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TODAY'S LEARNERS - TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the first semester, I am pleased at all of the positive things happening at North Naples Middle School. Teachers and staff members are striving to reach all students, face-to-face and Collier Connect, to ensure that they are successful and reach their academic goals. Now is the time to make sure that your student stays on track and continues to be a successful NNMS student. Please continue to check your child's grades weekly on FOCUS. If your child is struggling and not living up to their potential, we are here to help! Please contact your child's teachers and their guidance counselor so that we can work together to ensure that your child is successful. NNMS has several opportunities for tutoring during lunch and after school, this is a great way to get extra needed help!

I hope each of you enjoy the holiday season! I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2021!

Kimberly Lonergan
Proud Principal, NNMS

Important Dates & Information

- No School for Winter Break from December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021
- Students return to school on January 4, 2021
- Midterms – Week of January 11 - 15, 2021
- Quarter 2 Ends on January 15, 2021
- No School on MLK Day January 18, 2021
- Virtual Learning Day for Students on Teacher Planning Day on January 19, 2021
- No School on President's Day February 15, 2021
- Quarter 3 Interim Period Ends on February 16, 2021
- Early Dismissal on February 25, 2021

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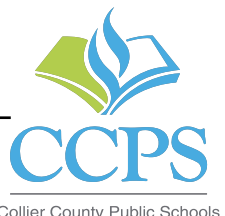
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Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline

House News

North Naples Middle School started the year off really well with a lot of students being back on campus and celebrating their house spirit. Our sixth graders recently received their house shirts, and all students are encouraged to wear them on Wednesdays. Not only has the house spirit been visible with students wearing their shirts, Wednesdays have been filled with plenty of cheering, parading, and enthusiasm. It's been extremely exciting to see so many students building a sense of belonging by sharing their house spirit, and also welcoming so many students on to campus. Congratulations to House Reise for winning the most house points for the first quarter. Their commitment to grades, behavior, and overall spirit catapulted them in to the lead for a house party. Nicely done!



Attendance News

One of our Wildcat school-wide expectations is for students to be prompt to their classes. This includes both on-campus and virtual students. We continue encouraging students to be proactive when following their schedule, and participating at all times with their classes. **MESSAGE FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS:** In the event that you are absent from school, we highly encourage you to utilize Canvas to keep up with assignments, activities, and lessons. Although you will not be counted as "present", your following along will help mitigate any lost instruction.

Laptops

We are very excited for all students to have a laptop this year. With that being said, we are encouraging all students to be extremely cautious with their devices. The replacement cost for a laptop is \$587, therefore we are highly encouraging students to transport the devices in their district provided cases and to not eat and drink while using them. Please talk to your child about responsible laptop practices.

Mr. Berning, *Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline*

Important Health Information

Thank you to all parents/guardians for keeping student home that are sick and/or showing signs of COVID 19. If your child is tested for COVID 19, please keep them home until the test results are available and contact the school with the information.



Go Wildcats!

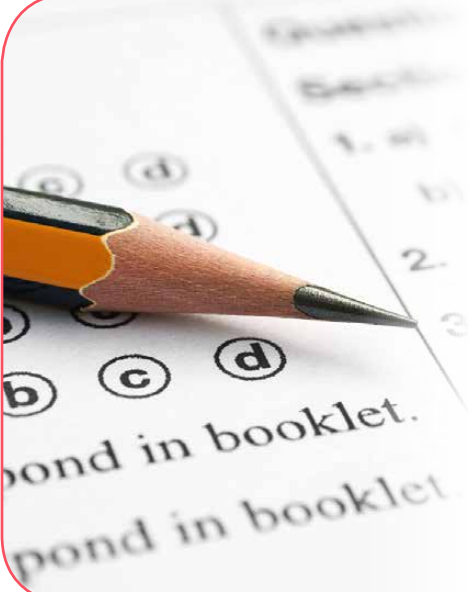
Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction

A look ahead to the change of semester in January:

The CCPS academic school calendar has Quarter 2 (and Semester 1) ending 1/15/21. This is two weeks after students will have returned from Winter break, as opposed to before students depart for the break in December. As a result, midterm exams and other testing associated with the end of the semester is currently scheduled to take place the week of 1/11/21. Teachers will be utilizing the week of 1/4/21 for exam review and preparation. Be sure to check the Wildcat Weekly email for updated testing schedules and pertinent information.

Regards,

Dr. Ben Weber, *Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction*



Yearbook

Eighth grade ads are available now! We will sell out of space, so send in the form as soon as possible.

Anytime there is a school event, sports, games, music, and more – please send photos to arguer@collierschools.com.

2020-2021 Yearbooks are on sale online through our school website or at Jostens.com and are \$35 now through January 31st! Personalization is still available for a limited time.



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While the 2020-2021 school year looks so different than other years across our district, the NNMS PTO is hard at work as a behind-the-scenes force, now with a stronger digital presence than ever before. In an effort to adjust to our ever evolving circumstances, we’ve launched a number of programs on our website at www.nnms.squarespace.com, including hosting traditional fundraisers, such as SpiritWear sales, in online stores available for both on-campus and virtual students.

The purpose of the NNMS PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is to provide support to students and staff for educational and recreational needs in many areas across the school through both manpower and monetary resources. We do this by promoting open communication and encouraging NNMS spirit and pride.

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We look forward your involvement in the NNMS PTO! Remember, visit the website for great information now and all year long! Our contact information can be found there as well.

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School Calendar 2020 / 2021

January

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
				1**		86
4	5	6	7	8	36	91
11	12	13	14	15*	41	96
19**	19	20	21	22	4	101
25	26	27=	28	29	9	106

1** - New Year's Day [Paid Holiday] No School for Teachers or Students
 4 - Students Return from Winter Break
 15* - End of Quarter 2 (41 days)
 19 - Teacher Plan Day; Virtual Learning for Students
 18** - MLK Day [Paid Holiday] No School for Teachers or Students
 27= Report Cards Published

April

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
			1	2	4	145
5	6=	7	8	9	9	150
12	13	14	15	16	14	155
19	20	21	22	23	19	160
26	27	28	29	30+	24	165

2 - No School for Teachers or Students
 6= Report Cards Published
 21 - Early Dismissal
 30+ MS/HS only Interim Period Ends

February

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
1	2	3	4	5	14	111
8	9	10	11	12	19	116
15**	16+	17	18	19	23	121
22=	23	24	25	26	28	126

8 - 12 FTE Week
 15** - Presidents' Day [Paid Holiday] No School for Teachers & Students
 16+ Interim Period Ends
 22= Interims Published
 25 - Early Dismissal

May

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
3	4	5	6=	7	29	170
10	11	12	13	14	34	175
17	18	19	20	21	39	180
24	25	26	27	28	44	185
31**					44	186

6= MS/HS only Interim Published
 28 - Early Dismissal - Graduation
 31** - Memorial Day [Paid Holiday] No School for Teachers or Students

March

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
1	2	3	4	5	33	131
8	9	10	11	12	38	136
15	16	17	18	19	38	136
22	23	24	25	26*	43	141
29	30	31			3	144

26* - End of Quarter 3 (43 days)
 15 - 19 - Spring Break
 29 - Teacher Plan Day; Virtual Learning for Students
 26 - No CCPS scheduled events after sundown

June

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
	1	2	3	4	48	190
7	8	9	10	11*	53	195
14	15	16	17	18		196
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

11* - End of Quarter 4 (53 days); Last Student Day ; Early Dismissal
 14 - Teacher Plan Day; Last Teacher Day
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Guidance

On behalf of the North Naples Middle School Guidance Department, we would like to welcome all our new students as well as our returning students and families to NNMS.

As always, we are here to assist your child with any educational concerns and to ensure that your son/daughter has a very productive, enjoyable learning experience this year.

We are well aware that the times we are now going through due to COVID concerns, can be very stressful for students as well as parents. If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call us.

We would like to share some simple but important hints for homework as well as virtual learning.



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Hints for Homework

Maddy has her evening planned. She'll do her math homework before dinner, then follow up dessert with Spanish and history. Afterward, she can unwind from a busy day.

Sounds impossible? It's not. Help your middle school student make homework go like clockwork with these strategies.

Think it through

- Before your child begins, have her/him make a to-do list. Example: Write a poem, read history chapter, solve 10 math problems.
- Then suggest that she/he number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and start with the hard stuff. This "save and easiest for last" strategy will help her/him finish on a high note, perhaps inspiring her/him to get in some extra studying.

Think about time

- Ask your child to consider different time slots she/he can use to get work done. For instance, maybe she/he could set aside a weekend morning or Sunday night.
- Also, some middle school students have time during study period or after lunch to tackle homework. Encourage your child to complete one assignment during school hours each day if possible. The more she/he does then, the more time she/he will have for fun later.

Think positive

- Help your middle school student see homework as a chance to prove her/his independence by getting her/his work done on time and doing it by herself/himself.
- Boost her/his confidence by telling her/him, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give her/him a thumbs-up when she/he does just that.

Be there!

- Being on time for every class, every day especially during this time of virtual schooling, helps your child get the most out of middle school. Encourage good attendance with these ideas:
 1. Point out that there is no substitute for being in class, whether in school or online. Your child needs to be present to hear teachers explain concepts, to participate in group projects and class discussions, and to ask questions.
 2. Schedule doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments for before or after school hours whenever possible. If you can't, try to arrange them for lunchtime.
 3. It will be easier for your child to get up on time for school if he/she has had at least 9 hours of sleep. Set a reasonable bedtime, and make sure he/she puts away his phone or video games so he/she isn't tempted to stay awake and use them.

We hope these suggestions will be helpful to you and your child. We wish everyone a very safe and productive school year at North Naples Middle School.

Mrs. Elizabeth Treanor, *Guidance Secretary*

Mrs. Kim Manning, *Guidance Counselor (A-L)*

Mrs. Bonnie Pinkerton, *Guidance Counselor (M-Z)*



AfterSchool Enrichment Program

The After School Program started on Tuesday, Nov. 17th and will continue through Wednesday, February 24th!!! We meet from 3:55-4:55 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are offering a variety of activities such as Chess Club, Competitive Math Club, Creative Writing & Journalism, Dance Club, Creativity Club, DECA, Esports, Fitness Club, Game On, Jazz Band, Science Club, and Yearbook Club to mention a few! Students may choose to participate in intramural soccer and basketball in the afternoons and Cross country in the morning!



Language Arts Department

While many of our teaching approaches may change, our high expectations will not as we work to improve reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. In class, students participate in a variety of activities as they continue to develop communication skills. Students are encouraged to read high-quality, appropriately challenging books to allow growth. Many family-friendly podcasts and TedTalks are available online; listening and discussing will help analysis skills.

Please visit Canvas to view information like assignments and contact information for individual teachers. We look forward to a successful year in Language Arts!

Mrs. Bringardener, *Department Chair*



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