



2021 State Spring Illinois Assessment Information

The United States Secretary of Education has decided not to grant waivers for the administration of spring 2021 assessments. The Illinois State Board of Education also believes that assessment is more important than ever as our students continue to learn in unprecedented conditions. Illinois schools are currently operating under Restore Illinois Phase 4, which allows in-person instruction while following public health requirements. The ACCESS for English Language Learners grades K-12 will be administered in person January, 2021. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness will be administered in person to grades 3-8 in the Spring of 2021. Illinois Science Assessment will be administered to grades 5, 8, and 11. The testing window for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment is currently set for March 1, 2021-April 30, 2021. Schools will be preparing assessment plans that will follow state guidelines to keep all students and staff safe. Schools must follow the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements when administering spring 2021 assessments. Those requirements during Restore Illinois Phase 4 are:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings;
- Prohibit more than 50 individual from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible;
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.

We will continue to update you regarding any change to the assessment guidelines. Building plans including schedules and transportation will be communicated in the near future.

Información de la evaluación de la primavera del estado de Illinois de 2021

El Secretario de Educación de los Estados Unidos ha decidido no otorgar exenciones para la administración de las evaluaciones de primavera de 2021. La Junta de Educación del Estado de Illinois también cree que la evaluación es más importante que nunca ya que nuestros estudiantes continúan aprendiendo en condiciones sin precedentes. Las escuelas de Illinois están operando actualmente bajo la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois, que permite la instrucción en persona mientras se cumplen los requisitos de salud pública. El ACCESS para estudiantes del idioma inglés de los grados K-12 se administrará en persona en enero de 2021. La Evaluación de Preparación de Illinois se administrará en persona a los grados 3-8 en la primavera de 2021. La Evaluación de Ciencias de Illinois se administrará a los grados 5, 8, y 11. La ventana de pruebas para la Evaluación de preparación de Illinois y la Evaluación de Ciencias de Illinois está programada actualmente para el 1 de marzo de 2021 al 30 de abril de 2021. Las escuelas prepararán planes de evaluación que seguirán las pautas estatales para mantener seguros a todos los estudiantes y al personal. Las escuelas deben cumplir con los requisitos del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois al administrar las evaluaciones de primavera de 2021. Esos requisitos durante la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois son:

- Exigir el uso de equipo de protección personal adecuado, incluidas las cubiertas faciales
 - Prohibir que más de 50 personas se reúnan en un espacio;
 - Exigir que se observe el distanciamiento social, en la medida de lo posible;
 - Exigir que las escuelas realicen exámenes de detección de síntomas y controles de temperatura o exigir que las personas certifiquen por sí mismas que no tienen síntomas antes de ingresar a los edificios escolares; y
 - Requerir un aumento en la limpieza y desinfección de toda la escuela.
- Continuaremos informándole sobre cualquier cambio en las pautas de evaluación. Los planes de construcción, incluidos los horarios y el transporte, se comunicarán en un futuro próximo.

7TH GRADE



Math

Students are finishing the unit on rates and proportional reasoning. The test for this unit will be on Monday or Tuesday, December 14th or 15th - depending on which day your student has math. All work for this unit will be due by Friday, December 18th. While out shopping, ask your students to use unit rates to comparison shop and find the better buy on the items you are purchasing. Please remember, in math, students are required to keep a math notebook. Your child may need to replenish their school supplies for the remainder of the year. This is important for the success of your child. We also have homework help/focused learning every day your child has math class at 1:00. If your child is struggling, please encourage him/her to log on to ask questions and get extra help. Also, remember to keep up with your child's assignments and grades in TeacherEase. Your child should be checking their grades weekly (at a minimum) during Impact class, but he/she also needs to know you are checking grades as well. Your support is necessary for your child's success! We are here to support you. If you need anything, please let us know! We hope you and your family have a restful and healthy winter break!



Social Studies

Students will work on the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence. A few reminders for this month:

- Please make sure that all students are taking notes at home using the Cornell Note style.
- Please make sure that all students know how to correctly turn in assignments on Google Classroom, how to check their email, and how to use the many functions of Google Classroom.
- Please check TeacherEase to keep up on student assignments and grades.

As a reminder, "Focused Support" time is available every day on each teacher's Google Classroom site from 1-1:45 PM. Please check with the teacher if you are not sure how to use this opportunity! As always, please reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns that you have! We are here to help!



ELA

English Language Arts (ELA) department would like to thank all of the students that are engaged in lessons, participating in class, and turning in assignments. We are so proud of your efforts, patience, and persistence to obtaining a wonderful education.

The academic focus for the remainder of the second quarter will be research and expository writing. Also, students will continue to practice answering extended response prompts using Smeckens Writing Strategies and reading comprehension skill mastery through passages from the Study Sync textbook.

Furthermore, we want to say thank you to all the parents and guardians for supporting and encouraging the students. We appreciate you! In conclusion, we hope that everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable winter break.

Science

Science is moving along in Chemistry. This month we will be taking the unit 1 test which will cover lessons 1-7. A study guide will be assigned which is really important for you to do since it will be over everything we have learned up to now. We have learned a lot about properties of substances and look forward to starting to learn about chemical reactions. Have a safe and happy holiday season however you may celebrate. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Ms. Brock Mr. Vogel Mr. Weidner Mr. Day.



Resource 7/8th Grade

Celebration: Thank you for working diligently during class!

Home to school connection: Post math facts around the house or in your student's room, assess often. Integrate these math facts into discussion when making purchases at the store or when cooking.

Ask your student: How many times have you been to tutoring this week (1:00 - 1:45 P.M.)?

Attention 8th grade parents! Now is the perfect time to get your school physicals done for the 9th grade. I would like for all 8th grade students to have their physicals completed by the first week in April so I can get them to DHS before the end of the year. Get your appointments now, or even over Christmas break, and have your student turn it in to Nurse Ingold.

From the Nurse



8TH GRADE

Math

December will be a short month, so please make sure your student is attending class every day and completing their assignments. If students have missing assignments, they need to get those made up before the end of the semester. All teachers have a focused support time from 1:00-1:45 every day. Students should be attending those office times for help on any missing or current assignments.

Pre-Algebra will be graphing equations. We had assigned an IXL lesson that allowed students to practice graphing points on a coordinate grid. This is a prerequisite skill for graphing equations. If your student has not completed that assignment, please login to IXL.com and complete the 8th grade N1 lesson.

Algebra students will be working on writing and solving equations and inequalities. This is a continuation of the work they did in November.

Social Studies

During the month of December, we will be studying the Reconstruction Era—the tumultuous time period after the Civil War where our country was reunited. We will focus on how our country attempted for the first time to provide all citizens with equal rights, and then evaluate whether these efforts were ultimately successful. Students will be working quite a bit on their writing skills in this unit, and we will continue developing our writing skills throughout the rest of the year. Please remind your students to attend their live classes every day and complete all work as assigned. Also, remember that students can take advantage of the Focused Support tutoring time from 1-1:45. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's Social Studies teacher.

-8th Grade Social Studies Team

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ELA

Wow! What a ride this year was! Who would've thought this time last year any of this would have been happening? We have almost made it through 2020. Let's just hope 2021 is a better year. We have definitely come a long way with remote learning and doing all assignments on the computers instead of paper pencil. Ok enough of that.

We will be finishing up with Unit 1: Suspense in StudySync. Please encourage your child to continue to check TeacherEase for any missing assignments. As the semester comes to an end, all assignments, test, quizzes and projects for Unit 1 will need to be submitted before the end of the semester.

Unit 1 Grammar and Vocabulary Post Assessments will be administered on December 10th and 11th. Unit 1 StudySync will be administered on December 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. These are Summative assessments and are worth 50% of your child's grade. Please encourage your child to do his/her best on these assessments. Makeups will be done after Winter break.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher by phone or email.

Thank you for all your support in these trying times this first half of the school year.

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Science

Students will continue to find answers to the question; How is the Earth changing? During December, we will study about what makes the plates move. Students will watch several demonstrations showing the process of convection and how plates interact because of it.

Students will be told ahead of time what labs will be demonstrated. We'll let them know what materials they'll need for the labs, so that if they want to do the lab demonstration with us, they can.

Please make sure to encourage your child to attend class, take notes and complete assignments.

Enjoy your winter break.

Cheer

Are you interested in Cheer and think you missed the deadline? Perfect timing because your child can STILL sign up! Our official season begins in January but do not wait until then to get your child/ren's sports physical, get it now! To get added to the Cheer list, please have your child/ren email Ms. Brown at BrownT2@danville118.org with their full name and grade. Once Ms. Brown has received the email, she will then add your child to her google classroom. The faster you get your child/ren's sports physical turned in, the quicker they'll be able to learn the material. I am excited to begin working with the students again! Contact me if you have any questions.

Show Choir

Are you ready to sing and dance? We need you! The North Ridge Show Choirs, The Redcoats and Radiant Reds, are ready to get started in an all-virtual program.

How will this work? Glad you asked!

- Students who were members of NR Show Choir in March 2020 will not need to audition. We will welcome your leadership in the groups. Additionally, students who were members of Green Machine in Spring 2020 do not need to audition!

Students who were not in show choir last year will audition. Please read below.

Students interested in joining NR Show Choirs for 2020-2021 school year will be asked to prepare a short portion of a song that highlights their voice. Songs should be school appropriate, but all genres of music are welcome. Feel free to sing Jingle Bells or Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Students may sing with an accompaniment track (easily found as karaoke on YouTube) or may sing without accompaniment.

Coach Tierra Brown will create a short dance combination that will be made available through Google Classroom for anyone interested in participating in NR Show Choirs for the 2020-2021 school year. The video will be available for 10 days prior to the audition process.

Students will have two options for auditioning. They may send a video of the assigned dance and their song to Mrs. Woodrow's email (woodrowj@danville118.org) by the December 20, 2020. Students may also select a time through sign up genius for Wednesday, December 16. The link to the sign up genius is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA8AB2AA6FF2-north3>. After they sign up, they will receive an invitation to a Google Meet to audition live for Mrs. Woodrow and Coach Brown. Students only need to choose one option - live or video.

The audition is a way to see your potential. Do not feel pressured to create a "perfect" audition. Students who are brave and able to have fun during the process will naturally show us their potential.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How will this work?

A: We will mail music to students at home. We will record the voice parts and make those available for students to rehearse at home. Choreography videos will also be sent to each student. We will meet online for one hour on Tuesdays beginning in January 2021. Once it is safe to meet in person, we will meet in small groups for about 30 minutes per week.

Q: What kind of songs will we do?

A: The Redcoats will start with The Greatest Show from the movie "The Greatest Showman". Students will help select additional songs. The Radiant Reds will do a baseball theme show and will start with The Champion by Carrie Underwood and Ludacris.

Q: How much will it cost?

A: There will be no cost to students. We will work to get our show shirts sponsored.

Q: When will we perform?

A: We hope to have some live performance opportunities toward the end of the year, possibly outside.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Please sign up for the NR Show Choir Auditions Google Classroom. The code is w24k77w Information will be updated there on a regular basis.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Mrs. Woodrow 444-3476 woodrowj@danville118.org

BUILDERS CLUB

Great News! The North Ridge Builders Club has been approved to start our club remotely. **If your child is interested in school and community service please e-mail me at delzell@danville118.org**. The Builders Club has a more than twenty-year history at North Ridge. We are sponsored by the Danville Golden Kiwanis Club. The school advisors are Mrs. Kathy Delzell and Mrs. Courtney Crabtree, and our Golden Kiwanis liaison is Mr. Fowler Connell. Our remote meetings will be held in a Google Classroom twice a month. Meeting day and time will be determined later. We will start working on activities with students as soon as possible. We have a few ideas and hope the students will come up with some

great ideas too. In December, we would like to collect toys for Crosspoint's shelter for women and children, and make cards for the veterans at the VA Illiana Health Care System. **Please e-mail me if you are willing to donate a toy or two, and/or if your child is willing to make some Christmas and/or holiday cards for the veterans. We will arrange porch pick ups for the toys and will deliver supplies for the cards.** We would like to thank those of you that purchased wreaths for Wreaths Across America. We will not have the students participate in the placing of the wreaths this year, due to COVID 19. Salvation Bell Ringing does not have a local virtual opportunity that I could find, so we also will not participate in that activity

this year. If you would like to donate to the Salvation Army, we would suggest you donate to a Red Kettle or send a check directly to them. We will continue to collect General Mills Box Tops for Education. This is now an on-line program, and it is so EASY!! Please add the Box Tops app to your phone and start scanning your receipts for our school. Contact me if you have questions about this program. Thank you all for your support and PLEASE encourage your North Ridge child or children to join our club!



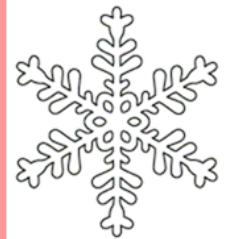
Greetings AVID Family and Friends!

It is December!!!

2020 is almost over, however, we are just warming up in AVID. The AVID Strategy of the Month for December will be organizing virtual binders. If school was in person, North Ridge students would be responsible for ensuring their binders were organized by subject with their notes, folders, and notebooks neatly kept. Due to remote learning, student's binders will be organized virtually. This process includes creating folders for each subject within their Google Drive and storing their work in the appropriate folder. Instructional videos for this process will be shared with your student. Organization is one of the foundations of AVID along with Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading. As North Ridge practices AVID schoolwide, please be on the lookout for opportunities to reinforce these skills with your student!

Happy Holidays,

North Ridge AVID!!!



Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Principals and Staff at North Ridge Middle School

**Winter Break
December 21
thru
January 4**

Remote Learning resumes on Tuesday January 5





2021-22 DHS Freshman Registration

***Virtual* Informational Meeting for 8th Grade Parents Regarding 9th Grade Registration** **Wednesday, January 6, 2021** **6:00 PM**

All parents of NRMS 8th graders are invited to join the DHS freshman counselor, Holly Lemier, as she shares information and answers questions regarding registration for 9th grade classes at Danville High School. This meeting is virtual and the link to the meeting will be posted on the NRMS Facebook page, the NRMS website, and sent out to all parents with email addresses on file with the school. If you need to update the school with your email address, please call or email Joy Fox at 444-3412 or foxj@danville118.org

8th Grade Students Visit DHS Virtual Elective Fair **Wednesday, January 7-8, 2021** **Activity in Impact Class**

All 8th graders will be visiting the DHS Virtual Elective Fair during their impact class. The elective fair will give students the opportunity to explore courses offered at DHS.

8th Grade Students Sign-up for 9th Grade Courses **Week of January 11, 2021** **During Impact Class**

DHS freshman counselor, Holly Lemier, will be visiting NRMS classes virtually to meet with all students regarding the process for selecting courses for 9th grade. Registration will be completed remotely using Xello, the district's career and course planning software. More information and instructions will be made available to help students and parents complete this process from home.

Note: Registering for 9th grade classes provides no guarantee of promotion to 9th grade. Students must successfully complete 8th grade coursework and earn promotion status to attend DHS in August 2021.



College and Career Planning Software

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to introduce you to a program North Ridge and Danville High use to help your child prepare for academic, career, and future success.

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed. Students will also use this program to select their courses at DHS.

You're encouraged to explore Xello with your child by logging in together. Your child can log in to his or her account via desktop or mobile device to share what they've learned about themselves, the world of work, and their future options.

Here's how it works...

Go to www.danville118.org/for students

Click the link to "Xello"

Log in using your district email and password.

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

Please remember to update addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if they change despite being on remote learning.

Remember to call the attendance office at 217-444-3404 if your student has appointments, technical issues, illnesses or any other reason that may prevent them from attending classes.

Remember to complete the Spring Semester Parent Survey. To access the survey, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Your input is so important in this process! Thank you in advance for your participation.

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Office: 444-3400
Report Absences/Dismissals: 444-3404
Homework Requests: 444-3404
7th Grade Guidance: 444-3412
7th Guidance Fax: 444-3486
8th Grade Guidance: 444-3419
8th Guidance Fax: 444-3485

444-1725 School Closing

444-3493 Bullying Hotline

Website: northridge.danville118.org



*North Ridge Middle School is
a collaborative school community
focused
on ensuring success for all learners.*

Eliza Brooks, Principal
Robin Fluno, Associate Principal

Dates to Remember

December 18th
Asynchronous Day

December 21st — January 4th
Winter Break
Remote Learning resumes on
Tuesday, January 5th

January 18th
No School



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VISION:

To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student, Every Day!

MISSION:

North Ridge Middle School will:

- Engage students by encouraging life-long learning
- Educate them for success in college and careers, and
- Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

