

Middle School Monthly

North Shore Middle School

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Principals Message

Ready, Set, Learn!

The 2011 school year is off to a fantastic start! Students are settling into their lockers, becoming comfortable with their teachers, and reconnecting with friends after the long summer vacation.

This week, I will meet with each academic team at the middle school. My purpose in visiting these classrooms is to hear from our students about how things are going and to provide an overview of the expectations and supports that are in place for our students.

As the newness of the school year wears off, students react in different ways. While some students thrive, others find surprising challenges. Middle Level Research shows that students must be socially, emotionally, and academically supported to find success

"The sooner we know how things are going for your child, the faster we can put plans in place to make a positive difference in their school experience"

in school.

If you notice your child struggling socially or academically, contact your child's teachers or guidance counselor right away. The sooner we know about a problem, the faster we can work towards improvement.

As a school, we are committed to the success of your child. With your support, I look forward to working with you throughout the school year

Important Upcoming Middle School Events

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Monday, September 19:

PTA Meeting, Cafeteria
7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 27:

Back to school night 7:00
PM

Tuesday, October 4:

MS Picture Day

Monday October 17:

PTA Meeting 9:00 AM
Cafeteria Guest Speaker
on Cyber Bullying

Spirit Week Begins!

Friday, October 21:

Pep rally, Gym 2:00 – 3:00
PM

Saturday, October 22:

Homecoming Parade
12:30 PM Glenwood
Landing School

Monday, October 24-26:

6th Grade to Greenkill

Sincerely, Marc Ferris

NSMS PTA: Together We Can!

Welcome back!! What a great start to the year! The PTA sponsored 6th Grade BBQ and first annual "I Wish I Would Have Known" 6th Grade Parent Mixer were great successes. It was a pleasure to welcome back our dedicated teachers on the first day of school with balloons, flowers and notes from our students. We look forward to formally welcoming back the parents of our 7th and 8th graders at Back to School Night on September 27th. This month is a busy, exciting month for the PTA. We eagerly anticipate our first PTA meeting of the year on **Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the MS Café and hope for you to join us.

It's that time! Our yearly Innisbrook wrapping paper fundraiser is about to take off. Students from each grade will receive 40% of their total sales to be put towards their individual school trip cost. The 6th grade will be off to Greenkill. The 7th grade will be off to Boston and the 8th grade teachers are in the planning phases of an exciting field trip. Also, be on the lookout for information about our PTA sponsored "*Reflections*" contest. The theme this year is Diversity. Students will have the opportunity to translate this theme into an artistic project to be judged by a panel made up of parents and faculty. Selected pieces will then be sent off for Regional, State and National judging.

Did you save the date for our *Murder Mystery Dinner* at the Swan Club? November 11th promises to be a wonderful night for parents, community members and faculty to support our students and have a fantastic evening.

Don't forget to check your NSMS PTA website's fundraising page to learn how to raise money for your school using your Target Red Card, your enrolled Stop n Shop Card, cutting Box Tops or shopping Amazon.com directly from our site.

We have so much more to share with you..... See you at our first meeting!

Guidance Happenings

We hope things are off to a smooth start for you and your children. The guidance staff is excited about 2011 and all of the wonderful clubs, programs, events, and support systems we have here at the middle school. For details, check the school website and follow the middle school prompts: www.northshoreschools.org

One support program that starts September 20 is the Homework Center. This great resource is for students who may be having difficulty with homework. The Homework Center is designed to help students be more successful in school by encouraging and emphasizing homework completion. Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you would like more information or visit the guidance page on the middle school site to download sign-up form.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year,

Sincerely,

The Guidance Department

Best Regards, NSMS PTA Executive Board