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NEWSLETTER

NORTHDALÉ MIDDLE SCHOOL — 11301 DOGWOOD ST. N.W., COON RAPIDS, MN 55448

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Open House will be held on **Wednesday, August 28, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.** Please note the busiest time is from 4:00 - 5:15. When you arrive at open house, please make sure to stop and pick up a new schedule. If you were not able to make it to our Early Turn-In Event on August 19, you will also receive a packet of important information for the school year. Teachers will be available during open house hours. As you are locating classrooms, make sure to stop in and meet the teachers. Lockers will also be available during open house. If students would like to bring their school supplies, they will have access to put them in their lockers.

A-HCONNECT

A-HConnect is Anoka-Hennepin's online portal for parents and guardians to access information about their students including grades, test history, meal account balances and much more. This year, all report cards and progress reports will be found through A-HConnect. As a NMS parent or guardian, this is a valuable tool. If you don't remember your password, need to get a new one, or have any questions about A-HConnect, call 763-506-HELP (4357) 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., school days. On non-school days Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EMERGENCY FORMS NOW ON-LINE

Emergency Forms now On-line. An Emergency Information Form will need to be verified for each student. **All back-to-school forms will be completed online this fall.**

In order to participate in this new verification process, parents/guardians need to engage with the My Student Information program. You can validate your parent account **today** by logging into A-HConnect and selecting the "My Student Information" icon from a desktop computer or tablet. My Student Information holds a variety of student information, including attendance and grades once the middle and high school levels are reached.

A-HConnect is accessible via the lock and key icon on district and school websites. If you're unfamiliar with your credentials for this system, please call 763-506-HELP for assistance.

We are asking everyone to have the emergency form filled out before the beginning of the school year. It is important for us to have updated contact information as well as health information in case of an emergency. Computers will be available during our open house and early turn-in events. Because computer access is limited, please consider filling out the emergency form prior to attending these events.



New Faces at NMS

We are pleased to welcome new staff members to our building. These staff members bring special talents and experience which will enhance learning for our students. Please welcome the following new staff to NMS:

- Ms. Beck, Social Studies
- Ms. Bergen, EL
- Ms. Besaw, ELA
- Ms. Brommer, Business
- Ms. Churchill, Health/PE
- Ms. Dickey, ELA
- Ms. Gurrola, Science
- Mr. Huberty, ELA
- Ms. Knoblauch, Special Ed.
- Ms. Magaard, Counselor
- Mr. Mars, Tech Ed
- Ms. Nordstrom, Spanish
- Ms. Norten, Special Ed. Para
- Ms. Olson, Special Ed. Para
- Ms. Paske, Math
- Ms. Patterson, Nurse
- Ms. Patten, Special Ed. Para
- Ms. Rugel, Media Para
- Ms. Saker, School Psychologist
- Ms. Tastsides, Special Education
- Ms. Voxsland-Flomo, Math

MARK YOUR CALENDAR OPEN HOUSE
Wed., August 28
4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Absence Line

(to report absence/tardy)

506-5406

Child Nutrition Office

(cafeteria)

506-5411

Community School

(after-school athletics)

506-5412

Health Services Office

(nurse's office)

506-5404

Records & Registration

506-5407

Main Office

506-5400

(follow prompts)

Webpage:

ahschools.us/nms

School Facebook page:

[facebook.com/
northdales](https://www.facebook.com/northdales)

THANK YOU to local businesses for your support of education

We thank **Wal*Mart** for their financial donation and financial support to NMS.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING VIKING HUDDLE?

Viking Huddle (Homeroom) time is scheduled the first 24 minutes of the day. Throughout the week students are able to participate in a variety of activities.

Monday the curriculum is centered around three themes: Who are we together, what can we give to ourselves and to others, and how far can we go? Embedded in these themes are lessons that center around emotional wellness, cultural competence, college and career readiness and being an upstander when it comes to dealing with bullying and harassment.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are academic advisement days. Students will be able to travel and receive direct support in math and reading skills when referred by their teachers. All students will have the opportunity to travel and receive support in other content areas as well. Students will conference with their Viking Huddle teacher. We use this time to help students list what missing work they may have in classes and help them develop a plan for getting it done. Students will view their grades and a list of missing work if applicable. Students will also use these days to conference with their Viking Huddle teacher about their grades.

Fridays students participate in various activities to promote a sense of community. In addition to this, WEB leaders also visit 6th grade homerooms to work with students on Fridays.

We encourage parents/guardians to talk to your students about what they are doing in Viking Huddle. We are very excited about these activities as a way to continue to support NMS students.

SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

Students are asked to leave the building by 3:15 daily. No students are allowed to remain in the building after 3:15 unless accompanied by an adult or supervisor and/or unless they are involved in a community education event or after-school program. If your child does not ride the bus, please make arrangements to pick up your child by 3:15. An adult must accompany students interested in watching community education events after school hours.

CELL PHONE POLICY

In order to limit distractions during the day, cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used during the school day from 8:25 a.m.-3:05 p.m. unless it is being used with teacher permission for an academic purpose. Students who use phones during this time, may have their phones turned into the office where they can be picked up at the end of the day. Students with multiple offenses will meet with an assistant principal for possible discipline consequences.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please carefully review the School Handbook the district provides with your child. Take special note of the policies, which may evoke the expulsion process (e.g. weapons, chemicals, aggressive behavior and harassment). Details may be found on the district web page and within the document of the 2019-20 policy handbook, which will be available in AHConnect.

The commitment for student achievement will continue to be a primary consideration for all students. In addition, we hold parent communication in high regard at NMS. Communication with parents occurs regularly via the student agenda planner, the NMS web site, Facebook, NMS e-news, the automated phone system and grades posted online through A-HConnect.

The role of parents and guardians in a child's education and school is highly important. We value your role and encourage your involvement in the following activities: attendance at school activities and parent teacher conferences, volunteering for school events, donating box tops and supporting your child's homework. Building a strong home-school connection will continue to be one of our primary school goals.

SCHOOL STARTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

We look forward to greeting students to kick off the 2019-20 year.

STUDENT PLANNER/ AGENDA BOOK

All students are required to have a student agenda planner, which is used to support organizational skills. Students will be asked to record their assignments and daily class activities. Please check your child's planner on a regular basis. The planner includes NMS policies and practices as well as hallway passes. All students will receive a new planner at the beginning of each trimester. **If a student has lost their planner or needs to purchase a new one, they are \$4.00.**



DRESS CODE POLICY

Student dress should not interfere with, or create a disruption to, the educational process at Northdale Middle School. If there is a concern a staff member will speak with the student privately and come to a resolution together.

- Jackets and other outerwear should remain in lockers during the school day.
- Hats, baseball caps, knit caps, and hoods should not be worn.
- Items such as pajamas and costumes will be reserved for designated dress-up days during the school year.
- Clothing or accessories containing images or promoting gangs, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and guns are not permitted.

NEW STUDENTS

This fall, we eagerly await and welcome new students and all incoming 6th graders to Northdale Middle School (NMS). We hope all of you are experiencing an enjoyable summer. All parents and guardians, including parents of new students, are encouraged to regularly check the NMS website where important information will be regularly updated.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Following is a schedule for our conferences for this school year.

TRIMESTER 1

October 10, 2019
3:20 - 8:30
(arena style in gyms)

October 14, 2019
3:20 - 8:30
(classrooms)

TRIMESTER 2

January 23, 2020
3:20 - 7:00
(arena style in gyms)

TRIMESTER 3

April 30, 2020
3:20 - 7:00
(arena style in gyms)

If you need an interpreter, please contact our office (763-506-5400) at least 5 days in advance.

NORTHDALE'S VISION STATEMENT

It is the primary mission of Northdale Middle School to effectively educate each of our students for success.

To fulfill this mission, our school's Vision is to:

- Equip students with the tools to be lifelong learners in a technologically changing world,
- Respect, celebrate, and become more aware of individual differences,
- Increase achievement through individual growth, rigorous curriculum, and student success,
- Create a safe, supportive environment for students to learn, and
- Work collaboratively with and among parents, staff, students, and the community.

NORTHDALE'S BOOK DRIVE

Please bring in books that your child/children have outgrown or have read, loved, and wish to donate to their peers. We are also looking for picture books and easy reading primary books. There will be boxes near the main office where you can place them. We will distribute them to classroom libraries where they will be available for students to check out.

Can't get to this task now? Please bring in books anytime to the office. We will gladly put them to good use.

Thank you for your continued support.

OFFICE PROCEDURES (FOR MESSAGES, APPOINTMENTS, AND DELIVERIES)

In an attempt to limit interruptions in classrooms, we ask your cooperation when delivering items to students. If your child asks to have something (e.g., homework, money, instrument, lunch, etc.) delivered to school, please put the student's name and grade on the item and ask your child to assume the responsibility of picking it up in the office rather than expecting it to be delivered to a classroom.

In addition, we appreciate parents limiting the number of phone messages that need to be relayed to students since it causes a disruption to the classrooms. However, we understand that emergency situations arise. If you **must** contact your child, please do so before 2:00 to assure the message is communicated.

When it is necessary to pick up your child during the school day, please send a note or call ahead of time so we may issue a pass, which will allow your child to be excused from class and meet you in the office at the designated time. To ensure the safety of students, we ask parents to meet their child in the office during the school day and complete the sign-out sheet on the counter.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

There may be times when your child will need to miss school for a medical appointment, personal family business, or a trip out of town. In each case, there is a procedure we would like you to follow to prearrange the absence.

Appointments. If your child needs to leave school during the day for a medical or dental appointment, s/he should bring a note to Mrs. Dale (763-506-5509) in the office the day before or the morning of the appointment.

Family Business. If your child will need to miss school because of personal family business such as a funeral, please have them bring a note to Mrs. Dale (763-506-5509) in the main office the day before or morning of the absence.

Vacation/Out of Town. In case of a vacation, we request that the student bring a note one week prior to the vacation so that the students may collect the homework in advance. The note should be delivered to Mrs. Dale in the main office.

In all of the above-mentioned situations, the student will be issued a pass to be excused at the designated time. At that time, the student will report to the office to wait for parent to pick up. For your child's safety, we request that the person picking up the student come into the office and sign out the student. If for some reason you need to pick up your student for an emergency, please call ahead at 763-506-5509 so that we can contact your child in time to be picked up. **Please note that our building has a security system. Please remember to bring an ID in order to enter the building.**

Regular absences can be called into our absence line, 763-506-5406. If we do not receive a call regarding an absence, you will be contacted by our automated phone system, which will prompt you to call the school with the reason for your child's absence. **If you do not call the school, the absence will be recorded as an unexcused absence. No individual calls will be made from our school other than through the automated system.**

2019-20 ASSESSMENT DATES

All Anoka-Hennepin Middle School students will participate in several formal assessments during the 2019-20 school year. Students will take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) tests in math and reading. All 8th graders will also take a state MCA Science test. It is critical that all students be in attendance for the testing dates. All three of the assessments will be given on-line this year.

It is also important that students are in attendance for the last 2 weeks of school due to mandated District Summative Finals. Please plan your family travel plans accordingly.



BUS INFORMATION

Bus passes will be mailed from the district office the last week in August. If you have any questions or concerns with the bus information, please call the Transportation Department at 763-506-1125.

Riding Other Buses

Students are NOT allowed to ride any bus other than the one they were assigned. This is a district policy. Only in an emergency are they allowed to ride another bus and permission to do so, must go through administration.

Activity Buses

Activity buses are available Monday through Thursday for students involved in after-school activities. The supervising staff will provide a bus pass. Activity buses leave at 4:15 pm Monday and Wednesday and a second bus leaves at 5:15 on Monday through Thursday.



Student Drop-off Area

For the safety of our students, please **DO NOT** enter the "Bus Parking Lot" area during school hours. We kindly ask you to pick up and drop off your child within the South "Care Parking Lot" area. Please follow the direction of arrows in the picture above.

NEWS FROM HEALTH SERVICES

Minnesota state law requires all students to be immunized before entrance to 7th grade. Your student could need one or more vaccinations or a legal exemption to meet these requirements. You may check your student's 6th grade immunization records in AH Connect. **Be aware that seventh grade students should have the following shots to enter seventh grade:** a Tdap booster after the age of 7 years, 3 polio, 2 MMR, 2 Varicella (or medical provider proof of chickenpox), 3 hepatitis B, and one meningitis shot.

Please check with your private medical provider if you are unsure which immunizations your child is lacking. For questions about this information please call the Northdale Health Office at 763-506-5404. Please send or fax documentation of immunization shots your child has received to the Health Office at Northdale Middle School. Our fax number is: 763-506-5403.

Rise and Shine with Breakfast at Northdale!

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, kids who eat breakfast:

- Are able to maintain focus.
- Achieve higher test scores.
- Establish important healthy eating habits for later in life.
- Show decreases in tardiness and improved behavior.

Northdale is serving breakfast from 8:00-8:25. Enjoy a full hot breakfast complete with hot entree, fresh fruit, milk, and juice. You can eat in the cafeteria or bring it to your Viking Huddle to eat. Breakfast is FREE for students qualifying for free or reduced priced lunches. The identity of students who qualify for free or reduced priced lunches is highly confidential. Parents can apply online for free or reduced priced meals through AH Connect.

Get info right in your inbox!



Get the latest news and event information by subscribing to your schools' e-newsletters at ahschools.us/schoolnews.

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are a vital component of the Northdale Middle School community. NMS has many opportunities for volunteers and we need you to make our 2019-20 school year the best ever!

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER IS EASY.

- Simply go to the NMS website
- Click on the **Involvement** tab
- Scroll down to **Volunteer Opportunities**
- On the right-hand side of the screen you will find **Forms**
- To volunteer at NMS, a **NMS volunteer online application** and **NMS criminal record release form** must be completed

Do you have questions regarding volunteering at NMS? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sara Evans at 763-506-5432 or sara.evans@ahschools.us



BoxTops, Tyson Labels

Northdale Middle School participates in a variety of programs that help with fundraising. Our fundraising efforts benefit the NMS Student fund, which help with school supplies, field trips and other student needs. Please participate in these programs to help benefit the NMS community.



1. General Mills BoxTops for Education



2. Tyson Labels

3. Loaves for Learning

You can drop Box Tops off in the main office throughout the school year.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS THIS YEAR!!!!

Northdale Middle School - Community Education

2019-20 Athletics/Activities Schedule

Fall

<u>Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Cross Country-Boys/Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	W, Sept. 4 - Tu, Oct. 15	\$99 (\$49)
Tennis- Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	M, Sept. 9 - W, Oct. 15	\$89 (\$45)
Volleyball-Girls	7 th & 8 th	M, Sept. 9 - W, Oct. 15	\$109 (\$55)
Soccer – Boys/Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	M, Sept. 9 - Th, Oct. 10	\$89 (\$45)
Volleyball- Girls	6 th	M, Oct. 21- Tu, Nov. 19	\$89 (\$45)

Winter

<u>Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Wrestling – Boys	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Nov. 26 – Jan. 16	\$109 (\$55)
Basketball – Boys	7 th & 8 th	Nov. 26 – Jan. 16	\$109 (\$55)
Basketball – Girls	7 th & 8 th	Jan. 22 – Mar. 6	\$109 (\$55)
Dance Team– Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Feb. 20 – Apr. 11	\$119 (\$65)
Basketball – Boys/Girls	6	Mar. 4 – Apr. 11	\$89 (\$45)

Spring

<u>Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Baseball – Boys	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Apr. 15 – May 30	\$109 (\$55)
Track – Boys/Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Apr. 15 – May 30	\$109 (\$55)
Tennis – Boys	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Apr. 22 – May 23	\$89 (\$49)
Slow-pitch – Girls	6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Apr. 22 – May 23	\$89 (\$45)

All the athletics activities require a "Sports Qualifying Physical". Physical and registration forms can be found on the Northdale Middle School website under Middle School Activities and Athletics. Physicals are valid for three years from the date of the exam. Prices in (\$) are students currently receiving free or reduced lunch. Please call 763 506-5412 with any questions.

In addition to the Northdale Athletics/Activities Schedule, Community Education also offers the following recreation sports and activities.

<u>Fall - Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Flag Football Boys & Girls	6 - 8	Sept. 10	T/Th	5 Weeks	\$49 (\$25)
Gaming Club	6 - 8	Sept. 23	Mondays	Sept. 23-Dec. 16	\$35 (\$19)

<u>Winter - Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Co-Ed Table Tennis	6 - 8	Feb. 3	M/W	4 Weeks	\$49 (\$25)

<u>Spring - Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Boys Volleyball	6 - 8	Apr. 21	T/Th	5 Weeks	\$49 (\$25)
Ultimate	6 - 8	Apr. 20	M/W	5 Weeks	\$49 (\$25)

Other activities available during the year are:

Red Cross Babysitting, Drum, Ski Club, LEGO Robotics and Safety Awareness and Self Defense. Please contact Community Education for more information 73-506-5412.

District guidelines apply to the use of portable electronic devices on school grounds

Middle School – Student Guidelines. Portable electronic devices may only be used in the classroom with teacher or administrator approval. Portable electronic devices may not be used to make phone calls or send text messages during the school day. Students wishing to use portable electronic devices for educational purposes outside the classroom must have teacher and/or administrator approval. Taking pictures or video and audio recording other students or school staff is prohibited without the permission of a teacher or administrator per district guidelines. Portable electronic devices used without the appropriate approval may result in disciplinary action.

Special Education. Access is based on individual student needs. If use of a portable electronic device is required in individual instances to assist a student with the student's education, as part of a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), or as a part of a 504 plan, the use of such device must be documented within the student's IEP or 504 plan and communicated to building administration and staff.

Liability Statement. The district assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal electronic devices, whether in the possession of staff or students. Staff will make every attempt to store confiscated devices in a secure area. The Anoka-Hennepin School District bears no responsibility for, nor are its employees obligated to investigate, the theft of any personal electronic device. For more information, please visit the district's website at www.ahschools.us/ahmobile.

Bringing your own technology tools to school can be useful, however some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number to have in case of theft. Anoka-Hennepin is not responsible for the theft of a device nor are we responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator or police liaison officer to make him/her aware of the offense.

CHILD NUTRITION INFORMATION

BREAKFAST	Full pay	Reduced	Free
Elementary <i>(no charge for kindergarten)</i>	\$1.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secondary (MS,HS)	\$1.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
LUNCH	Full pay	Reduced	Free
Elementary	\$2.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secondary (MS,HS)	\$2.60	\$0.00	\$0.00

Milk, unless it is part of a complete breakfast or lunch, can be purchased at a cost of \$.50. In order to purchase any a la carte item, including milk, the student must have enough money in his or her account to pay for the item. This includes students that are on the free/reduced lunch program.

NOTE!!! Your student ID# is now your lunch PIN#! There are no longer two numbers for you to remember!! When going through the lunch line, you will now be entering your Student ID#, the same number you use to get schedules and use the media center.

BACKPACK WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Drawstring backpack with the Northdale Viking Logo
- A white 3-inch 3-ring binder. (Avery durable binder)
- 8 pack of multicolor tab dividers. (Avery 8 big tab insertable dividers)
- loose-leaf paper (150 sheets college ruled)
- 1 3-ring clear pencil pouch
- 20 count #2 pencils
- 1 package blue pens 10 count
- 1 package of 12-count colored pencils (Crayola)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 large pink eraser

Backpack: \$15

Supplies: \$25

BEST DEAL: Backpack & supplies for \$35

STEM



2020 Northdale Middle School STEM Fair Volunteers Needed!

2020 NMS STEM Fair Judges & Assistants: 100 Volunteers are needed!!

- Thursday, January 9th, after school at Northdale Middle School in Coon Rapids.
- See the fair and be a volunteer too!
- We need people to assist with 1 or more of the following:
 - set-up (2:00-3:00 PM)
 - volunteer check-in (2:30-3:00 PM)
 - judging * (2:45-5:00PM)
 - tallying scores (3:30-5:00 PM)
 - monitoring the participants' snack table (3:00-5:00 PM)
 - helping with clean-up (approximately 5:00-5:30 PM)
- *Adults and High School Students in grades 10-12 can be volunteer judges!
- Training & refreshments will be provided!
- Not already a registered volunteer at Northdale; application forms available at <https://www.ahschools.us/domain/2564>
- Please support our students' interests in science, technology, engineering and math! and, sign up to volunteer at the STEM Fair:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aa5a623a1ff2-stem2>

**You're not available during Northdale's STEM Fair
but still want to help out?**

2020 NMS STEM Fair Snack Donations:

- Please sign up to donate snacks / refreshments for our STEM Fair volunteers. Thank you for your support!
Sign up to donate at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094AA5A623A1FF2-nmsstem1>

**Please contact me with any questions or to sign you up!
Thank you!**

Sara Evans

Northdale Middle School Volunteer Services Coordinator
Sara.Evans@ahschools.us 763-506-5432

NORTHDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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STORE CLOSES: 9/18/19



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