



North Ridge Middle School

December 2022

Newsletter

Dates to remember:

12/14: Board Of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

12/16: Early Release @ 2:45 p.m.

12/19-12/30: Winter Break

Vision:

“Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student Every Day”

Mission:

- 1. Engage students by encouraging life-long learning.**
- 2. Educate them for success in college and careers, and**
- 3. Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.**



7th Grade ELA

The 7th grade English Language Arts (ELA) department would like to thank all the students that are engaged in lessons, participating in class, and turning in assignments. We are so proud of your efforts, patience, and persistence to obtain a wonderful education. The academic focus for the remainder of the second quarter will be Writing Strategies and reading comprehension skill mastery through passages from the StudySync textbook. We are also working on finishing up our Novels. Ask your students what exciting adventures they have been on through reading! Furthermore, we want to say thank you to all the parents and guardians for supporting and encouraging the students. We appreciate you! We hope that everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable winter break.

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7th Grade Math

Happy Holidays! We are currently busy working on adding and subtracting integers, and we will continue moving through this curriculum during the entire month of December. We will not be using calculators during this unit. With the business of the season, please be at school daily, to continue working hard while at school work.

The test on our current unit which covers adding and subtracting rational numbers is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. Please remember that all work for this unit is due prior to the test date! If your child is interested in retaking the Unit 1 test on proportional reasoning, then the winter break would be a great time to complete the Unit 1 retake work. All retake work and the test must be completed by January 6th. Please ask Santa to replenish your child's school supplies. Pencils, dry erase markers, and notebooks make fantastic stocking stuffers!

Wishing you all the best this season brings!

7th grade math teachers

7th Grade Social Studies

The 7th grade Social Studies department is starting our unit on the Revolutionary War that will run up to and after Christmas Break. This unit highlights significant events leading up to the war, causes and effects of the war, and steps the United States took to gain their freedom from Great Britain. As always, students should be taking great focused notes in class, studying those notes, and applying those notes to their assignments, quizzes, and tests. This unit will conclude with a unit test. Just a reminder, pencils, agenda books, and charged Chromebooks are required for each class. Happy Holidays!

7th grade Social Studies Department

7th Grade Science

Wow, December arrived quickly! We will be investigating Scientific Explanations (CER), and working on our collaboration skills during labs. We will continue to take Lesson Assessments through the month of November. Students must bring their chrome books and Notebooks to school everyday and have them charged and ready for Science class. It is very important that students try to spend a little bit of time reviewing notes, vocabulary, and new concepts every night. Remember if you are gone from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your school work and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher via phone, e-mail, or through Teacher Ease:

Mrs. Lisa Lorenzen (217)444-3430 or lorenzenl@danville118.org

Ms. Michelle Bays(217)444-3461

Mr. Adam Weidner (217)444-3453 or weidnera@danville.118.org

8th Grade Language Arts

It was great talking with so many of our parents/guardians at parent/teacher conferences! Thank you to those who came! We have now finished with Unit 1 in StudySync and have given the final test on that unit. No other assignments will be accepted for Unit 1 now that we have completed it. These skills will continue to be reinforced throughout the entire school year. We are now moving on to Unit 3 in StudySync which is informational text. The standards we will be covering in this unit are RI.8.1, RI.8.2, RI.8.4, L.8.4. Unit 2 will be covered later in the school year. Academic vocabulary and sentence structure will continue to be taught getting our students ready for essay writing. We still encourage our students to check books out from our library and read them. With the weather changing it is a possibility that we will be forced to do remote learning. Please have your child check Google Classroom for assignments. These assignments will still be a part of your child's grade. We ask that you check Teacher Ease regularly to see if your child is missing any assignments or tests. If you do not know how to check Teacher Ease, you may contact the Guidance Office for assistance. If you need to get a hold of your child's language arts teacher, you may do so by the following:

Mrs. Crawley (217)444-3424 or crawleyr@danville118.org

Mr. Gerard (217)444-3452 or gerardc@danville118.org

8th Grade Math

December will be a short month so please make sure your student is attending class every day and completing their assignments. If students have missing assignments, they need to get those made up before the end of the semester. All teachers provide opportunities for tutoring before or after school to help prepare for retakes. Algebra is finishing a unit on solving multi step equations. Algebra will finish Unit 4 - Writing Linear Equations before break.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher:

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Ms Robinson robinsonr@danville118.org

8th Grade Science

Hello December! December is a busy month for 8th grade science.

We will be learning more about the Earth's Crust, metamorphic rocks, and plate interactions. Students must bring their chrome books to school everyday and have them charged. It is very important that students try to spend a little bit of time reviewing notes every night so that the vocabulary and concepts we are learning are reinforced. Remember if you are gone from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your school work and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your students teacher via phone, email, or through Teacher Ease.

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Home Program Intervention Coordinators:

High Five Friday is a new program we started here at North Ridge, and it is off to a fantastic start! We have had several wonderful visitors and have more fantastic guests to come! Our goal is to have area leaders/organizations come in and help us welcome our students with high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps... you name it!

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8th Grade Social Studies

This month in 8th Grade Social Studies, we will be studying our Illinois Unit. During this time, students will be learning about the history and geography of Illinois, how the government in Illinois (and the US) works, how laws are made, how political parties value and work for different goals, and how all citizens have rights and a voice in our state and country. We will also be spending time covering the upcoming election.

At the end of the unit, students will be taking the IL Constitution Test! This is an important test that is required by the state of Illinois before students move on to high school. Please encourage your students to take good notes throughout the unit and prepare themselves for the test!

Please remember to reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

-8th Grade Social Studies Team

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Library:

Hello North Ridge family! It's time to start planning for the upcoming holiday store and we could use your help. Please consider donating items to help give our students the opportunity to have gifts to give to their loved ones this year. Times are tougher than usual for many families, and you can really help to make a difference this holiday season! Along with small gifts we could also use gift wrapping items. If you would like to help, please feel free to contact me for pickup or you may also drop items off at North Ridge. We appreciate you!

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CHOIR

We are back to work after our successful Fall Concert. For the concert we had 200 chairs set up for our audience and still needed more! It was great to see the amount of support for our students from family, faculty, and the Danville community. Our next concert will be our holiday concert on Thursday, December 1 at 6pm in the NRMS Cafetorium. Over the next month, we will be preparing music for our holiday concert, as well as continuing to work on our music theory and general musicianship. We are working on the basics of reading notes and rests and familiarizing ourselves with common music terms and vocabulary.

The Redcoats have worked with their choreographer, Kyle Aiden of Lacrosse WI, to add movement to their show. The 40 students are working hard for their public performances. They will perform at the December 1 NR Choral Concert as well as for several community groups in December. Contest season is right around the corner!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Attention parents of students with food allergies: In order for your child to receive a food substitution at school, a food substitution form must be completed by your child's physician and returned to the school nurse. These forms were sent home by the nurses at the beginning of the school year to the parents of students with known allergies. There are still many students who do not have this form turned in, and the only way for the food service to know to make a substitution is to have the form completed. It is imperative for the safety of your child that you get this form completed and turned in ASAP. If you need another copy of the form, please contact your school nurse.



8th grade parents:

It is not too early to get your student in for their freshman physical. Please get those physicals done and turned in to Nurse Gabi at North Ridge, email them to ingolddg@danville118.org or fax them to 217-444-3484

Orchestra

The 7th and 8th grade orchestras are hard at work! Both ensembles are preparing for the Winter Concert in December. The 8th graders will be featuring an arrangement of Tchaikovsky's *Danse Russe* which features some challenging syncopated rhythms. The 7th graders are working on an arrangement of *Ode to Joy* from Beethoven's 9th symphony. Both groups are continuing to work on rhythms and have also started ear training exercises. Stay tuned for more news about their concert as we approach Winter!

Guitar:

The 8th grade guitar class is working on learning their A and low E strings. We hope to learn them fast, so that they may start playing some Winter themed tunes suited for the upcoming Holiday season. The 7th grade guitar class is working on learning the D, A, and low E strings. Both groups are continuing to work on rhythm. Our focus is learning how to play syncopated rhythms.

As always, please encourage your students to practice!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: **Mr. Aaron Escamilla**, (217) 444-3435
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North Ridge Bands

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We're happy to continue making music together! Concert Band, Advanced Band, and Percussion Ensemble are working on a lot of new materials throughout the 2nd quarter. In December, both bands will be working towards mastery of several new notes and will be working with a much different concert cycle format. Percussion Ensemble is working with their keyboard instruments to prepare an ensemble piece of their own for the concert. Students are also preparing to play in small groups and will be working with duets, trios, and quartets. Our December Concert will be on December 14th at 5:15 in the North Ridge Cafetorium. The students have also been developing AVID style Band Binders



Builders Club Newsletter November 2022

The North Ridge Builders Club has several important projects taking place during the month of December. First, we are ringing bells for the Salvation Army on November 29th and December 1st at the Country Market North. We had to take a break from bell ringing during the pandemic and are so happy to participate in this activity again.

Next, we are collecting toys for children at Your Family Resource Connection (Women's Shelter), also known as Crosspoint at the Y. Examples of toy ideas are small games, books for all ages, Barbies, handheld games, Hot Wheel type cars, action figures, coloring books, DVD's, puzzles, Bath and Body type items for older girls, or any small gift that you can think of. **We are asking Builders Club members to bring a new toy to our Wednesday, December 7th meeting. We will meet in room 709 at 8:05 A.M. for a little holiday party on that day.** We will also gladly accept toys from any student, staff, or family who is able to donate.

Finally, our club will be participating in Wreaths Across America Day at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 17th at the Danville National Cemetery. Builders Club members will have an opportunity to help place the wreaths on the graves of veterans on this day. We were able to collect sponsorships for 345 wreaths this year, amounting to \$5,175.00. We were over our goal by 145 wreaths!!! Thank you to everyone who sponsored a wreath or multiple wreaths this year. We sincerely appreciate your generosity! Permission slips for Wreaths Across America Day have been sent home and need to be returned by December 7th. Parents will need to provide transportation for their child both to and from the cemetery.

We are happy to announce that our tree that we decorated for the Festival of Trees received a second-place ribbon in the middle school/junior high division. This was our first time participating in this activity. Check out the North Ridge Facebook page to see a picture of our winning tree. We also wrapped up our Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF collection with a grand total of \$110.00.

The Builders Club also continues to oversee our school's paper recycling. Also, please consider adding the General Mills Box Tops for Education App to your phone. You can scan your receipts on the Box Tops App to help our club earn funds to help with our community and school service projects.

We would like to remind Builders Club members and their parents to check our Builders Club Google Classroom regularly, especially if you miss a meeting. All meeting agendas, activity information, permission slips, as well as photos, are all put in our Google Classroom.

Our next two meetings are on December 7, 2022, and January 4, 2023.

We sincerely appreciate all your support! Happy Holidays from NRMS Builders Club!