

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Believe it or not, we are in **the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year**. May and June are extremely important months in terms of preparation and administration for final exams and/or projects that complete the year's academic experience. It is also a time for culminating celebrations in the Arts as we prepare for our Spring concert series. We will need your cooperation at home to ensure that your children are preparing for their studies on a daily basis. Your interest and involvement in your child's education is the best way to demonstrate the importance of academic success.

The administration of the NYS assessments in Common Core English Language Arts is behind us and the **Mathematics Assessments** will be administered on **Wednesday, May 4th**. For the **NYS assessment in Mathematics**, the problems involve a focus upon fluency (speed and accuracy with simple calculations) and the ability to answer multi-step questions that are rooted in the real world. This includes deciding which formulas and tools to use. As stated in previous correspondence, only those that are enrolled in Math 8 will challenge grade 8 assessment, while those enrolled in Algebra I will challenge the Regents exams on Wednesday, June 23rd.

In the area of **Science**, 8th grade students will take the NYS Science Assessment or the NYS Regents in Earth Science. The **grade 8 Science** written assessment will not include a hands on performance based portion this year (**June 7th**). The **Earth Science Regents** has the same format, with the written portion scheduled for June 24th.

State Assessment Dates:

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| Wednesday, May 4 th : | Mathematics (grades 6 - 8) |
| Tuesday, June 1 st : | Grade 8 Science Performance Test |
| Monday, June 7 th : | Grade 8 Science Written |
| Thursday, June 21 st : | Earth Science Regents (9:15 a.m.) |
| Wednesday, June 23 rd | Algebra I Regents (9:15 a.m.) |

Our **final exam schedule** for this year will include local assessments that will be given within a 40 minute period during the week of June 14th. Please use the following link for our Final exam schedule:

[Miller Place School District \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

As our community moves in the right direction in reference to overcoming the adversities in reference to COVID, we have planned a number of **student events that will take place this Spring.**

Music Concerts: During each of our live, in person concerts, two guests per student are permitted to attend. We have dedicated several evenings to TWO outdoor live performances (weather permitting). Members of the audience for the first show of each date will need to exit after the performance to allow for the second performance audience to enter. All attendees will need to submit the Event Health Attestation form upon arrival to each event.

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| Monday, May 17 th : | Grade 6 Orchestra | 5:30 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| | Grade 6 Band | 6:45 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| Tuesday, May 18 th : | Grade 7 Band | 5:30 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| | Grade 8 Band | 6:45 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| Thursday, May 20 th : | Grade 7 Orchestra | 5:30 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| | Grade 8 Orchestra | 6:45 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| Tuesday, June 1 st : | Grade 6 Chorus | 5:30 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| | Grade 8 Chorus | 7:00 p.m. (Outdoors @ NCRMS) |
| Monday, June 7 th : | Grade 7 Chorus | 6:30 p.m. (Virtual Concert posted to our website) |

8th Grade Celebrations: We have scheduled a number of events for our eighth grade students to spend time together as the class of 2025 prepares to move to the High School.

Thursday, June 3rd: **Trip to Adventureland Amusement Park:** Students will have the opportunity to enjoy the over 30 fun and exciting rides and attractions. The trip will take place during school hours so that students will be back for athletics and other extra-curricular events. Additional details will be provided in the permission slip.

Friday, June 11th: **Trip to Adventure Park:** The outdoor adventure consists of both low ropes and high ropes courses interspersed with ziplines that connect each challenge. There is something for every fitness level, and each portion of the park inspires teamwork and a place for everyone to move at their own pace. Additional details will be provided in the permission slip.

Weds., June 23rd: **8th Grade BBQ / Picnic:** Students will be invited to step outside our classrooms to our fields where a barbeque lunch will be provided. Time spent outside will include some time for yearbook signing, and games will be set up to enjoy time together on the last day in our middle school. This event will take place during the school day, and is a “students only” event.

Art Show: Work that has been completed by our student body will be showcased in a Virtual Art Show that will be posted on Monday, June 14th. This event will remain posted for the remainder of the month of June.

8th grade Moving Up Ceremony:

Monday, June 14th & Tuesday, June 15th

- Our Ceremony will take place on the fields behind our middle school.
 - 6/14 – 4 p.m. Ceremony: Student last names, Aaron – Donofrio
 - 6/14 – 6 p.m. Ceremony: Student last names, Doyen - Lewis
 - 6/15 – 4 p.m. Ceremony: Student last names, LoRe – Reyes-Bueno
 - 6/15 – 6 p.m. Ceremony: Student last names, Rodriguez - Zou
- Two guests per 8th grade student will be permitted to attend the event.
- Graduates and guests will be permitted to arrive on campus ½ hour prior to their scheduled ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, all attendees must exit the campus.
- All attendees will need to submit the Event Health Attestation form upon arrival to the ceremony.
- More specific information will be sent closer to graduation.

Our school district has formed a partnership with the Miller Place PTO to provide an opportunity to have an **8th grade Dance** this year. The date and time of this event will be Thursday, June 24th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dance will take place at the Miller Place Inn (right next door to our building).

- This year's theme will be **#NCRSTRONG** with our school colors used for the provided décor.
- The event will be chaperoned by our administration and teachers.
- No student testing required.
- Each student must wear a mask to the dance.
- The cost of the dance for each student is \$45 for the venue / food will be served as well.

In order to purchase a ticket for your child, please register through the Miller Place PTO link provided below.

<https://www.smores.com/ranzc>

We look forward to sharing this opportunity with our 8th grade students!!!!

Additional Important Dates in May:

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| Tuesday, May 4 th | BOE Budget Hearing 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday, May 18 th | Budget Vote 6:00 AM -9:00 PM @ NCRMS |
| Wednesday, May 26 th | BOE Meeting 8:00 pm |
| Friday, May 28 th -Monday, May 31 st | Memorial Day-SCHOOL CLOSED |

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments/events:

The **NCRMS Book Club** met with Young Adult Literature author **Kate Alice Marshall** during a virtual meeting. The group of book enthusiasts were eager to hear how Ms. Marshall's passion for writing began at a very young age and that her inspiration stemmed from her Father, an avid storyteller. Books written by the author include "I am Still Alive" and "Rules For Vanishing".

Character coupon winners for the month of April were: **Elena Echevarria** (8th Grade), **Jordel Vigfussion** (7th Grade), and **Julia Orenzo** (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. 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://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.

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