



NMRSD Update September 2, 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NM staff and families for what has been an exceptionally smooth first week of school. Having the opportunity to get students back in August allows us to get a jumpstart on the school year so that everyone is ready to dig in after the Labor Day weekend. Reports from all buildings were positive and we are all looking forward to what will be an excellent year. In the meantime, I wish everyone an enjoyable long weekend as we close out another summer.

Thank You...

I would again like to thank our local police and fire departments for their visibility during the first day of school and the opening week. This is a nice tradition that is welcomed by the school district and truly exemplified the partnership we have in working with kids.

Your assistance was also appreciated in assisting with traffic, which is always a challenge during the first days of school.

Open House

Each of our schools' annual open houses will be held virtually this year. Please be on the lookout for a communication from each school regarding the specifics for each evening.

Guidance for School Work during Extended Absences

We are thankful that we are back for this school year offering in-person learning. Please note for quarantining or extended absences, 8/20/21 DESE FAQ guidance stated that, *"(d)uring the 2021-22 school year, full-time remote learning programs will not count toward structured learning time hours unless specifically previously authorized by DESE."*

Please refer to the middle school and high school handbooks for specific directions for extended absences, including COVID-related absences. For elementary schools, please contact your child's teacher.

Please work with your child's teacher to see the best mode of instruction if this situation arises. We will always try our best to continue to instruct students during COVID related absences, but a daily remote option will NOT be available as it was last year.

Tentative Virtual Coffees

All coffees will be held remotely at a link that will be shared in the coming weeks.

Tuesday, September 21st - 9:30 am

Tuesday, October 26th - 4:00 pm (Date Change)

Tuesday, November 16th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, December 21st - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 18th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, February 15th - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15th - 9:30 am

Tuesday, April 12th - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 31st - 9:30 am

The link for all coffees:

For Video: meet.google.com/vfc-wzau-yem

For Phone: (US) +1 484-416-2706 PIN: 194 998 043#

NMRSD Adopt a Spot Program

The NMRSD "Adopt a Spot" Program provides opportunities for companies, civic groups, and community members to adopt a "spot" (island/mulch bed/entryway) to create attractive, welcoming "oases" throughout the District. Adopters agree to invest "sweat equity" to maintain a spot at one of our schools, in return for which an Adopt a Spot sign recognizing the spot's adopter will be installed by the District. Adopters agree to maintain the area for one fiscal year (July-June) during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Spots are available at all of our schools.

To begin the process of becoming a Spot Adopter, please contact Andrea Royer at 978-597-8713 ext. 1900 to find a spot that suits your interest and discuss guidelines.

Fall Parent/Caregiver Information Series

This fall, NMRSD will be offering four (4) parent/caregiver information nights in the Performing Arts Center at NMRHS at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars:

Tuesday, October 12th

Navigating the Common Application & Naviance

NMRHS Guidance Team

This presentation will be geared towards current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders' parents/caregivers and their students planning to attend two or 4-year colleges.

Tuesday, October 26th

How to Manage Teen Mental Health

Dr. Dan Rosa

This presentation will be geared towards parents/caregivers of middle and high school students. Dr. Rosa is a veteran clinical psychologist in the Chelmsford Public Schools and was instrumental in bringing in a K-12 team of clinical psychologists to the district. He has a private practice and has done presentations throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Wednesday, November 3rd

Internet & Social Media Safety

Katie Greer (klgeer.com)

This presentation will be geared towards all parents/caregivers and students at both the middle and high school levels. As we all realize, technology is unavoidable, and this presentation will help both adults and students better understand the Internet and social media. Katie has done presentations all over the country and has been featured in several national media outlets.

Wednesday, November 10th

How Do We Create Safe & Welcoming Schools for All Students?

How Can We Support Our LGTBQ Students?

Jeff Perrotti

This presentation will be geared towards parents/caregivers of all grade levels. Jeff is a renowned expert in the field of Gender Education - creating a Safe School Climate and the founding director of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education's Safe Schools Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Students.