



# NORTHERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Bobcat Nation:

As we count down the final days of the school year, I would like to thank our students, families, and staff members for their efforts in making this year so productive. Northern Middle School has had many success stories academically, socially, and in extracurricular activities. These achievements would not have been possible without our entire community pulling together to provide a positive learning environment for our learners.

I have a few items that I would like to share with everyone as we start the month of June:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly** - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade assembly will occur on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am in the Mary Harrison Center. Students will be recognized for honor roll, perfect attendance, Presidential Awards, and successful completion of middle school. We encourage 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to dress for the occasion. Parents and family members are invited to attend this celebration of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If parents are planning on attending the assembly, please do not arrive in the parking lot until after 7:25 am so that the buses are not affected and parking spots are available.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic** - PTSA will be facilitating the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic after the awards assembly on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will have an opportunity to change clothes if desired. Activities for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start during A Lunch and will continue into the afternoon. We encourage our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. A letter with dance details and expectations has been shared with students and families.
- **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Activities** – To celebrate the conclusion of the school year, we will be recognizing accomplishments such as honor roll and perfect attendance during an activity planned for the students during the last day of school. Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade activities are less formal than the assembly for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders which celebrates the culmination of their middle school experience. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade levels will be meeting in the cafeteria to receive their awards and then heading outside for an incentive activity. Parents who wish to attend should sign in at the main office. 6th grade will receive their awards during 1st period (7:25) and 7th grade during 3rd period (8:30).
- Due to weather closures, below are the make-up days for students and staff.
  - **Friday, June 8, 2018** becomes a full day for students. This was originally a two-hour early dismissal day.
  - **Monday, June 11, 2018** becomes a full day for students. (*Make-up day #3 for students*)
  - **Tuesday, June 12, 2018** becomes a full day for students. (*Make-up day #4 for students*)
  - **Wednesday, June 13, 2018** becomes a full day for students. (*Make-up day #5 for students*)
  - **Thursday, June 14, 2018** becomes a school day with a two-hour early dismissal for students and teacher work time. (*Make-up day #6 for students*)
  - **Friday, June 15, 2018** becomes the last day for 10-month employees.

- **End of Year Attendance Reminder** - As a reminder, CCPS records student attendance through the last day of school. Therefore, students who are signed out early will be recorded as having an early dismissal. Students that leave early, come in late, or fail to attend school the last several days school is in session will be marked accordingly. This could affect perfect attendance for consecutive years.
- **Dress Code Reminder** – Warm weather and growth spurts leads to a few students wearing clothing items that do not meet the dress code. Thank you for helping our students to make good choices with their attire.
- **Financial Obligations** – If your child owes money for lost or damaged textbooks or library books, borrowed lunch money, etc., please send in payment as soon as possible. It is important that these financial obligations are resolved prior to the end of the school year.

There are also several upcoming events of which I would like to make you aware:

- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Two Hour Early Dismissal
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Two Hour Early Dismissal
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition – 7:45 am in Mary Harrison Center
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Two Hour Early Dismissal
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School for Students

As always, if you have a question and/or concern, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 443-550-9230.

Sincerely,



Jaime Webster, Principal

**School Vision:** *Northern Middle School will promote a culture of life-long learning with a focus on developing students who are college and career ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

**We believe:**

- *Diversity among our school community is recognized, admired, and respected.*
- *Rigorous instructional practice and differentiated instruction, which embraces advances in technology, will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills within our students.*
- *Data-based decision-making and positive relationship building are key components of creating an effective and productive learning environment.*
- *Students should embrace their responsibilities and roles in the learning process, while educators serve as positive influences in the educational and social development of their students.*
- *Collaboration demonstrates the value of teamwork as a life skill for college and career readiness.*
- *Our community is a valuable resource to help prepare our students to be productive citizens.*



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# What Your Child Will Learn

Many parents often ask, “What will my child be learning this year?” Calvert County Public Schools has made resources readily available to help parents find the answer to that question.

- Go to the Calvert County Public Schools website at [www.calvertnet.k12.md.us](http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us)
- Click on the Parent tab
- Scroll down to find the link entitled “What Your Child Will Learn”
- Once you click the link, you will be able to select the level of school and then specific content/grade levels

## CCPS Parent Survey

CCPS and NMS would like to ask for your input and a few minutes of your time to complete a short survey. The surveys will be open until June 17th. This survey is designed to collect feedback from parents on the climate and culture of our schools. Please respond to each statement to the best of your ability. Information received from this survey will be compiled and used by both the district and the school to inform our policies and procedures in creating a positive learning environment for all students. If you have children at multiple schools, please complete this survey as many times as needed so that you complete one survey per school. For example, if you have three children who attend two schools, please complete this survey twice, one time for each school. Do your best to isolate your responses by only thinking about your experiences with one school as you complete the survey the first time. When you return, focus your responses on your experiences at the other school.

### Parent Survey

To take this survey in English, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XSNYW6X>

Si prefiere responder esta encuesta en *español*, haga clic aquí:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XSNYW6X?lang=es>

## Yearbooks

The yearbooks have been arrived and have been distributed. We have encouraged the students to mark the names in ink inside the front cover in case it gets lost. We have also reminded them to be thoughtful about what they write when they sign yearbooks and to be sure they do not become a distraction in class.

If your child did not pre-purchase a yearbook, they can still purchase one. Yearbooks are available for purchase from Mrs. Ridenour or the main office. The cost is \$35 cash or check. Checks should be made payable to NMS. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

# Destination Imagination

Congratulations to our Destination Imagination Improv team. After placing well at the state competition, they progressed to the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. At Global Finals, our students competed against teams from around the world. They did well on their challenges and came away with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish (out of 82 teams)! This was the highest finish ever for a team from Calvert County. Congratulations to these students on a remarkable achievement!



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## NMS FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America competed recently in Baltimore against other middle school students at the State Competition. Natalie Borowski and Destiny Lewis won 1<sup>st</sup> in Community Service Project, Destiny won 1<sup>st</sup> in Multimedia and Website Development, Isabella Rosasco won 1<sup>st</sup> in Elevator Speech, Kennedy Anderson won 1<sup>st</sup> in Career Exploration. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will go on to compete at Nationals in Baltimore this summer. Sasha Barley and Aamaly Hossain will also be competing. We need help financially to assist with the cost to attend. Anything you can give will help. You can donate by sending in a check to Mrs. Lewis or the main office. Please make your checks out to Northern Middle School with National FBLA on the memo. Thanks for supporting us!!!

## Green Club

The Green Club is look for a family to volunteer to check the blue bird boxes weekly over the summer. Mrs. Galarza will provide you with training; contact her if you are interested or have questions.

# MAEOE Certifies Northern Middle as a Sustainable Maryland Green School

## The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Announces 2018 Maryland Green School Awards

We are excited to share the news that Northern Middle School has been certified as a 2018 Sustainable Maryland Green School. Our NMS Green Team recently attended the annual Maryland Green School Youth Summit on May 31, 2018, at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. While there they received their award and got to meet Governor Hogan. Thank you to Mrs. Galarza and the students who help keep our school green!





Chorus Parents:

What a WONDERFUL year we have had together in chorus! We had many singers try out and make it into the All County Honors Chorus and the Tri-County Honors Chorus. Students created Free Style Friday, and what a delight it was to witness transformations in singing technique, and the growth of confidence through risk taking. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders received a one rating at District Festival Assessment in February along with a superior rating at Hershey Park Music Festival this past May. Lastly, the chorus concerts were greatly attended and successful. Thank you for all the support you provide to our chorus program. I am blessed to teach in a community that supports and values the arts. I wish all of you a restful, relaxing summer. We'll be ready to sing a new song next fall!

Musically yours,

*Sabrina Sigmon*  
*NMS Choral Director*

**Attention all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus and Orchestra Parents:**

- Do you have a **Chorus/Orchestra Polo shirt** that your child will never wear again?
- Want to clear out your child's closet?
- We are taking donations of **polo shirts**, and **black pants/black shoes** that no longer fit. Just drop them off in the chorus room/Orchestra room.



# A Note from the Nurse

In preparation for 2018-2019 school year, letters were recently mailed to those current 6th graders for whom we are missing documentation of required immunizations that are needed prior to starting 7th grade. If you receive a letter in the mail, this means that we do not have documentation of your student receiving the required immunizations to enter 7th Grade. Students who do not have the required documentation will be excluded on the first day of school.

Incoming 7th graders are required to have both the **Tdap** and **Meningococcal (MCV4)** immunizations prior to the start of their 7th grade school year. These immunizations are typically administered sometime between the ages of 10 and 12 years old. If your child has had these immunizations, please provide the school with a copy as soon as possible so that we may update his/her records. A copy of the immunizations may be brought to school, faxed or e-mailed. My contact information is listed below.

If your child has not yet received the **Tdap** and **Meningococcal (MCV4)** immunizations, please contact your pediatrician's office or the local health department to make arrangements to have them administered. The Calvert County Health Department may be reached at (410)535-5400 or (301)855-1353 x 334.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

*Carin Fleshman, BSN, RN*

School Nurse, Northern Middle School

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## From the PTSA...

The **FINAL PTSA MEETING** for the year will be held on **MONDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Nominations and voting for the 2018-2019 Board will take place.

Nominations for the **NMS 2018-2019 PTSA Board of Directors** are as follows:

President - Megan Roberts  
Vice President - Kristie Scott  
Treasurer – Karen Hickey  
Secretary – Allison Napoli

**\*\*Please keep in mind many other positions are still open such as Volunteer Coordinator, Communications, Spirit Night Chair, Fundraising Chair and etc. not to mention the many, many volunteers that will be needed in order to make 2018-2019 a successful year for our amazing students! If you are interested in any position listed or have any questions, please contact Megan Roberts at [Northernmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com](mailto:Northernmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com).**

## It's So Hard to Say Goodbye

We are sad to lose 2017-2018 PTSA Board of Director Members Shelia Donaldson (Treasurer) and Rachael Little (Secretary) to Northern High School next year but we are so very **THANKFUL** for all their hard work and serve over the years for the NMS PTSA. You both will be greatly missed!!



### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

Calvert County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or genetic information or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

- Director of Student Services
- Director of Human Resources  
443-550-8000

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### **Anti-sexual, Anti-racial and Anti-Disability Harassment Statement**

Discrimination can manifest itself in behaviors such as bullying, harassment, or intimidation of individuals.

Calvert County Public Schools does not tolerate any form of harassment including, but not limited to, sexual, racial, or disability. Any individual (student, employee, or community member) who believes that he or she has been subjected to any form of harassment is encouraged to report the allegation of harassment. Students, parents and community members may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Kimberly Roof  
Director of Student Services  
Calvert County Public Schools  
1305 Dares Beach Road  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Employees may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Laveeta Hutchins  
Director of Human Resources  
Calvert County Public Schools  
1305 Dares Beach Road  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Calvert County Public Schools is committed to conducting a prompt investigation for any allegation of harassment. If harassment has occurred, the individual will be disciplined promptly. Disciplinary actions for students found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary actions for employees found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or termination.

Calvert County Public Schools encourages all students, parents, employees, and community members to work together to prevent any form of harassment.

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