24 th :	Grade 8 Moving Up Dance 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. @ Miller Place Inn
Friday, June 25 th :	Miller Place High School Graduation @ 2pm SUNY Stony Brook

Listed below are some of our Middle School achievements:

Our book club under the direction of **Ms. Farrell** hosted a virtual meeting with well known **Young Adult Novel Author Kate Alice Marshall** during the month of May. Her books “I am Still Alive” and “Rules for Vanishing” opened a new chapter for our students that included some insight into the author’s passion for reading and writing, as well as some influences that shaped her approach in her career.

Character coupon winners for the month of May were **Matthew Perry** (8th Grade), **Jack Polak** (7th Grade), and **Matthew Yashowitz** (6th Grade). Students were giving 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.

Is there a particular teacher or staff member who you feel really made the difference this year in your child's education? If so, feel free to let me (or that teacher) know either with a note or a call. I am happy to acknowledge such efforts. Thank you for your cooperation and support, which contributed to an environment of teaching and learning for our middle school community. If you should have any questions about the final exam schedule or end of the year events feel free to contact the middle school.

Sincerely,
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