

# NORTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## **From the Principal's Desk...**



### **NMS Website**

Please be reminded to use our website to stay up-to-date regarding events at Northside Middle School. We post our school calendar, athletic information, etc. This has been a powerful tool in addition to the fliers we send home with students.

### **PTA CRAFT SHOW-THANK YOU**

The PTA hosted its annual PTA Craft Show on October 15. The event was a great success and we commend the vigilant efforts of the PTA for all of their hard work and efforts to make it a success. You did a great job PTA. Thank you!



### **Until Next Time...**

We will continue to strive to provide the best possible educational experiences we can offer for our students. Thank you for your continued support. Please refer to the attached calendar and visit NMS website.

I wish you a successful new year with your child. I hope to see you at school and other events as always.

Thank you so much for your support in educating our children. We've truly been blessed with such caring students, parents, teachers, and support staff. Thank you for all you do and don't hesitate to call 561-8145 should you have questions about Northside Middle School.

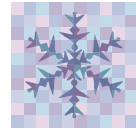
### **Best Wishes To All**



As you can surmise, fall was a very productive and busy time for the students and faculty of Northside Middle School. We deeply appreciate your support and understand that it is this support that makes the lives of our children more enriched. I hope you and yours have a most joyful and peaceful Holiday Season. Thank you.

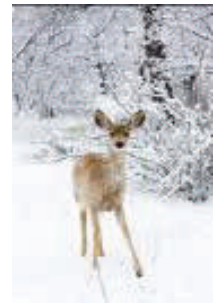
**Sincerely,**

**Lori P. Wimbush, Principal**



## **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *NMS Website*
- *PTA Thank You*
- *NMS Calendars*
- *SOL's*



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## News from Guidance

### Counselors at NMS

**Terrie Bigler: Last Names A-J**

**Peggy Barker-Meise: Last Names K-Z**

**Carolyn Penn: SAP Coordinator**

## News from Guidance

Eighth graders were given a presentation about the Specialty Schools offered in Roanoke County. These centers include Mass Communications, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Engineering. Applications are due to guidance by December 5, 2011.

Eighth grade students also toured Arnold R. Burton Technology Center. They had the opportunity to see students at work in classes such as Motorsports, Building Trades, Cosmetology, Game Design, Criminal Justice, etc. There are many exciting opportunities for our students in Roanoke County Schools! Applications are being collected in guidance. Mrs. Steele, counselor at Burton, will be at NMS to register students in January.



Algebra and Geometry students heard a presentation about Governor's School on November 18, 2011. For more information, contact your child's guidance counselor.

Eighth grade students completed a five year plan. This gave them the opportunity to create an academic plan for high school. NHS counselors will be here in January to start registering for ninth grade.

Seventh grade students expanded their career portfolio by completing a unit on career choices that match personality types. They researched a career that matched their personality and one that interested them.

**DON'T FORGET THAT SOL TESTS WILL BE GIVEN JANUARY 9-12 IN US HISTORY I, US HISTORY II, CIVICS, AND SCIENCE 8. PLEASE DON'T PLAN VACATIONS OR APPOINTMENTS DURING THAT TIME.**



*Happy Holidays*

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! It also seems to be the season for getting sick... If your child is absent from school or will be late to school, please call the **Attendance Office (562-3420)** as early as possible. Remember to send in a **note** when your child returns to school and **any time they are tardy.**

If you know that your child will miss school due to an out of town trip, please send in a note listing the days and the reason for the absence **IN ADVANCE**. There is also a form available to fill out for pre-excused absences, if you prefer. **Out of town absences must be PRE-APPROVED** by the grade level principal or they are **UN-EXCUSED**. After the principal approves the absence, your child must have all of their teachers sign it, and then return it to the Attendance Office.

**THIS YEAR WE WILL NEED TO SEE A PHOTO ID WHEN YOU COME TO SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL.** Please make sure you bring it into the building with you when you come. Thank you very much for your help!! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**

Kathie Rawlings  
Attendance Clerk

## PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

**IMPORTANT —- PLEASE READ!!!**



Parents, NMS is embarking on a new method of communication. Our Principal, Lori Wimbush, has just begun sending out information about upcoming events here at NMS by way of email. Some of you may have already received her first email blast. If you are interested in receiving a Principal Memo, please go to our webpage, [www.rcs.k12.va.us/nsms/](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/nsms/) and click on the link **PTA email** and provide us with the information needed on the form. If you have already followed this link or contacted Lynn Wampler, PTA Secretary then you need not do anything but wait for the next Principal's Memo.

June Chocklett

Instructional Technology Resource Teacher

Seasons Greetings

## Northside Middle School Band

*“Music Makes A Difference”*

*“Band Builds Better Students”*



Congratulations to the following Band students who made the All-District Band through rigorous auditions Saturday, November 12th at Linkhorne Middle School in Lynchburg, Va. The actual event will be January 27-28 at Cave Spring High School:

Katie Riddle-Flute, Emma Vest-Clarinet, Sophia Vermeulen-Clarinet, Zach Sucher-Clarinet, Clarinet, Emily Jones-Bass Clarinet, Devlin Cooper-Bassoon, Austin Kanode-Tenor Saxophone, Jarromy Myers-Trumpet, Tim Francis-Trumpet, Tiffany Davis-Trumpet, Jayelan Savage-Trumpet, Emily McClellan-Trombone, Brandon Pitzer-Trombone, Jon Cole-Tuba, Thank You to everyone who purchased fruit and cheesecake this year!!! **We appreciate your support and patronage of our band students and band program!!** We literally sold tons of fresh Florida fruit. Band students and their parents are reminded that the fruit pick up time is for Friday evening December 2nd. Since these are perishable items, all fruit and cheesecake has to be picked-up on this date. If any parent can volunteer to help unload the truck and sort the fruit, please call Kristie Jearls at 798-3108. We plan on unloading and sorting 5:00-6:45 p.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

### Fruit pickup times for Friday, December 2nd:

6:45-7:45-all 6<sup>th</sup> graders

7:45-8:30-all 7<sup>th</sup> graders

8:30-9:00-all 8<sup>th</sup> graders



Pick-up will be in the school's front lobby. However, parents will need to park vehicles in the school's front parking lot. **Adults are forewarned that curb side parking and loading is prohibited-Fire Lane (as Roanoke County Police have ticketed folks in the past).** We have tried, in the past, to get a variance on this to no avail.....

*Band parents and students are reminded that the deposit (\$125.00) on the spring band trip to Williamsburg, Va.. is due on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This can be paid in several methods; the entire amount by check, a combination of profit from the fruit/cheesecake sold and check, or if a student has sold enough-all by check. A note will be sent home, through the student, with the amount of profit raised off the fruit/cheesecake and what the student's balance will be on the deposit.*

- January 2-20 the band will be selling Joe Corbi's pizza and other goodies.
- January 27-28-All District Band event at Cave Spring High School.
- February 3rd-Pizza pick-up and delivery.
- February 9th-Band trip balance payment due.
- April 17-7:00 p.m. Band Trip meeting (Required if going on Williamsburg, Va. Trip).
- April 19-20-Band Trip to Williamsburg, Va.



See You,

Dr. Denton

## **NURSE NEWS**

Donations of gently used clothing for our Clothes Closet are always welcome. Items of clothing in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade sizes come in handy frequently when our students have issues requiring clothing changes. Jeans, shirts, jackets, etc need to be in good repair (no holes) and clean.

Nurse Karen

### **Exxon Grants**



Congratulations to Northside Middle School for being the recipient of two \$500 grants from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program. These grants are part of several available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. Rob Hendren of Stop-In Food Stores was here to present the total \$1,000 to support Science and Math programs. The grants were made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Corporation.

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO**

(Ms. Barnett's 8th Grade Class)



For the past few weeks the students have been working on an essay which highlights one of their personal beliefs and tells a story showcasing that belief. This essay is modeled after a national writing project called "This I Believe". The national "This I Believe" project showcases people reading their essays on National Public Radio. The students here at Northside have listened to some of these essays and worked on pre-writes, drafting, editing, re-writing and typing their essays. Be sure to ask your child about their essay. We are very proud of how hard everyone worked on this project.

On Monday, November 14, the news director from WVTF/RADIO IQ came to Northside Middle School and recorded ten students reading their essays. She is doing a story about the writing process and the overall project. During the first week of December WVTF will air the story on "All Things Considered" along with a montage of the student essays. The following students were chosen to read their essay based on exceptional writing, hard work and progress though out the writing process. We are proud to have them represent Northside Middle School.

Congratulations! Carrie Spencer, Adam Culkin, Nathan Rice, Alyssa Nelson, Miranda Gaubatz, Kirsten, Reed, Lashanti Franklin, Karen Lopez, Antavia Pierson

## SOL'S 2012

Jan. 9-12	8th Gr. Science, Social Studies 6, 7, 8
Feb. 17, March 23	8th Gr. Writing Field Test
March 6 & 7	8th Gr. Writing SOL
May 14—May 24	Spring SOL—Gr. 6-8



## BOOK FAIR INFORMATION

The NMS Library will be holding a Book Fair just in time for Winter Break!

**Dates:** Tuesday, December 6 through Tuesday, December 13

**Hours:** 8:20-3:20      **Extended hours** on Mon. Dec. 12 , 8:20-4:00

We accept cash, checks and credit cards

**\*\*\*New this year\*\*\*** The book fair will be online so you can check out the selection and shop from the comfort of your home. Great for out of town relatives who need some ideas for the holidays. Please check the NMS homepage for more details and a link to the online fair. Books will be shipped to the school and can be picked up before the holidays.

We need parents to help with the Book Fair. If you would be willing to help please contact Christy Dilcher at 362-8088

*Carol Crawford*



## Northside Middle School

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Honor Roll

8th Grade A Honor Roll: Kristen Addair, Courtney Altizer, John Apostolou, Alexis Atherton, Ni'Dajha Barnett, Mirage Cooper-Karnes, Will Culicerto, Adam Culkin, Nicholas Davis, Tyler Derrick, Hannah Doudiken, Tanis Enos, Kayla Flora, Timothy Francis, Miranda Gaubatz, Sarah Grubb, Emilie Hammed, Joshua Hardister, Juliana Kelley, Gabrielle Langhorn, John Mason, Christopher Matney, Andrew Mercer, Joshua Mundy, Daniel Neal, Alyssa Nelson, Dylan Osborne, Jordan Palmieri, Harrison Porter, Elaine Presley, Nathan Rice, Katie Riddle, Benjamin Rogers, Abigail Simpkins, Carrie Spencer, Peter Steidel, Zachary Sucher, Joshua Ulmer, Sophia Vermeulen, Jenna West, Elijah Wilhelm, Julia Wykle'Bradbury

8th Grade A B Honor Roll: Destiny Barger, Nicholas Bowen, Emily Brooks, Mariah Bruce, Morgan Bruce, Queen Bullock, Allison Burzanko, Devlin Cooper, Tiffany Davis, Lorita Dawood, Kerrigan Drewry, Taylor Drewry, Hannah Everett, Jessica Firchau, Blaine Florow, Brooke Frye, Kari Furrow, Nicole Gatoto, Jacqueline Gomez, Evin Goodman, Hannah Hartman, Alexandria Hawley, Deangelo Haynes, Courtney Herron, Kirin Johnstone, Anton Jones, Carlisle Jones, Austin Kanode, Aleah Keaton, Patrick Kelly, Taylor Kelso, Mary Killian, Travis Knott, Elizabeth Koski, Seth Large, Sarah Leigh, Destiny Lockett, Karen Lopez' Fuentes, Sierra Mayo, Danaeyah McBride, Charlotte McCauley, Emily McClellan, Christopher McFall, Emily Meador, Emma Mikulecky, Jeffrey Mundy, Anh Nguyen, Joselyn Noa, Josiah Osby, Montana Otey, Kailey Owens, Jassmyn Paxton, Emma Pearman, Mandy Phan, Hayden Porterfield, Brandon Puskar, Kirsten Reed, Kayleigh Renick, Aaliyah Reynolds, Dawn Rogers, Victoria Sigmon, Sarabeth Smith, Olivia Sweeney, Cassidy Sweetenberg, Victoria Tran, Zachary Tucker, Alexis Vandyne, Emma Vest, Rachel Wilbourne, James Woolwine, Joshua Worth

7<sup>th</sup> Grade A Honor Roll: Sami Abed, Mitchell Adams, Chase Amos, Leah Argot, Phillip Bartkiewicz, Emma Bess, Spencer Bess, Kamryn Blatt, Jordan Childs, Jon Cole, Alexander Coleman, Chloe Coleman, Brandon Decker, Katelyn Dilcher, Christian Dotson, Gavin Eubank, Kerighan Farrell, Bianca Flores, Wesley Gilmer, Bailey Grubb, Lauren Hall, Garrett Harris, James Jearls, Abigail Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Brandon Jones, Summer Lee, Sara McBride, Brian McGrath, Ian McInnis, Saira Mehmood, Elizabeth Meise, Christan Middleton, Gabriele Mittelstetter, Jessica Nguyen, Simon Nguyen, Amber Palmieri, Camella Pentecost, Brandon Pitzer, Alec Poff, Chloe Pusha, Bailey Quarles, Sarah Remy, Mela Rogers, Jamahl Savage, Matthew Shay, Dalton Sigmon, Sydney Smith, Jon St.Pierre, James Venable, Madison Via, Peyton Walthall, Robert Wampler, Lauren Wilson, Ryan Wood, Austin Wright, Bonnie Zhang

7<sup>th</sup> Grade A B Honor Roll: Noah Adams, Austin Aldridge, Ludny Balisage, Allie Barefoot, William Beard, Chyna Belcher, Brad Blevins, Corey Boehringer, Malaysia Brown, Selena Cao, Caitlyn Carty, Christopher Cole, Ryan Cole, Spencer Curtis, Hunter Dearing, Morgan Douglass, Aleighly Esparagoza, Hunter Florow, David Friedel, Katherine Hale, Alex Hall, Iris Hammond, Legacee Hancock, Allison Harding, Preston Hendricks, Nicole Higgs, Alexis Hueston, Brandon Huneault, Madeline Hupp, Tra Jackson, Madasyn Kanode, Connor Kelly, Katherine Le, Duncan Maclean, Erin Markham, Sadie Markham, Cara Martin, Holly McCarthy, Kristy McCracken, Riley Meador, Kari Moore, Nina Morris, Jarromy Myers, John Newman, Tamara Nicholson, Leanne Noethiger, Amber Palmieri, Amiyana Parker, Oanh Pham, Bailey Poff, Justin Purvis, Morgan Raymond, Ashley Reed, Tyler Regnier, Bailey Roberson, Madison Roth, Charles Saplak, Roy Saunders, Jayelan Savage, Dylan Setliff, Caitlin Sharkey, Lauren Sheetz, Mary Simmons, Jonathon Sink, Lindsey Sowers, Lyndsey Spangler, Valerie Spasojevic, Noah Taylor, Ai'Zin Tran, Anh Tran, Hope Trussell, Evan Unterwagner, Christian Vaughan, Emily Wade, Joseph Walsh, Alexander Wiley, Avery Wirt, Austin Woods, Mara Woolwine

*Congratulations!*



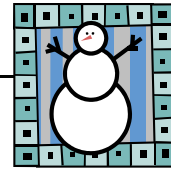
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1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll (continued)




6<sup>th</sup> Grade A Honor Roll: Austin Adkins, Mariah Aguirre, Danielle Anderson, Ekaterina Apostolou, Bailey Arthur, Clerlie Balisage, Adrian Barker, Arianna Barlow, Taj Barry, Zachary Blevins, Jasmine Bolen, Tanner Brammer, Dakota Brookman, Brandon Bush, Jada Carle, Amanda Clark, Leslie Clemens, Allen Coleman, David Dao, Hannah Day, Kyle Deisher, Andrew Derrick, Kevin Dong, Hunter Draper, Joseph Edmonds, Abigail Fernatt, Nikolaus France, Abigail Frost, Heather Garbee, Morgan Givens, Spencer Guth, Jenna Hendren, Olivia Hendricks, Ashley Hendrix, Erin Hetherington, Jordan Holmes, Peyton Hurd, Ian Johnstone, William Jones, Evan Lawton, Gavin Linden, Ashley Linkous, Ethan Loving, Alexis Lubosch, Kendra Lucas, Nakeyah Manns, Kaylynn Marshall, Rae Martz, Hanna McDonald, Tyra McEnheimer, Bryanna McRae, Ashlynn Moore, Michael Nguyen, Kateri Ochalek, Cameron O'Conner, Jarod Osborne, Luc Phan, Alyssa Porter, Kaitlyn Pruitt, Emilee Rigsby, Lindsey Sarver, Laurel Shelton, Caleb Smith, Sophie Sons, Destiny Taylor, Gabrielle Taylor, Erin Terry, Myles Thomas, Coleman Thompson, Marielis Velazquez, Chandler Wallace, Derek Wei, Kelly Williams, Mikayla Wright, Steven Zheng

6<sup>th</sup> Grade A B Honor Roll: Amber Akers, Peter Allen, Logan Altizer, Bryce Amrhein, Austin Atkins, Sydney Azar, Mary Baier, Joshua Ballard, Connor Baringer, Emily Bauer, Dillon Beckner, Emily Bivens, Kaylee Blevins, Christopher Bohmer, Brandon Bowman, Diana Boyer, Dakkota Breeden, Eric Brooks, Ethan Caldwell, Long Cao, Tran Chau, Brianna Christian, Janina Clark, Briann Collins'Hanna, Kendall Compton, Samuel Cosgrove, Mark Dalton, Alexis Daniel, Amaya Daniels, Zachary Davis, Jonathan Dillard, Conner Dotson, Kaileigh Dowdy, Rachel Dungee, Richard Evans, Kirra Eveland, Xavier Figueroa, Dustin Fines, Ryan Foster, Adrian Ghee, Kayla Gibson, Bailey Graham, Lydia Grayson, Alivea Greenway, Jesse Grim, McKenzie Hattersley, Sarah Hayes, Jorrian Hayslett, Samuel Helton, Nikolas Henneborn, Alyssa Jasek, Erin Jennings, Hunter Johnston, Alexander Jones, Daniel Kaminski, Kayle Kelly, Brendan Kiser, Madison Kyle, Katherine Labrada, Noah Lawrence, Emma Layman, Madison Lort, Haley Mayhew, Kyle McGrotty, Makayla McGuire, Samuel McLaughlin, Sofia Mejia, Christian Mikulecky, Aijhia Miller, Marshall Moore, Luke Morris, Mason Murrell, Phazhon Nash, John Nimmo, Jonathan Obenshain, Jacob Pace, Tristan Pagans, Evan Parks, Cameron Parrish, Nirmal Patel, Andrew Peters, Bradford Postles, Brendon Price, James Prinz, Marisa Pruneau, Samantha Rocchi, Brittney Rooksberry, Nathan Sandidge, Emily Schaeffer, Savana Sparks, Patrick Speller, Skylour Stultz, Matthew Taylor, Essence Tinsley, Kimberly Tran, Tattanna Trussell, Nicholas Underwood, Bailey Unterwagner, Bryce Unterwagner, Jordan Wage-  
mann, Kaylea Wallace, Andrew Wampler, Tre Waterfield, Allan Weeks, Bailey Weikle, Juliana White, Dylan Zebosky

**GREAT JOB**



# December 2011


Sun-day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
				1 BB-CAMS- Away B-5:00 G-6:30	2	3
4	5 INTERIM RE- PORTS SENT HOME BB-BFMS- Away- G-5:00 B-6:30	6	7 Wrestling- CAMS-Home- 5:00	8 BB-SRMS- Away-B-5:00 G-6:30	9	10
11	12 BB-HVMS- Away-G-5:00 B-6:30	13	14 Wrestling- GMS-Home- 5:00 BB-BFMS- Home B-5:00 G-6:30	15 BB-WBMD- Home B-5:00 G-6:30	16 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED-WINTER BREAK</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>SCHOOLS CLOSED-WINTER BREAK</b>						





JANUARY 2012



SUN- DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4 Wrestling- HVMS-Away- 5:00	5	6	7
8	9  SOL'S-8TH SCI., SOC. ST. 6,7,8	10	11	12 End 2 <sup>nd</sup> grad- ing period	13 Schools Closed- Teacher Work- room	14
15	16 Schools Closed- MLK day	17 Wrestling- CSMS-Away- 5:00	18	19 Wrestling- WBMS-Away- 5:00	20 Report Cards sent home	21
22	23	24	25 Wrestling- RMMS-Away -5:00	26	27	28 Wrestling Invitational -Main Gym
29	30	31				

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY 2012



SUN- DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT- URDAY
			1	2	3 Schools Closed -Parent/ Teacher Con- ference 12 noon-7:00 p.m.	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Interim Midpoint -2 hr. early dis- missal (Teacher Inservice)	16	17 <b><u>SOL-8TH</u></b> <b><u>GR. WRIT-</u></b> <b><u>ING</u></b>	18
19	20	21	22 Interim Reports sent home	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			



Winter

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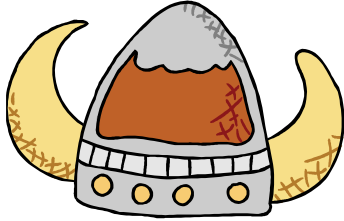
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## **ATTENDANCE OFFICE—**

**562-3420**

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OUT SICK AND/OR  
WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST HOMEWORK—  
PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE.

IF YOU NEED TO CHECK OUT YOUR STU-  
DENT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, PLEASE  
GO TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE TO DO  
SO. ALSO, IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR  
CHILD ANYTHING DURING THE SCHOOL  
DAY, PLEASE TAKE IT TO THE ATTEN-  
DANCE OFFICE AND THEY SHALL DELIVER  
IT TO YOUR STUDENT.