

# NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to state that we have had a remarkable beginning to another year, maintaining a very busy schedule and working to fine tune the organizational skills that will serve as a foundation to a strong academic career. The October calendar proved to be challenging, but there were so many opportunities that will provide a foundation to the coming months.

**The first quarter concludes on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Families will be notified via our Ed Connect system when report cards are posted on School Tool.** This checkpoint is an appropriate time to seek out help if your child is in need of academic support. Your child's guidance counselor will contact you if additional support is needed as well. Our ELA and Math AIS (Academic Intervention Services) classes are designed to support students that need additional time and teaching in these core subjects. Please call your child's guidance counselor to discuss your concerns or answer any questions that you may have.

After a few weeks of shedding the summer months and getting back to school routines, it was a perfect time to celebrate our Miller Place community pride during **Spirit Week (October 18<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>)**. The week that lead to our Homecoming weekend was filled with excitement and many displays of unity in the middle school. The week was wrapped up with Spirit Day on Friday, where all of our school colors were represented with some choosing to wear their Miller Place athletic jerseys as well. Spirit week was a great way to continue our progress to normalcy, adding to the beginning of the school year and build up to Homecoming weekend, which is shared by the entire community! Members of the NCRMS student government joined some of our athletes in the parade, representing our middle school in positive fashion.

Our middle school's recognition of **Red Ribbon Week** will take place during the week of November 1st! The concept was established to honor Enrique Camarana, a drug enforcement officer who gave his life in the fight against drugs. The Red Ribbon became the symbol to reduce the use of illegal drugs and violence. This drug prevention campaign is the oldest and largest in the country and serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education. At the North Country Road Middle School, we celebrated the choice of living a healthy life free of drugs and violence through several events. Students were invited to show a solid approach to fight against the dangers of drugs and alcohol during the week through a series of themes stated below:

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Monday, November 1st	SOCK it to DRUGS! Wear a funky pair of socks.
Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TEAM UP against drugs! Wear your favorite jersey or team shirts.
Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	YOU have the POWER to say NO! Wear a superhero shirt.
Friday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	We are RED'y to say NO to drugs! Wear RED today

In addition, students are encouraged to enter in our **school-wide poster contest**, where one student from each grade level will win a prize for the most creative, informative poster that promotes the message of Red Ribbon Week! Posters may be submitted to the Main Office through Friday, November 5th.

Students were able to maintain the tradition of celebrating **Halloween** by wearing costumes to school and sharing their creativity and favorite characters from literature and film, as well as the traditional Halloween themes. It was nice to see our student body enjoy the holiday in person on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We will hold our **grade 8 Washington D.C. Parent information meeting** on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Miller Place High School auditorium at 7 p.m. We will discuss the itinerary prepared by our school district in cooperation with Curriculum Travel of America, as well as district protocols and regulations that are important to the success of the trip.

As per our district protocol, we have executed **a number of safety drills** in order to improve our preparation in the case of emergency. Both evacuation drills and a series of lockdown drills are part of the health and safety plan, where students are directed to follow protocols that have been shaped with the cooperation of both our local police and fire departments.

**Important November Dates:**

<b>Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Superintendents Conf. Day/Election Day <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Picture Day Make-Ups
<b>Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Washington D.C. Parent information meeting. MPHS auditorium @ 7 p.m.
<b>Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Veterans Day Observed <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends for NCRMS & MPHS
<b>Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	BOE Meeting 8:00 PM
<b>Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 6 Dance 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Report Cards Posted for NCRMS & MPHS <b>Early Dismissal Drill, All Buildings Release 15 minutes early</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Thanksgiving <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Return to School “B” day

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

Congratulations to October’s character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Bridget Serva, (grade 7) James Grossi and (grade 8) London Bernard**. Students were given some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

Congratulations to our 2021-22 **National Junior Honor Society members** who celebrated the induction ceremony on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students listened to the traditional story of King Honor and the court and recited the pledge to stay true to the values of the junior honor society during the event. A special congratulations to **Mrs. Maureen Radday**, this year’s honorary teacher member!

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. Also, take a look at the **FYI NCR Page** link below for weekly updates:

<https://sites.google.com/millerplace.k12.ny.us/fyipagencrms/home>

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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Best wishes for a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

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