

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 2021-22 school year will include having full days of school through Wednesday, June 22nd. This year’s final exam protocol includes final exams that will be administered as per the schedule provided by the link below during the week of June 13th. The schedule can also be found on our FYI page. The timeframe allotted for each exam will be 84 minutes for grade 6 using the period 1-2 block , and grades 7 & 8 exams will be taken using the blocks provided during the day as per the schedule provided. 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. **Students will keep their assigned laptop over the summer months.** 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 **Wednesday, June 22nd** 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 Mid term exam score (15%)
- Science 7 final exam score (25%)
- Science grade point average (50%)
- 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 that will be provided in July, 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 "**Matilda Jr.**" The recording will be made available via ticket sales for Saturday, June 18th, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission is \$15, and tickets are available now!

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

This year's **8th Grade Moving-Up Dance** will take place on **Tuesday, June 21st, from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** at the Miller Place Inn. Although, the dance has been called the "Semi-Formal", students are not required to dress as if they were going to a prom. It is a fun and informal event held to celebrate the completion of middle school.

Our **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony** will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd, 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 look forward to continuing some of the traditions were established during the 2020-21 school year.

State Assessment Dates:

Monday, June 6 th :	Grade 8 Science Written
Thursday, June 16 th :	Algebra I Regents (8:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 17 th :	Earth Science Regents (8:00 a.m.)

Important Dates:

Wednesday, June 15 th :	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm MPHS
Saturday, June 18 th :	Jr. Panther Players (grades 6-8) will be performing virtually at 2pm & 5pm Matilda Jr.
Monday, June 20 th :	Juneteenth SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, June 21 st :	Grade 8 Moving Up Dance 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. @ Miller Place Inn
Tuesday, June 22 nd :	NCRMS Last Day of Classes 8 th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm (Outdoors)
Friday, June 24 th :	Miller Place High School Graduation

Listed below are some of our Middle School achievements:

Our **Grade 8 Washington D.C. trip** was incredible! We began the journey on Wednesday, May 11th, with a return date of Friday, May 13th. Students prepared their belongings by gathering snacks and games to play on the bus ride and planned some of the souvenirs that they would purchase, including the D.C. sweatshirt that would be worn at the United States capital during the picture that will be displayed in our middle school hallway. Students enjoyed the history documented through aircraft at the Udvar-Hazy Museum of Air and Space and move on to standing before the white house for a photo opportunity. The trip also included a walking tour that contains the Vietnam Veterans memorial, the Martin Luther King memorial, as well as the Jefferson and Lincoln memorial. A gentle mist fell as students learned a great deal about the attacks of September 11th, 2001, at the Pentagon 9/11 memorial, and the highlight of the trip continues to be the tour of the Arlington Cemetery, which includes the eternal flame at former President John F. Kennedy’s gravesite and the Challenger memorial. Members of our student body were selected to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier on behalf of our school community.

On Wednesday, May 25th, our middle school invited **Mrs. Christine Pendergast and the Ride for Life** to speak to the students about our fight for a cure to A.L.S. (Lou Gherig’s disease). Students listened to the story of Mr. Christopher Pendergast, our dear friend and neighbor who passed away after decades of fighting for a cure. We pledge to continue this quest together, and raise money through activities and actions provided by our student organizations. After our assembly, Mrs. Pendergast cut a ribbon at the “unveiling” of our Christopher Pendergast Memorial on campus.

Character coupon winners for the month of May were **Demetrious Naimo** (8th Grade), **Jet Jakahi** (7th Grade), and **Philip Alaimo** (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.

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/>.

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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