

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FEBRUARY 26, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the high school. Agenda items will be included in a future weekly update.

JOINT MEETING OF TOWN BOARDS

The NMRSD Finance Subcommittee is hosting a joint meeting of the school committee, board of selectmen and FINCOM from our three communities on March 2, 2017, at 6:30 PM at North Middlesex High School. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open dialogue about the FY'18 budget and the needs of our communities.

We hope you can join us for this important discussion as we all work together during these difficult fiscal times.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the high school at 5:00 PM. Agenda items will be included in a future weekly update.

Maintenance Building Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee reviewed three options to address the required renovation of the existing 2-bay garage on the current high school property. The building committee agreed that renovating the existing 2-bay garage was the most economical option. The options were reviewed during the school committee meeting on November 21, 2016. The school committee decided to move forward with the renovation option for a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Artificial Turf Field Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee discussed the possibility of adding an artificial turf field to the athletic upgrades for the project. An evaluation of the costs, long term maintenance, potential health concerns, and usage needs were conducted over the next two months. A preliminary discussion/presentation occurred at the school committee meeting on December 5, 2016, followed by a formal presentation during the school committee meeting on January 9, 2017. During the school committee meeting on January 9th, the committee voted to bring a warrant article to the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to add an artificial turf field to the high school building project. The article will be brought to a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Note – for both the maintenance building and artificial turf field – it is the building committee's intent that the funds to cover these items would come from cost savings realized during the current high school building project and would not have an additional impact on our member towns.

Excellent progress continues on the high school building project site. Concrete work is complete on the main stairs in the common area and seating area of the auditorium. Wall tile and lockers are being installed in many areas of the building. The boilers, many of the rooftop air condition units and the elevator are operational. Flooring has been installed in many of the classrooms along with classroom cabinets and marker boards. The masonry work in the gym and locker rooms is almost complete.

The exterior masonry work continues with the majority of the brickwork complete – work continues on a few exterior columns. The installation of the metal panels is complete on parapet walls surrounding the fly-loft and surrounding the library/media center with trim and finish detail work on-going.

Week of 02/27

- Continue masonry in commons area
- Continue taping and sanding in C and E buildings
- MEP rough in auditorium and mechanical space
- Startup of balance of RTU
- Continue installing doors and hardware in D building
- Install marker and tack boards
- Install elevator vent
- Continue VCT B-1 in corridors in D building
- Continue ceramic in staff and student bathrooms
- Install tile for Stair # 2
- Continue kitchen quarry tile
- Complete frame and glazing CW west elevation
- Continue interior SF and glazing in C building
- Installing ACM, Porcelain panels in E building. and installing phenolic soffits in west elevation
- Continue ceiling grid in E and C buildings
- Insulation of MEP in all areas
- Installing MEP finishes in B and A buildings
- Continue rigging in auditorium
- Continue interior and exterior caulking
- Install lockers in locker rooms in E building
- Continue casework in A building and miscellaneous items in D/B
- Installing glazing A /B building (protest)

Public Forums have been scheduled for February 28 and March 23 at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium to provide members of the community with an opportunity to ask questions regarding adding an artificial turf field to the high school building project. We hope all community stakeholders will attend these important forums.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday, February 27	Classes Resume	
Tuesday, February 28	Artificial Turf Field Forum NMRHS	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 28	2017-18 Kindergarten Parent Info Night Varnum Brook Elementary	6:00 PM

DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The purpose of these meetings is for the superintendent to engage our families and community members in discussions about educational topics and to garner feedback on important issues. The meetings will be held at Peter Fitzpatrick School at 9:30 AM on the dates listed below. If you would like to join the district parent advisory council, please email the superintendent at jlanders@nmrsd.org.

March 2, 2017

April 6, 2017

April 27, 2017

May 18, 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The purpose of these meetings is to engage high school students in discussions about their school community and to provide an opportunity for students to take a leadership role in the district. The meetings will be held at NMRHS at 6:00 PM in Room 14.

March 2, 2017 Cancelled due to joint finance meeting with our three towns

April 6, 2017

April 27, 2017

May 18, 2017

NMRHS VARSITY HOCKEY

The NM Varsity Hockey team is competing in a playoff game against Groton Dunstable on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:40 PM at Gaetz Arena in Fitchburg. We hope to see you at the game!

PEPPERELL YOUTH BASEBALL

Registration is open for spring 2017 baseball in Pepperell. See flyer attached for important information.

NMRHS COURSE SELECTION REMINDER

Course selection sheets should be returned to homeroom/advisory teachers by Monday 2/27 for current middle school students, and Tuesday 2/28 for high school students.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Below are the revised dates for this year's epic musical!

Mon: March 20, 2-6 PM, Full Rehearsal

Tues: March 21, 2-7 PM, Full Dress Rehearsal

Wed: March 22, 5 PM, Open Dress Rehearsal Free Performance for Senior Citizens

Thurs: March 23, 2-4:30 PM, Music Rehearsal ONLY w/ Orchestra

Fri: March 24, 7 PM, OPENING NIGHT

Sat: March 25, 2 shows, 2 PM Matinee & 7 PM

PROJECT GRADUATION BAILEY'S NIGHT

Treat yourself; you deserve it! Take a break from cooking and support Project Graduation at the same time! On Monday, February 27th a percentage of all sales at Bailey's will go to Project Graduation!

NM MUSICIANS

The following NM musicians were selected for the All- State Music Festival and Conference to be held in Boston, March 9-11 culminating with a concert at Symphony Hall. The audition process is rigorous and truly encompasses excellence and skill from our students. We enthusiastically congratulate:

Paige D. - Trumpet

Kyle K. - Choir

Adam K. - Double Bass

Alivia R. - Choir

Joseph T. - Choir

SPRING ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

Begins Friday, February 3rd and ends Sunday, March 5th.

Late Registration begins Monday, March 6th and ends Sunday, March 19th. (A non-refundable late registration fee of \$25.00 is applied during this period.)

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention will be held at Nissitissit Middle School during the week of June 26th-June 30th. The camp day will run from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Students will engage in a variety of STEM activities as well as team building and problem-solving using real world ideas. Camp Invention is sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. It is open to all students in grades K - 6 for full participation, and there are limited spots for students in 7-9 as counselors in training. We also will be accepting applications for leadership interns (volunteer positions for students in high school or college). Please contact Branden Judkins (bjudkins@nmrsd.org) with any additional questions.

Camp Invention Promo Video -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OiFeEzgJwA>

To Register:

<http://campinvention.org/inspire/camp-invention-k-6th/2017-program/>