

UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE OCTOBER 9, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the NMRSD School Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 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 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.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 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-guided tours will occur on the half hour starting at 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

The North Middlesex Regional School District cordially invites the community to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of the opening of the new high school on Friday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m.

NMRS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION - NMRHS

Fall Canning: Friday, October 13, 4:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, Oct 14, 8:00 am-12:00 noon
Canning locations will be in Pepperell, Townsend, and Ashby. To earn your point, you must fulfill a 2-hour time slot of canning. Cans will be picked up and returned to NMRHS on the day of the event.

What is a point? Participation points are a part of how scholarship awards are evaluated. Students can earn 1 point per year of high school. By senior year, the student's points are tallied/weighed as part of the rubric used by the Scholarship Selection Committee, reflecting the number and types of ways the student volunteered for the NMRS Scholarship Foundation during his/her years at NM.

In early spring of their senior year, graduating students are invited to submit an NMRS Scholarship Application. A selection committee consisting of Foundation members (excluding those with a graduating senior) and at least one NMRHS administrator reviews the applications to determine awards. Applications are presented anonymously (the guidance office removes names and applies numbers to the applications) to ensure unbiased decisions are made.

For further information, please contact the scholarship foundation at scholarship@nmrsd.org.

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.

FLU SHOT CLINIC: On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health will host a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic at Nissitissit Middle School. Please bring your insurance card as most companies cover the cost. Otherwise, a fee of \$20.00 will cover the cost of the vaccine. Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop full protection against the flu. For more information, please visit www.nashoba.org.

PEPPERELL FIREHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 14, 2017
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Jersey Street Fire Station

PEPPERELL RECREATION AFTER SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

Message from Jim Pantano, Coordinator, Pepperell Ski Program
Ski 6 consecutive Fridays from January 5th to February 9th at Wachusett Mt
Open to students in grades 5 – 12
Buses depart from Nissitissit Middle School and NMRHS after school dismissal
All buses return to Nissitissit Middle School at 9:00 pm.
Register now at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups
Group Code: PPRL Register online by December 1st for lower prices
Additional information about the Ski Program is available at <https://pepperellski.wordpress.com/>
If you have any questions, please attend the Information Night on Monday, October 30th at 7 pm at the Pepperell Community Center (downstairs) or email pepperellski@gmail.com.