



North Ridge Middle School

February 2023

Newsletter

Dates to remember:

02/01/2023: CPR Training 7:20 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

02/06/2023: Choir Concert

02/10/2023: Sneaker Ball

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 congratulate students that earned exemplary first semester grades. We are so proud of your persistence, work ethic, and resilience. Furthermore, we want to encourage you to remain engaged and focused. Also, parents and guardians please continue to support your students and work cooperatively with their teachers to ensure student success. We truly appreciate you.

We are excited about the third quarter academic focus. We will continue use of Smeckens Writing Strategies, and our writing focus will be argumentative. Also, the reading focus will be comprehension skill building provided through the Study Sync text. Furthermore, the reading topic will be social justice, which fits perfectly into planned Black History Month activities and projects.

Reminders:

7th Grade Math

We are continuing our work on multiplying and dividing integers with fractions and decimals. Please make sure your child is continuing to work on the integer rules. We will be taking the unit test over this information mid to late February. The students will be much more successful with the rest of 7th grade and 8th grade if they are fluent with the integer rules. Please remember to look over your child's agenda each evening to ensure all homework is being completed regularly. Practice makes progress! As always, please feel free to contact your child's math teacher with questions or concerns about math grades/progress. We are eager to work with you, so that your child will be on the pathway to success.

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7th Grade Science

January is a busy month for 7th grade Science. We are finishing up our Chemistry Unit! The students have learned about Chemical Reactions and what takes place on a molecular level. We will be wrapping up the Chemistry Unit by making soap! Yes, we will make soap from fat! Students need to continue to review key concepts and vocabulary daily. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

Lisa Lorenzen 444 -3430

Adam Weidner 444-3453



Biology

Hello February! We have started a unit on Homeostasis in which we have learned about food webs. We will continue homeostasis this month learning about pH levels, diffusion, and ocean acidification. In addition, we will begin working on Science Fair Experiments. If you love science and would like to demonstrate a fun, cool experiment, see your science teacher for information. We will have science fair workdays February 8, 15, and 22nd from 4-5:30, with parent pick up in the circle drive at 5:30. Remember if you are gone from school for an extended period of time, you need to check Google Classroom for your schoolwork and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

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8th Grade Language Arts

The 8th grade ELA teachers give kudos to our students who worked very hard during the Remote Learning Day in January and the parents/guardian who assisted their children in completing the assignments. Our students have finished Unit 1 in StudySync and all assessments and retakes have been taken. For the month of February, we will be working on informational text using StudySync as well as other resources. Standards include RI.8.1, RI.8.2, RI.8.4. We will also be doing an informative essay, going through the steps to the writing process, focusing on an influential African-American. Standards include W.8.2, W.8.4, and L.8.1. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra & Algebra

Grading has started over for 2nd semester, so students have an opportunity to start fresh and work hard. Algebra is starting Unit 6 – Systems of Linear Equations and will continue through February. Students who are currently passing Algebra should start considering whether they would prefer traditional geometry next year at DHS or if they would be interested in GeoCon – which is an elective and math together as they use geometry and construction skills. Pre-Algebra is beginning to graph linear equations. Students currently taking Pre-Algebra and passing all unit tests should plan to take Algebra next year at DHS. Any students who are struggling should take advantage of the after-school tutoring program as well as spending a little extra time with teachers to get help. Please contact your child's math teacher if they are needed extra help.

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

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8th Grade Science

Hello February! This month we will continue our weather unit in Earth Science. We will be learning about how the air on Earth is warmed and about the conditions that affect weather. Some of the activities will include, what causes weather to form, how to analyze weather data, and how the seasons are formed. In addition, we will begin working on the Science Fair. We will have science fair workdays on February 8th, 15th and 22nd from 4-5:30 after school with parents picking up in the circle drive at 5:30. 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 TeacherEase:

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Home Program Intervention Coordinators:

It is that time of year again that we ask parents to participate in the Parent 5 Essentials Survey for North Ridge. The survey should take just five minutes or less. The link is below and can also be accessed through the NR website or our Facebook page. Thank you! ☐

[Parent Survey Login \(5-essentials.org\)](https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/) <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/>

High Five Friday!

We have some exciting guests for High Five Friday in February! The Regional Office of Education will be here, United Way, DHS guidance department, and the Mark Denman Elementary AVID students will be here! We also have Sororities and Fraternities coming to help us celebrate Black History Month!

Orchestra

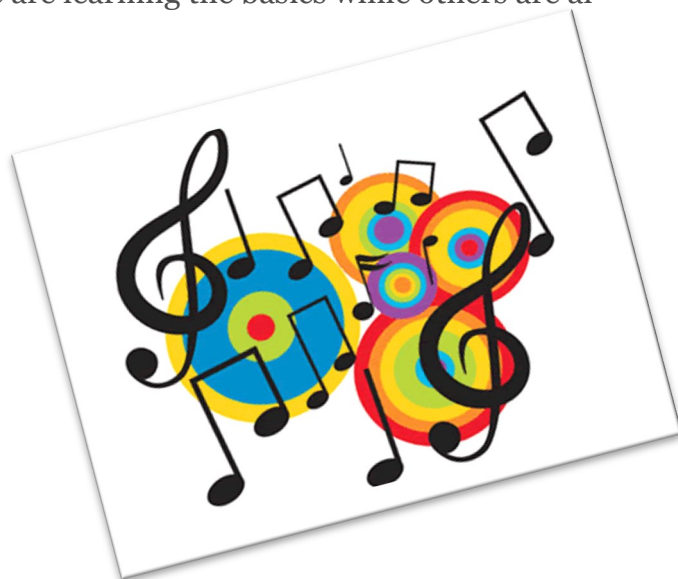
The 7th and 8th grade orchestras are preparing for their next concert on March 8th. The 7th graders are working on a piece resembling a train slowly accelerating and another piece titled *Supernova*. The 8th graders are working on three pieces, one of which is a multi-movement work. They will soon begin working on two other pieces that are planned for their Step-Up concert on April 20th. Their upcoming music will be quite challenging, so wish them luck!

Guitar:

The 7th and 8th grade guitar students are working on all kinds of music. The 7th graders are still learning the basics of guitar and are currently learning the E string and soon the B string. The 8th graders have varying playing abilities, as a result some are learning the basics while others are already playing more advanced music.

As always, please encourage your students to practice!

Mr. Aaron Escamilla, (217)
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North Ridge Bands

The bands have come back from break refreshed and ready to make music! Students in all band classes have been learning new music at an impressive rate. The culture of our program is quickly becoming a strong culture of success and hard work. Advanced Band will be performing with the DHS Wind Ensemble on February 22nd at 7pm at the Dick van Dyke Auditorium at DHS. The NRMS Music Department Spaghetti Dinner is currently planned for February 24th from 5-9 at North Ridge. Our next Instrumental Music concert will be on March 8th at 5:15 at North Ridge. There are many music events planned throughout the rest of the semester so be sure to check the band website or Facebook page as well as keep all information that is sent home.

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8th Grade Students Signup for Elective Courses

Large Group Informational Meetings

February 1, 2023

DHS Counselors meet with all 8th graders in PE to go over the process for selecting electives.

Individual Meetings

February 6, 7, 8, and 16

DHS Counselors will meet with all 8th graders individually in the NRMS library. Students will discuss options and select courses for 9th grade.

Parent Review Period

After your child has met with their counselor, you will be able to review your child's selections any-time by accessing your child's Xello Account. There is a link to Xello on the North Ridge Counseling Page.

Later this spring, all course requests will be mailed to parent's home address with instructions on how to change course requests. This is another opportunity to review the requested courses and make changes before the 2023-24 school year.

Music & Culture

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This is a brand new class at NRMS, and we've been learning a lot in the first few weeks of the semester. We will be learning about different genres of music and their history as well as cultural importance. The semester is starting with the history of Hip Hop and the artists that shaped the genre. We'll be starting our Rock 'n Roll Unit after we finish with Hip Hop! I look forward to introducing the students to new music and expanding their understanding of music's influence on our society.

Ms. Learnard

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Builders Club Newsletter February 2023

The North Ridge Builders Club is preparing for a busy second semester of school and community service projects. We are currently working on thank you letters for our Wreaths Across America sponsors.

We are still collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education through their app. Please add the app to your phone and start scanning your receipts. Contact Mrs. Delzell if you need information about how to use the app or if you need a list of eligible Box Top products. Money collected from the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program is used to help fund our school and community projects.

The Builders Club continues to oversee the NRMS paper recycling program.

In February, we will continue making Valentines for Veterans. The valentines will be given to the veterans at our local VA Illiana Health Care System. We have a tentative guest speaker planned for our meeting that will be held in the North Ridge library on **February 1, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.**. **Please note that we have asked the club members to come a little early to this meeting.** Our guest is Melissa Wilhelm, the Special Events and Development Coordinator, Public Information Officer from the Salvation Army, North and Central Illinois Division. She will speak to our group and has a Valentine's Day activity planned for us.

Our next meetings are:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at **8:00 A.M**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 8:05 A.M.

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 8:05 A.M.

*If you have questions, all club information and news is posted in our Builders Club Google Classroom. You may also contact Mrs. Delzell and/or Mrs. Leemon-Crabtree at North Ridge.

We are still recruiting new members. Please contact us if your child is interested in joining the Builders Club. As always, thank you for your support!!