

# 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.

Our **live streaming initiative** is off and running, providing instruction to both cohort I and cohort II each day, in person as well as from a live stream through our technology. On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, our delivery of instruction will no longer include an all virtual day where both cohorts learn from home. Students from cohort I will be in person, and cohort II will stream in class from home. The opposite will occur on the following Wednesday (cohort II in person, and cohort I streaming from home. This pattern will continue for Wednesdays moving forward.

In an effort to make information more accessible, we have relocated our **NCRMS FYI page using Google Sites** as the new vehicle for sharing the latest. The goal of our FYI site is to keep our school community updated in reference to the middle school happenings. Information will be updated as deemed necessary, and we have the ability to provide last minute cancellations on this site. Please use the following link to access our site:

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

**The first quarter concludes on Friday, November 13<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 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.

Our middle school's recognition of **Red Ribbon Week** took place during the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>! 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 unity in the endeavor by wearing neon colors and crazy socks (your future is bright / sock it to drugs) during the week.

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. It was nice to see our student body enjoy the holiday in person on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (cohort I) and Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> (cohort II).

**Important November Dates:**

Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	NCRMS Picture Day Makeup-Cohort 1
Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day Observed <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	NCRMS Picture Day Makeup-Cohort 2
Friday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends for NCRMS & MPHS
Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	BOE Meeting 8:00 PM
Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Posted for NCRMS & MPHS
Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal Drill, All Buildings Release 15 minutes early
Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

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

Congratulations to **Anna Paesano** (grade 6) for her submission that won first place in our **Mask Design contest!** You may purchase a mask using the link below, and with transaction, two dollars will be donated to the Ride for Life foundation. We continue to partner with the organization to fight for a cure for Lou Gherig’s disease. Each purchase will be delivered to your home.

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/NCRMS20>

Congratulations to October’s character coupon winners, **(grade 6) Mia Caputo, (grade 7) Sergen Derin, and (grade 8) Vinny Marino.** Students were given 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. 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.

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Best wishes for a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

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