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November 2019

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 8th. I want to remind you that we will continue with our “go green” initiative; therefore, report cards will not be mailed home. 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. Our ELA and Math AIS 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** (Sept. 27th – Oct. 4th). 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 members of grade six wore white, grade seven wore red, and our eighth grade students wore blue. 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 add onto 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** took place during the week of October 21st! 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 will celebrate the choice of living a healthy life free of drugs and violence through several events. Students who joined together in a pledge to be drug free and made a small donation during lunch periods on Friday, October 25th, were issued bracelets promoting a lifestyle free from drugs and alcohol. We encourage you to talk with your child about the week and the following activities:

Red Ribbon Week

DATE	SHOW	GRADE	ASSEMBLY PERIODS
WEDNESDAY – October 23, 2019	WNCR Kick-Off Video Officer Lynagh (6 th Graders: Dangers of Marijuana 7 th Graders: OTC/Prescription Drugs 8 th Graders: Heroin Epidemic)	6, 7, 8	6 th Grade – Per 1 7 th Grade – Per 2 8 th Grade – Per 3
THURSDAY – October 24 th , 2019	DEA Agent Charles Bernard The Impact of Drugs on our Society	7 & 8	Periods 1, 2, & 3
FRIDAY – October 25 th , 2019	Officer Lynagh Dangers of Vaping	7 & 8	During Health Class
FRIDAY – October 25 th , 2019	Wear Red Day! (Students and staff encouraged to wear red to promote a healthy lifestyle)	6, 7, 8	

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 were submitted to the Main Office through Friday, November 1st. Winners will be announced at the end of the day on Monday, November 4th. **Thank you for all your support! We are looking forward to a great week!**

Important November Dates:

Friday, November 1 st	NCRMS Picture Day Makeup
Monday, November 4 th	NCRMS Early Winter Sports Begin
Tuesday, November 5 th	Election Day SCHOOLS CLOSED
Friday, November 8 th	1 st Marking Period Ends for NCRMS & MPHS
Monday, November 11 th	Veterans Day Observed SCHOOLS CLOSED
Friday, November 15 th	Report Cards Posted for NCRMS & MPHS
Wednesday, November 20 th	BOE Meeting 8:00 @ MPHS
Friday, November 22 nd	Grade 6 Dance 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., NCRMS Cafe
Wednesday, November 26 th	Early Dismissal Drill, All Buildings Release 15 minutes early
November 27 th , 28 th and 29 th	Thanksgiving SCHOOLS CLOSED

Congratulations to our new 6th grade officers for the **2019-2020 Student Government**

<u>6th Grade</u>
President –Joseph Fallon
Vice President –Alexa Shivers
Secretary –Scarlett Horowitz
Treasurer –Kendall Zakar

Listed below are some of our NCRMS student accomplishments:

Congratulations to October's character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Rowan Elder, (grade 7) Adrian Tamayo, and (grade 8) Edwin Rubio**. Students were given some tangible rewards for their acts of kindness and compassion from local vendors and merchants.

In late October, our 7th grade students visited **Sadderly Landing at Mount Sinai Harbor and Cedar Beach** to evaluate the health of our local ecosystem and to learn about the significance of our local wetlands. Students learned about methods to preserve this valuable natural resource and accrued data to inform their recommendations. Groups of students measured the turbidity levels in the harbor, which provides the clarity of the water or how much sediment is included in the sample. Students were also able to visit the shellfish hatchery. The hatchery is designed to grow shellfish to seed waterfronts all over Long Island, which cleans the water and helps the commercial shellfish industry. Since the program has started, there have been some improvements to the water quality in the area. It's great to have our students take part in this hands on approach to learning about their local environment.

Congratulations to our **National Junior Honor Society Inductees** in reference to an inspiring presentation on Thursday, October 24th. Thank you to **Mrs. Nicole Farley** and **Mrs. Rose Ferro** for their leadership during the event. Congratulations to **Mr. Matthew Nicoletti** who was selected as this year's honorary faculty member. The following individuals were named to the National Junior Honor Society:

National Junior Honor Society Inductees 2019

Malak Abumusallam	Casey Gilbert	Sean Polak
Madison Adler	Michael Giugliano	Ava Rado
Gabrielle Alexander	Connor Glozek	Jacqueline Reduto
Madison Amendola	Liam George	Mia Riley
Emma Anderson	Madison Hall	Joseph Ritieni
Jack Anderson	Mari-Rose Holmes	Isabella Romero
Christopher Barton	Payton Horan	Emma Rosequist
Analynn Bisiani	Ava Johnson	Jake Ryan
Rayna Bruno	Gisela Killary	Riley Scheuermann
Kiera Bussewitz	Jake Knoth	Emily Serva
John Caccavale	Logan LaMountain	Wyatt Shattes
Nicolette Capocci	Seth Law	Evan Skoblicki
Marissa Carleo	Rachel Leonoff	Lauren Soreil
Molly Caufield	Sophie Lin	Finnegan Starr
Olivia Coffey	James Loughlin	Kylie Taylor
Catherine Connolly	Isabella Luisa	Michael Tremblay
Ava Conti	Maris Lynch	Alexander Trocchio
Bernard Creedon	Logan Mancini	David Tumminello
Gregory Cutrone	Emily McErlean	Emma Venegoni
Kamran Dimsuyu	Jacob Miller	Aaron Wang
Sarah DiPersio	Anthony Morano	Kiera Witherell
Lucas Donohue	Patrick Murray	Sofia Wyllie
Mary Duffy	Nicholas Nania	Alan Yue
Ryan Ebert	Scott Newman	
Chet Eichler	Brian Picora	
Declan Folliard	Russell Platt	

199 students participated in our **8th grade Washington D.C. trip** that began on Wednesday, October 16th. Participants had the opportunity to navigate the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum, as well as the American and Natural History Museums, which are both a part of the Smithsonian Institute. They went on a tour of our national monuments, such as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial, as well as the night light monument tour, which includes the World War II Memorial, Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial to name a few. Students went to the Newseum, a building dedicated to the history of media coverage around the globe, and spent a long time studying the exhibits at the Holocaust Memorial Museum. The trip was rounded out by a visit and guided tour to the Capitol building, which included a meet and greet with Congressman Lee Zeldin. This is something that they will remember for a lifetime. We continued our tradition of laying a wreath on behalf of our district at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The trip continues to be a great experience, providing students with memories to share in the years to come.

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://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.

Best wishes for a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,
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