

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017; at North Middlesex Regional High School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The meeting scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017, has been canceled. The concern regarding the asbestos in the old high school building has been addressed and appears will fall within the project budget.

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017; at the high school at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will be included in a future update.

Please note: The NM Building and School Committee meetings will be held in room 120 at North Middlesex Regional High School on the first floor. To access the meetings, please park in the lot on Main Street (119) and follow the signs which will direct you to the location.

NMRHS COMMUNITY TOURS

The district is pleased to announce community tours of the new North Middlesex Regional High School on Saturday, October 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Student-led tours will occur on the half hour starting at 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

INFORMATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH AND BREAKFAST

If your income is less than or equal to the State Free and Reduced guidelines, you are eligible for free or reduced price meals. These guidelines are effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) they are automatically able to receive free meals. Students who are migrant, homeless or runaway are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Just a reminder that if your child was approved for free or reduced lunch last school year, you need to re-apply each year. If approved in a prior school year, your child will automatically receive free or reduced lunch until October 1st. This period is to allow time to process the new free and reduced lunch applications for this school year. Please remember you will receive a letter regarding your free/reduced lunch status each year.

For more information or to get an application for free or reduced price school meals, contact Michelle Nee, 33 Chace Avenue, Pepperell, MA 01463, 978-433-0114. We cannot approve your application unless it is complete. The information you give us on your application may be checked. You may apply for free or reduced meals at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child(ren) may be able to have free or reduced meals based on your unemployment income. If we deny your free or reduced meals application, we will give you a chance to appeal the decision. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 27th Early Release Day for Students/ Staff Professional Development

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 p.m. in room 120. The first meeting will be held on October 19, 2017. Future meeting dates will be determined at the meeting.

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 a.m. The first meeting will be held on October 19, 2017. Future meeting dates will be determined at the meeting.

NM CARES PERFORMANCE OF DIRT

The North Middlesex Regional High School administration worked with NM Cares to arrange a performance of DIRT for all freshman and sophomore students at 8:30 a.m. on October 12. There will also be a free community performance at 6:00 p.m. in the high school performing arts center. According to the website (<https://www.johnmorello.com/the-shows>), Dirt is a one-man show that explores the challenges and decisions that young people face every day. Dirt gets to the heart of issues related to drugs, bullying, and self-esteem in a manner that resonates with audiences in a real and meaningful way.

NORTH MIDDLESEX EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The North Middlesex Regional School District administration is interested in establishing an education foundation for our schools. The foundation would raise funds to award mini-grants to teachers and staff to provide enrichment opportunities for our students.

The NM Education Foundation would explore the possibility of establishing a recognition program for former students who have achieved major accomplishments and educators and friends who have made outstanding contributions to education in the North Middlesex Regional School District.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting initiative, please contact the superintendent at jlanders@nmrsd.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE GREGORY E REEVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RUN COMMITTEE

Greg's Run will be held on Saturday, October 7th on the Townsend Common. This race was started to honor a young man, Gregory Reeves, an NMRHS graduate, who was struck by a car while out running in Townsend. The course of this 4.6-mile race is the training run that he would use. His family started this as a way to honor him and fund scholarships for NMRHS students. In the past twelve years, the Gregory E Reeves Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$113,000.00 in scholarships to NMRHS students.

Attached to the Blackboard Connect message is a poster/flyer that includes important information about the race.

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

The Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club will be hosting a model railroad show at the Varnum Brook Elementary School, 10 Hollis Street in Pepperell MA; and concurrently, there will be an open house at Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club 's clubhouse located at 41 Lomar Park, Unit 4, in Pepperell, MA. Both events will be held on Sunday, October 1st and run from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. There is plenty of free parking at both sites. Admission is: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children (6-12) \$2, Family (2 Adults & Children) \$12. <http://trc.trains.com/events.aspx?page=info&eventid=21350>

PEPPERELL YOUTH BASEBALL (flyer attached)

Pepperell Youth Baseball will be holding its 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament and NEW this year - Chili Cook-Off on September 30th from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

The entry fee is \$50 per team for advanced tickets, \$60 per team on the day of the event. Teams consist of two players (adults only).

Space is limited to 32 teams (first come first served).