



North Ridge Middle School

November 2021

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

November 9th and 10th

Early dismissal 2:45pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 11th Veterans Day No School

November 12th No School

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break



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.



RidgeRunner Sports Highlights

The boy's basketball season is off and running with the 7th and 8th grade teams selected. They continue to work hard to get ready for the season. They will tip off in the Bulldog Classic on 11/2, 11/3 and 11/5 next week. They will return home for their first home game on 11/8. They will have a busy November and their schedule can be found on the North Ridge Athletics Facebook Page.

The cheer squad had a great turn out for try outs. They are under the leadership of Miss Korrina Parrish and this is her first year at the helm. They wrapped up tryouts at the end of October and 24 girls were selected on the team, making this one of the larger teams in recent memory! We look forward to seeing the energy they bring to the games!

Girls' basketball continues their push to the post season. Their season is winding down, but they continue to show improvement and great teamwork. The 7th grade will be starting regionals on 11/20 and the 8th grade will have regionals on 11/29.

Go Runners!!

7th Grade

Math

We will be finishing up Unit 1 on Proportional Relationships this month. This means that students will have their first unit test this month. Tests are worth 40% of student's over-all math grade. A low test grade can have a huge negative effect on your student's overall grade. To ensure that your student does well and is successful, please make sure they prepare for all scheduled tests/quizzes and maintain good attendance. Preparing means completing study guides, review materials, and participating in classroom activities. After the test, we will begin Unit 2, operations with integers.

Remember in order to remain eligible for clubs and sports, students must maintain a passing grade in all classes. A passing grade is 60% or higher. In order to maintain a passing grade, students need to make sure they are completing and turning in ALL assignments and participating in class on a regular basis!

Please make sure that your students have all the necessary materials to succeed. In math this includes a charged Chromebook, a pencil, paper, agenda book, and homework. Please check TeacherEase for grades and missing assignments frequently. Missing assignments are listed in red on TeacherEase. You can access TeacherEase with the welcome email you were sent at the beginning of the year. If you are still having trouble accessing TeacherEase contact the guidance office at 444-3412.

Remember, help on our current math program, i-Ready, is available online through Clever. Students can and should access this at home at any time for extra practice. This program is designed to help fill in the gap that students have from a year of online learning. This program can be very helpful in improving your student's math comprehension. Students are able to access our math book through the i-Ready program as well. Students can also access notes through Google Classroom. If your student is absent from school for any length of time, they will find their missing math work on Google Classroom. Students should be checking Google Classroom and completing the work when they are absent. They are expected to complete all work from days they miss.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's math teacher via email or talking points.

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Ms. Sigler siglerk@danville118.org

Science

Hello November! November is a busy month for 7th grade Science. We will start learning about how chemical reactions occur on a molecular basis. We will also be taking our our first unit test. Students must bring their chromebooks to school everyday and have them charged. It is very important that students try to spend a little bit of time reviewing notes every night so that the vocabulary and concepts we are learning are reinforced. Remember if you are gone from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your school work and complete what you can at home. If you have any

questions please feel free to contact your students teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

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Social Studies

7th grade social studies has begun learning about European colonization of America. We will be discussing early colonies of Roanoke and Jamestown and then move on to the three regions; new England colonies, middle colonies, and southern colonies. We will be focusing on Cornell note taking this unit. Students need to come to class prepared (charged Chromebook and pencil). If a student is absent, please check google classroom for that days materials and assignments. Students are responsible for completing work when not at school.

ELA

The English Language Arts Department would like to say thank you to three groups of people. Students, we appreciate you for being present in class, completing assignments promptly, adjusting to the in person middle school setting, asking questions, and being wonderful people. Second, parents and guardians, without your support we would not have such great motivated students, and we are grateful for you all. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of our colleagues, and thank them for sharing ideas, helping with problem solving, camaraderie, and just being there when needed.

In November, we will focus on three major projects. First, we will continue to work on reading comprehension skills and literacy using both fiction and non-fiction selections from unit two of the Study Sync text. In addition, the writing focus will be an Informative/ Expository essay. Finally, we will continue to work towards mastery of properly structured extended response writing prompts.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to email or call your student's teacher (s). Thank you!

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Guidance Office

Navigating Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Students who participate in extracurricular activities at North Ridge Middle School must meet academic standards set by the IE-SA and Danville District 118 Board Policy. Students must be passing all classes in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Eligibility grades are checked every Thursday and determine whether a student is eligible for the upcoming week (Monday to Sunday). For example, if a student is failing a class on Thursday they are ineligible to participate starting on the next Monday and running through Sunday. More information can be found on the IESA website and within Danville Board Policy 6:190. Here are some helpful tips for parents to help your child stay eligible for extracurricular activities.

1. Sign up for a TeacherEase Parent Account. TeacherEase is the grading software currently used by North Ridge Middle School and parents can access their child's grades at their convenience through www.teacherease.com or the TeacherEase application for smartphones. If your child is ever ineligible, you will be notified by email the day it is determined.
2. Talk to your child about their grade. Work with them to set goals and a plan for improving their grade.
3. Check your child's grades early in the week through TeacherEase. A grade of 60% or greater is considered passing. Checking it on Tuesday gives you two days to talk to teachers and/or complete assignments to improve the child's grades. All students are given opportunities to improve their grade between eligibility checks.
4. Communicate with your child's teacher by phone or email through the TeacherEase app. Failed classroom assessments can be retaken by students and teachers will work with students to improve their grades on assessments.
5. Check for missing assignments. Missing grades can drop your child's grades considerably.
6. Sign your child up for Project Success. Project Success is our afterschool program that is available for all North Ridge students. It is free of charge and academic tutoring is scheduled into the program Monday – Thursday before and after school.

North Ridge Counseling and Social Work Services

Parents, have you noticed changes in your child's behavior that concern you? The student support team at North Ridge Middle School want you to know that we are here for you and your child. We are available to talk to you and/or your child about life's challenges, point you to helpful resources, and provide weekly counseling to North Ridge students. For more information or to reach out for help, please contact us.

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8th Grade

8th Grade Math

Daily attendance is extremely important. Students may struggle to complete the math assignments without attending classes and participating in class discussions/notes. It is important for students to ask questions when they are stuck in class. If a student is still confused after instruction, please send your math teacher an email to request tutoring before or after school. Math builds on itself daily so students should seek help before they get too far behind. All students are working on computers but should still have paper and pencils. Please check with your student and make sure that they have all of their supplies to be successful in classes. Additionally, please remind your student to charge his/her Chromebook every night and especially over the weekend. 8th Grade Pre-Algebra is beginning our biggest unit -Solving Equations. Algebra is beginning the unit on Functions.

8th Grade Social Studies

This month in 8th Grade Social Studies, we will be studying our Illinois Unit. During this time, students will be learning about the history and geography of Illinois, how the government in Illinois (and the US) works, how laws are made, how political parties value and work for different goals, and how all citizens have rights and a voice in our state and country.

At the end of the unit, students will be taking the IL Constitution Test! This is an important test that is required by the state of Illinois before students move on to the high school. Please encourage your students to take good notes throughout the unit and prepare themselves for the test!

Please remember to reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We know some people have missed a lot of school, some due to COVID-related reasons, and we want to make sure all students have the resources they need to learn and succeed this year!

8th Grade Social Studies Team

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8th Grade Language Arts

We made it through the first two month of school. Let's just keep our fingers crossed that we continue to remain in person. We are continuing with 6 Traits writing, academic vocabulary, kinds of sentences, and will be finishing up with Unit 1 in Study Sync. The Unit 1 Study Sync test will be given by November 10, 2021. We will begin with Unit 2 immediately after the Unit 1 test. Unit 2 will focus on fictional stories. The standards we will be working on include: RL.8.1, RL.8.2, RL 8.3, and L.8.4. The library is now open for students to check books out. We strongly encourage our students to check books out and read them. If you need to get a hold of your language arts teacher, you may do so by the following:

Mrs. Carter (217) 444-3452 or cartert@danville118.org

Mrs. Crawley (217) 444-3424 or crawleyr@danville118.org

Mrs. Martin (217) 444-3439 or martinc@danville118.org

Mr. Brooks (217)444-3415 or brooksd@danville118.org

8th Grade Science

Science classes during the month will be wrapping up the Earth Science Unit and seeing how the Earth has and is still changing. The students will have a test during the month and will then be researching how these changes can affect different places around the globe.

Biology classes will continue to investigate how animals interact with each other on the African continent.

Please remind your students to make sure that they bring their Chromebooks fully charged everyday.

Builders Club News

In November, the first project of North Ridge Builders Club will be to honor our local veterans by making Veterans Day cards that will be delivered to our VA Illiana Health Care System.

Our club will once again be collecting sponsorships and or donations for the Wreaths Across America program. Our goal is to raise \$2,250.00 that will be used to sponsor 150 wreaths. The wreaths will be placed on graves at the Danville National Cemetery on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Please consider sponsoring a wreath or two or more. All wreath sponsorships are due no later than Tuesday, November 23rd. The wreath sponsorship information is included in this newsletter and will also be available at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please contact Mrs. Delzell at delzellk@danville118.org or call 217-444-3442 (between 8:15 and 9:00 A.M. or 11:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.) if you have questions.

Builders Club members will also be collecting **new** toys for Christmas. These toys will go to the children living at the Crosspoint Women's Shelter in Danville. We would like to deliver these toys on Monday, November 29, 2021. If we collect over 100 toys, we will buy donuts for the home base class that collects the most toys. Any **new** game, toy, book, or appropriate gift for boys and/or girls will be appreciated. Don't forget to consider a gift for an older child!! Builders Club is still collecting General Mills Box Tops. Please put the General Mills Box Tops App on your phone and scan your receipts that include box top items. You may also send receipts that include box tops items to school. Please put the receipts in an envelope and send them in to Mrs. Delzell. The receipts must be scanned within two weeks of the purchase date. A list of participating products will be available at Parent/Teacher conferences, or e-mail Mrs. Delzell to request a copy.

It is not too late to join Builders Club! See Mrs. Delzell in room 711 if you are interested. **Our November meetings will be on Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 17th at 8:05 in the library.** Builders Club members need to bring their Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF collection boxes to either meeting in November. Thank you for supporting the North Ridge Builders Club and our projects.

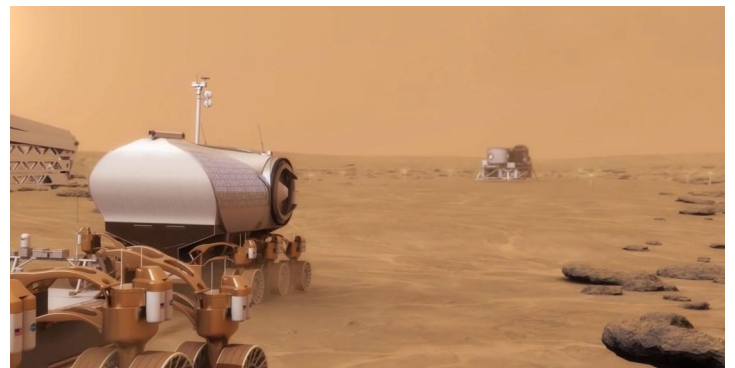


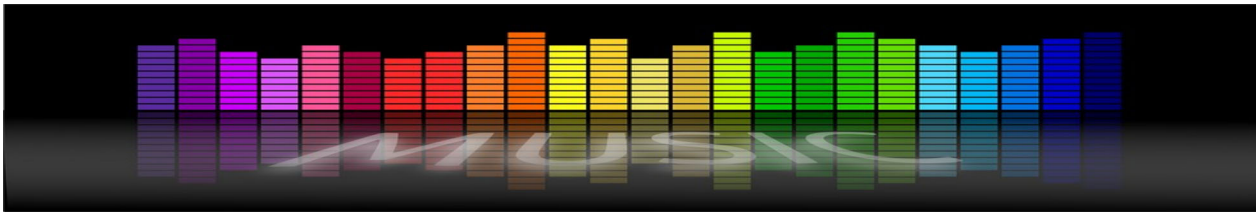
Welcome November! This month in Mars Manifest Destiny, we will be working on creating Space stations and rovers for our Journey to Mars. We will also calculate the amount of supplies and people we will need to be able to set up basecamp on Mars. This month we will be cutting a lot of different materials, so it would be helpful if your student had scissors. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dawn Brock 217- 444-3460

Via email at brockd@danville118.org





Choir notes from Mrs. Woodrow!

The Holiday Choral Concert will be held Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6 PM in the NR Cafetorium. The 7th and 8th Grade Concert Choir and several soloists and small ensembles will be featured in this concert. Admission for the concert is free. The concert is expected to last approximately 45 minutes.

Redcoats are hard at work this fall! The last week of October was filled with choreography with Kyle Aiden. Invitations are beginning to come in from community groups for performances throughout the year. We look forward to performing for the community that has given so much support.

Radiant Reds will begin in November. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays from 3:45 – 5:15 PM. Any girls interested in participating in Radiant Reds should let Mrs. Woodrow know.



Hello North Ridge family! It's time to start planning for the upcoming holiday store and we could use your help. Please consider donating items to help give our students the opportunity to have gifts to give to their loved ones this year. Times are tougher than usual for many families and you can really help to make a difference this holiday season! Along with small gifts we could also use gift wrapping items. If you would like to help please feel free to contact me for pickup or you may also drop items off at North Ridge. We appreciate you!

Jennifer McGuire
NRMS Librarian (LRC)
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

ATTENDANCE

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. Our goal at North Ridge is to work with families to help our students have success in all areas of life. To be successful our students need to be here!

If we can be of assistance to you, please call (217)444-3404. If your child needs to be absent due to illness or injury, or for an appointment, please call (217)444-3404 to excuse them within 48 hours.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS



EVERY DAY, ALL DAY

Click here for the NCS Attendance Policy

If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to me. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience at school. Examples of such needs are:

1. Food Allergy
2. Bee sting allergy
3. Allergy to any other substance
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech
5. Need for medication during the school day
6. Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis
7. Need for inhaler at school due to Asthma
8. Need to take medication at school

If your student has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child at home and call the school right away for further instructions:

Sore throat, Moderate to Severe Headache, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhea or nausea

Attention 8th grade parents

It is not too early to get the freshman physical

Completed and turned into Nurse Gabi.

Please feel free to contact the nurse with any

Questions at 217-444-3408 or email me at

ingoldg@danville118.org



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



Office: 444-3400
Report Absences/Dismissals: 444-3404

7th Grade Guidance: 444-3412
7th Guidance Fax: 444-3485
8th Grade Guidance: 444-3419
8th Guidance Fax: 444-3486

Request for homework should be directed to the guidance office

444-1725 School Closing

444-3493 Bullying Hotline

Website: northridge.danville118.org

Eliza Brooks, Principal

Robin Fluno, Associate Principal

Amber Davis, Assistant Principal



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths will be placed on the grave markers at the Danville National Cemetery on December 18, 2021.

**Deadline to order wreaths from the North Ridge Builders Club is Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America and bring or mail to:
North Ridge Middle School
Attn. Kathy Delzell
1619 N. Jackson
Danville, IL 61832
 Questions?
 Please call 217-444-3442
 Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our
 mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Please list multiple sponsorships on separate forms or on the back of this form.

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

In Honor of (Full name):

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor.

Email:

Mailing

Address _____

In Memory of (Full name, middle initial if possible):

Branch of Service: _____

Rank (if known):

Date of Birth or Death (if known):

_____ Please mark here if your veteran is NOT buried at the Danville National Cemetery.

***Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships. We can arrange for you to pick up your wreath if you wish to place it a different cemetery.