## NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

Wow! Seventh grade went by fast! Now that the nerves of entering middle school are a memory of the past, it's time to prepare for an AWESOME 8TH GRADE YEAR! Each year we provide every student the opportunity to select their elective class. All students and parents have been emailed the Google form link to select electives. Please fill out the online Google form by May 2, 2022 with your child to select your elective(s) for the 2022-23 school year. Here are the 8<sup>th</sup> grade electives for next year. More information about each elective is available on the Google form. You can also access the google form by going here: <a href="https://forms.gle/2RSLvP8y7woKRbf98">https://forms.gle/2RSLvP8y7woKRbf98</a>

Semester electives:GTT: Medical DetectivesYear-long electivesArtIntro to Computer ApplicationsAdvanced BandGlobal DetectivesBroadcasting for BeginnersOrchestraGTT: Automation and RoboticsGuitarChoir

In addition to the selecting electives, families should also consider the following options for the 2022-23 school year.

**Algebra and Biology** - Eighth grade students can take Algebra 1 and Biology at NRMS. This is a great opportunity for your child get a head-start on high school. Students that successfully complete these classes will be awarded high school credit and can take more advanced classes during their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

AVID – AVID's mission is to "close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society." North Ridge Middle School's AVID program fulfils this mission through the implementation of AVID principles school-wide and through the AVID elective course including tutorials, organizational skills, and college visits. Any student interested in AVID can apply by filling out an AVID application, which can be picked up in the guidance office.

**High School Prep Program** – The high school prep program is alternative education placement at the Kenneth D. Bailey Academy that has been in place for many years. Students choose this program because it offers:

- 1. High school credits earned in "summer school" after their 8th grade year.
- 2. Smaller classroom setting
- 3. Community outreach and field trips
- 4. High school preparation
- 5. Specific student growth goals

Interested students should see Mr. Ferber about attending the informational meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> during 8<sup>th</sup> hour and consider applying for the program. Sign up here: https://forms.gle/RBfojgEFL6eBpSCv8

**English and Math Support Classes** – Many students have fallen behind academically and need extra support to catch up. North Ridge Middle School offers English and math support classes to provide targeted interventions in math and English language arts. Students are selected for these classes based on a variety of factors including teacher recommendation, grades, and test scores.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the guidance office (444-3412) or the counselor, Mr. Ferber, directly at ferbert@danville118.org or 444-3421.