



# North Ridge Middle School

## January 2023

### Newsletter

Dates to remember:

01/13/2023: No School

01/16/2023: No School: MLK Day

**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.**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## Biology

Hello January! Welcome back from break! Hope you had a fun relaxing time over break. This month we will finish our unit on African lions, in which we have learned about genetics, energy use, and macromolecules. We will start a unit on Homeostasis in which we will learn about food webs, pH levels, and ocean acidification. In addition, we will begin taking applications for the Science Fair. If you love science and would like to demonstrate a fun, cool experiment see your science teacher for information. 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 students teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

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## 8th Grade Language Arts

We hope everyone had a nice holiday and was able to spend quality time with loved ones. Now it is time to get back to work. The Fast Bridge Reading Assessment will be January 9 and 10. Please encourage your child to do his or her best as it will be used in determining what classes your child will be placed in at Danville High School. It's hard to believe the first semester is nearing the end. Time certainly flies. Our students are finishing up with StudySync Grammar Chapter 1 which includes types of sentences and sentence structure. The standard for this Chapter is L.8.1. The assessment will be given the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to do his or her best on this assessment as it will be counted as a test grade. We will also be working on Vocabulary Unit 1 and continuing with StudySync Unit 2 which is nonfiction text. 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](mailto:crawleyr@danville118.org)  
Mr. Gerard (217)444-3452 or [gerardc@danville118.org](mailto:gerardc@danville118.org)  
Mrs. Williams (217)444-3432 or [williamsc@danville118.org](mailto:williamsc@danville118.org)

## 8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra & Algebra

We are almost to the second semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade math which will go by fast! Students need to make sure they are working hard to complete ALL assignments, do extra practice to prepare for assessments, and then take the time to schedule retakes for anything they score below 60% on in order to prove mastery! All of the math teachers offer retakes for objective checks, quizzes, and assessments, as long as the student puts forth the effort to make it happen! In addition to learning the curriculum, students will begin preparing for the spring standardized test.

If a student does not pass core classes, he or she will have to take summer school or repeat the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please encourage your student to do the following so that he or she has a successful 8<sup>th</sup> grade year!

Complete and turn in ALL assignments

STUDY for all tests and quizzes (study guides are given for all tests)

Establish better study habits

Be in school on a daily basis (online for all classes)

Maintain a positive attitude and good behavior that is conducive to learning

Ask for help from the teachers (tutoring is available)

Write daily assignments in agenda notebook and organize materials

Participate more in class and give full effort.

### **8th Grade Science**

Hello January! Welcome back from break! Hope you had a fun relaxing time over break. This month we will start our next unit on Earth Science. We will be learning about weather; what causes weather to form, how to analyze weather data, and what type of weather occurs around the world. In addition, we will begin taking applications for the Science Fair. If you love science and would like to demonstrate a fun, cool experiment see your science teacher for information. 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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### **Home Program Intervention Coordinators:**

High Five Friday is a new program we started here at North Ridge, and it is better than ever. Students got to enjoy animals that came before break and this upcoming Friday

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### **ART**

This semester your talented students have studied the Elements of Art. Each student created several great pieces. These projects included a tessellation, still life, landscape, and even an ugly Christmas sweater to celebrate this month. For the last part of the semester, we will explore the medium of painting. Your students will learn how paint mixes and find out how layers of paint work together.



## 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 [in-golddg@danville118.org](mailto:in-golddg@danville118.org) or fax them to 217-444-3484

## Orchestra

The 7th and 8th grade orchestras have wrapped up the year with the December Instrumental Concert. All band and orchestra ensembles performed excellently. Going into the new year, the orchestras will begin preparing for their next concert in March. In January, students will be focused on reading new music and diving further into music theory.

## Guitar:

The current 7th and 8th grade guitar students are finishing up the semester with learning their final pieces. With the next semester approaching, a new group of students will begin guitar classes.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 in the North Ridge Cafetorium. The students have also been developing AVID style Band Binders



## Student Council

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Hello January! Welcome back from break! Hope you had a fun relaxing time over break. Student council had so much fun last semester. We rang bells for Salvation Army, Christmas shopped for Project Success toy drive, I am thankful for their help with parent teacher conferences, and many other fun events. This semester we will have the Talent show which was rescheduled due to many acts not able to perform. We will have a Winter Sneaker Ball, Valentine's sale, end of school year dance, and many fun activities. If you are interested in joining the student council, please see Ms. Brock in room 607.

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Important dates

Winter Sneaker Ball Feb 10th, 2023

End of year dance May 19th, 2023



### Volleyball

Any prospective volleyball players were invited to attend a University of Illinois volleyball match. They got to experience a little time on campus and witness what it takes to play Division 1 sports! It was a great opportunity as the coaching staff even welcomed the girls down to line the gym as part of the opening huddle!





## **Builders Club Newsletter January 2023**

The North Ridge Builders Club had three important projects that took place during the month of December. On November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> a few of our club members were able to ring bells for the Salvation Army. We rang bells at County Market and collected \$298.61 on the first day and \$81.45 on the second day. We had a great time!

**One hundred** toys were delivered on Wednesday, December 14, 2023, to Your Family Resource Connection (Women's Shelter), also known as Crosspoint at the Y. A big thank you to our club members and their parents who were able to donate a toy or multiple toys. The families at the shelter are always very appreciative of our holiday toy donation.

Our club will be participating in the Wreaths Across America wreath removal day that will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Danville National Cemetery. Builders Club members will have an opportunity to help remove the wreaths from the graves on this day. Permission slips and additional information for Wreath Removal Day will be sent home at our meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Parents will need to provide transportation for their child both to and from the cemetery.

Builders Club also continues to oversee our school's paper recycling. The club members empty recycling boxes from the classrooms into large totes that are then placed outside for pick up. 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. If you have questions about this project or any of our projects, please contact Mrs. Delzell at [delzellk@danville118.org](mailto:delzellk@danville118.org)

**Our meetings in January are on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, and on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 8:05 in the North Ridge library.** We will be working on our Valentines for Veterans project at these meetings. **On February 1, 2023, Melissa Wilhelm from the Salvation Army will be a guest at our Builders Club meeting. She will speak to our club and will do a valentine activity with our club members. On this day we'd like to start our meeting at 8:00 A.M. instead of 8:05.**

Happy New Year 2023 from the NRMS Builders Club!



**Attention NRMS 8th Grade Students Registration for Danville High School 2023 starts in January!**

**8th Grade Field Trip to DHS Elective Fair Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

**During School Day**

All 8th graders will be visiting DHS during the school day to visit an elective fair showcasing classes and activities offered to them in 9th grade.

**Meeting for 8th Grade Students/Parents Regarding 9th Grade Registration Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

**Elective Fair 6 – 7 PM Danville High School Auditorium**

Please join the DHS school counselors as they share information and answer questions regarding registration for 9th grade classes at Danville High School. This meeting is for parents and student. Everyone is invited to visit the elective fair following the meeting. Please note that the meeting is at DHS.

**8th Grade Students Signup for Elective Courses Early February at NRMS**