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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Believe it or not, we are in **the final stretch of the 2021-2022 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 English Language Arts and Mathematics are behind us, and our attention turns to **NYS Science Assessments for grade 8, Regents and final exams**. 8th grade students will take the NYS Science Assessment or the NYS Regents in Earth Science. The **grade 8 Science** performance assessment will take place on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, followed by the written portion of the process on **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. The **Earth Science Regents** has the same format, with the practical portion scheduled for Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the written exam will take place on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**State Assessment Dates:**

Wednesday, June 1st	Grade 8 Science Performance Test
Friday, June 3rd	Earth Science Practical
Monday, June 6th	Grade 8 Science Written
Friday, June 17th	Earth Science Regents (9:15 a.m.)
Wednesday, June 23rd	Algebra I Regents (9:15 a.m.)

We are in the final stages of the preparation for our **annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C**, which will take place from Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have met with the students to ensure that all students are prepared for departure, as well as those who will be staying on campus for instruction. **All luggage for the trip needs to be dropped off in the middle school cafeteria on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.** In order to ensure the safety of our students and faculty and to be in compliance with the Miller Place School District Policy and Code of Conduct, all luggage is subject to a search by an administrator of the school district. **Please remember to complete the procedure in reference to the dispensing of medication while on the trip as well.** The form must be signed by a parent and a physician, and should be returned to our health office with the medications that will be administered by Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The **Jr. Panther Players** of NCRMS are proud to announce their upcoming productions of **Matilda Jr.** There will be two performances on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be on sale shortly. We hope to see you at the production!

We are excited to announce that we were able to secure time for our **grade 7 students** to spend time at the **Country Fair Entertainment Park** on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to the pandemic, the students were unable to attend the annual trip as a fifth grade student. We will now have the opportunity to enjoy three hours of entertainment including bumper cars, go-karts, miniature golf, batting cages, and outdoor laser tag. We ask that students bring in a bag lunch on this day, as the park does not provide any food service. There are picnic areas for students to enjoy their lunch throughout the day.

Please follow the directions to provide permission for your child to attend the trip and provide payment using the My School Bucks link below.

- [https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZIC2BY06904Z30\\_ZZ5UA9PTYFFWMGQ](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZIC2BY06904Z30_ZZ5UA9PTYFFWMGQ)
- Log in using your username and password that you would use when adding money to your child's meal account.
- The cost of the trip to Country Fair is \$24.95.
- Please contact the main office if you have any questions (631) 474-2710.#  
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We are excited to announce that we were able to secure time for our grade 6 students to spend time at the Holtsville Ecology Site for this year's field trip. The Blue Team (Boscarino, Hay, Ortiz, Pugliese) will go on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Red Team (Brocking, Cuba, Hibbard, Luchsinger, Spaccafono) will attend on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Town of Brookhaven Holtsville Ecology Site and Animal Preserve is located on a reclaimed landfill. Since 1974, when the landfill closed, the Town of Brookhaven Highway Department employees worked to revegetate the hills and build a modern recreational and educational facility. The students will participate in a guided tour of the facility, including the greenhouse, animal preserve, and ecology exhibit. Students will eat a bagged lunch from home in the picnic area.

Please follow the directions to provide permission for your child to attend the trip on the appropriate day based upon your child's team and provide payment using the My School Bucks link below.

- [https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZIC2BY06904Z30\\_ZZ5UA9PTYFFWMGQ](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZIC2BY06904Z30_ZZ5UA9PTYFFWMGQ)
- Log in using your username and password that you would use when adding money to your child's meal account.
- The cost of the trip to the Holtsville Ecology Site is \$5.00.
- Please contact the main office if you have any questions (631) 474-2710.

(Rain Date): Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please come join us for our **NCRMS Art Show** on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Student work will be displayed throughout our hallways to showcase our talented students working with a number of different mediums throughout the school year.

We continue to build upon a new tradition started last year in partnership with the Miller Place PTO to provide the end of the year **8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance** at the Miller Place Inn. The date and time of this event will be Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will be chaperoned by our administration and teachers. The cost of the dance for each student is \$50 for the venue and food that will be served as well. We look forward to celebrating with our grade 8 students!

**Additional Important Dates in May:**

Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BOE Budget Hearing 7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Monday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Chorus 6 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium Grade 7 Chorus 7 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Orchestra 6 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium Grade 6 Band 7 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium Washington D.C. Luggage Drop off 5 – 7 p.m. @ NCRMS Café
Wednesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Washington D.C. Trip
Tuesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Vote 6:00 AM -9:00 PM @ NCRMS Art Show 2:30 – 7:30 p.m. @ NCRMS
Wednesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Band 6 p.m. @ NCRMS Gym Grade 8 Band 7 p.m. @ NCRMS Gym
Friday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Progress Reports Posted
Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Chorus and Vocal Jazz 7 p.m. @ MPHS auditorium
Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	BOE Meeting 8:00 pm
Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> -Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day-SCHOOL CLOSED

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

North Country Road Middle School student **Robert James Kalin** (grade 8) has always been one to inspire those around him to get involved to help those in need. RJ brought the **Compassion for Ukraine** initiative to the middle school, asking our school community to provide donations for those in need. Items such as toiletries, bandages, gloves, flashlights, medical tape, batteries, wipes, cold packs etc. are being collected and will be brought to Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Church for shipment. Collection boxes were placed in the main office for collection. We thank RJ for his dedication to this cause and beyond!

**Character coupon winners** for the month of April were: **Jayden Deangelis** (8th Grade), **Luca LoManto** (7th Grade), and **Noah Posner** (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://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.

Sincerely,  
*Matthew C. Clark*  
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Sincerely,  
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