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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at NTMS. Seventh graders, we are looking forward to working with you this year as you transition from NTI to the middle school. This year will be a big adjustment for you. At times you may feel confused, feel a little bit lost, and even anxious. Please know we are all here to help. We have a great support system help you through the most challenging of times.

Eighth grade students, we are looking forward to the leadership and mentoring you will bring to our building. I know you will set a strong example and model high academic achievement and exemplary behavior for our 7th grade students. We know all students will meet the high expectations for both achievement and behavior here at NTMS.

North Tonawanda Middle School is a place to make new friends and learn many new things. We encourage all students to get involved in the many clubs, activities, and sports at the school and build upon the skills being learned each day. Take a look at the morning announcements posted to the website and Schoology to see what activities may interest you. Stay involved!

The rewards are great if you come to school ready and willing to learn. It will take really hard work, time, and commitment. I hope you have a great 2019-2020 school year at the middle school and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Burgess





Critter Club by Daytona Farley

In Critter Club, we usually had students bring in their animals and present them. People described how to take care of their animal, how to feed it, and they sometimes let us pet or hold it. It was really exciting, especially for animal lovers. You get a chance to find a new animal that you might never have thought you wanted. Critter Club will have its first meeting on Monday, September 23 in Mrs. Munnikhyusen's room 129.

Drama Club Mrs. Vallas

Mrs. Vallas' Drama Club is putting on an NTMS musical this year! Listen to the morning announcements for show clues. See if you can figure out what the show is then listen for the big reveal! Pick up an audition packet from Mrs. Vallas and sign up to audition the week of September 30.

FACS Club by Elyssa Pennell

FACS Club exposes students to some things they didn't get to do in FACS class. Last year, there was an open enrollment sign up, limited to a maximum of 20 students per meeting. Meetings went until 3:15. You will need to bring a lab fee for materials, supplies, and ingredients. There will be a new advisor this year.

Foreign Language Club by Madeline DeVantier

Foreign Language Club was very fun! It was a great way to learn the world's amazing cultures and languages. In this club, you learn about how holidays celebrated around the world. There are also snacks, themed for the different cultures, allowing members to get to taste a little bit of other cultures' food. In a forty-five minute meeting, you also make a craft. This club is a great way to hang out with friends and become part of the school. Selling Krispy Kreme Donuts or candy from other countries are some fundraisers used to purchase supplies and snacks for the club. The first meeting has not been announced yet, so listen for it on the morning announcements.

gsa Club is new in the 2019 – 2020 school year. This is a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia. See the GSA flyer in the Ads section of the newspaper for meeting dates or talk to Mrs. LaFever, our NTMS librarian for more information.



Jazz Band by Elyssa Pennell

In Jazz Band, anyone can join, even if you don't play an instrument in band. All the songs that we play are fun, upbeat, and jazzy. It's a fun way to get to know new friends, and try new techniques. Anyone can do a solo during the session. Jazz Band meets typically for 30 minutes once a week. Jazz Band included instruments such as bass guitar, piano, saxophones, trumpets, clarinets... anything goes. You can learn how to join Jazz Band by asking Mr. Frazier.

Junior Honor Society by Summer Colegrove

Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Sturgeon are the Junior Honor Society co-advisors. The main purpose of this club is to do community service and model standards of excellence. The top 25 students from 7th grade are eligible to apply. You get into Junior Honor Society, by looking at your first three marking periods and at your overall average for your five core classes. This club will meet at least once a month unless you are an officer, then you will be coming to meetings more often. These meetings are thirty minutes long. Last year, we did different types of fundraisers like Panera Bread and a Platters chocolate fundraiser. Fundraisers are used for fun field trips that you get to go on. This is a really fun club that you want to work hard and be eligible to get into.

Jr. Librarians Club by Elyssa Pennell

Junior Librarians Club is a fun way to hang out and make friends. You can also learn about the community, and other schools. There is no limit to the amount of people who can join. If you are interested in joining, come to the meetings or check Schoology to join at any time. The club meets in the library, on Mondays after school, twice a month. The meetings are 45 minutes to an hour long. The club didn't fundraise last year, but it would consider fundraising for charity. Mrs. LaFever is the head of this club. You can also find out how to join the club by listening to the morning announcements or inquiring in the library.

Newspaper Club

The NTMS Newspaper is looking for writers and artists from Aries, Draco, Orion, and Phoenix. See the Help Wanted ad on page 13 to apply for the job you would like, Mrs. Czora will find a position for anyone who would like to become a member! Listen to announcements for the first meeting date.

Photography Club

Photography Club is a new club this year. Meet Mrs. Converso and Miss Janese on Tuesday, September 17th in room 135 if you would like to join.



Green Team, Formerly Known as Recycling Club by Elyssa Pennell

Recycling Club is called Green Team this year. Joining this club is a way to eliminate waste and save the planet, one tree at a time, while having fun. You can hang out with friends and get to know new ones. There is no limit to the amount of people who can join. You can become a member by going to a meeting. Listen for dates on the morning announcements. The club meets in Mrs. Worral's room 152.

School Store by Brooke Formaniak and Jordan Shaffer

Anyone can buy snacks or supplies from the Jack's Outlet, the school store from 7:20-7:40, in room 142. If you want to be a student worker, sign up with Mrs. Sturgeon. She will put you on the schedule. Jordan Shaffer said, "I loved Jack's Outlet because it is a good way to learn how to be a cashier and to sell all kinds of stuff. It was fun working at the Jack's Outlet." Mrs. Sturgeon was super nice and taught us how to use the cash register.

Student Council by Jenna Ditzler

Do you want to be more involved in school events? Then Student Council is the club for you! In Student Council, you will do many fun things like working at school dances, helping to make decisions for school events, and more! If you want to be even more involved, you can run to be an officer. There are many offices you can run for. A few of them are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This year's Student Council will be run by Mrs. Czora. All you need to do to become a member is attend the first meeting on Thursday, September 19th in room 125. We hope to see you there!

Yearbook by Jenna Ditzler

Yearbook Club is a very fun club for students to show their creativity by working on the yearbook. We worked on picking the backgrounds and borders for the pages, designing the cover, taking pictures at school events, deciding what pictures to put in the yearbook, and more! If you want to be even more involved in the club, you can run for President. The President of the club signs important papers, motions to begin and end meetings, and has slightly more control over things than the other club members. If you are interested in joining this club, all you need to do is attend the first meeting which will be announced on the morning announcements. The Yearbook Club is run by Mrs. Finiki in room 115, we hope to see you there!

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WE WILL
WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS AND
DISCUSS
ELECTIONS

JOIN US

THUR
SEPT
19

MRS. CZORA'S ROOM 125

2:35-3:15



"7th grade can be tricky. But, once you get to know the school better and the classes and new students, it gets easier. You should find good friends that can help out each other and always be there. But if drama starts don't get involved if it isn't about you because then you wish you never started it. Classes can be be hard, but there is one key to great success and that is that you have to listen, do your homework, and study for quizzes, tests and exams. If you have stress and stuff that you want to talk about, we have nice counselors that you can open up to at anytime that you have something to talk about with someone. I love that I met many new friends and enioved big vear with them. Homework was a lot harder for me because there was so much and just make sure that you don't waste your time in class talking and being disruptive, just do your work and you wont have to do it when you get home." -Dianna Khasanova

Click here for more words of wisdom from last year's 7th graders, click here.

"Hello new 7th graders. I know that it is stressful adjusting to the new setting, but it grows on you quick. The time you spend here is incredible. You will make new friends and learn so many things you didn't know before. The peak of 7th grade comes when you really understand the beauty of 7th grade. When you grasp the feeling of accomplishment and cherish that. The lows are when you give up or stop trying. It will only make you feel worse. Also, you may think that teachers are putting a lot of stress on you or are being rude, but that's not true at all. They are looking after you and watching you grow into young men and young women. So, don't give them a hard time. It's their job. Some tips to help are to always stay organized, be polite, honest, sincere, hard-working, and most of all kind. " - James Campas

6th grade. Homework is assigned nightly. However, you can join clubs, a few examples are FACS Club, Foreign Language, Critter Club, etc. Transitioning in you may lose friends, but you will definitely make more. If you think something is wrong, show your voice. Stand up for your friends. Good grades

are easily achievable as long as you

study. Be strong and you'll make it

Seventh grade is a huge adjustment from

"Dear Future Seventh Graders,

through."
-Joshua Keenan



"Eighth grade is definitely not as easy as seventh grade was, or at least for me. My five best friends were put on the other team, so I had to make new friends and talk to new people. The first few weeks and months were really hard, but if you're just open about yourself and don't let others put you down, the amount of new friends you'll have is crazy. Don't stress about tests. If you do your homework, actually do it, no copying, then tests are so much easier and then your grades will be much better. When you're put in groups without your friends, make sure you talk to the people you're with. Don't just sit there. Make new friends. Also, stay out of drama and if you're a part of it don't go telling everyone. Life will be easier that way, trust me. "

- Isabel Meyer

For more words of wisdom from last year's 8th graders, click here.

"Eighth grade was not as scary as I thought, actually the adjustments I had to make were very minimal. The year is very similar to seventh grade. The teachers are very understanding and will help you if you need it. You are very independent and you will have a great time in eighth grade."

Aaron Samsel

"One thing that you should do as an eighth grader is really get involved in sports. I've made a lot of friends because of the sports I've done and had a really fun time doing them as well. Also get involved in clubs and school activities because you can have fun and make friends. ALWAYS do your homework because it's imperative. Grades are easy to maintain as long as you do it."

- Natalie Mellenthine

HELP WANTED

The NTMS Newspaper is taking applications for the following jobs.

Click here to apply for the jobs below

then log into Office 365 (first intial last name @ntschools.org, student id).

REPORTER

CARTOON ARTIST

STORY WRITER

ARTIST

POEM WRITER

POLL CREATOR

SPORTS WRITER

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Recommended Reads

We are taking submissions for original book reviews.

Click here to submit your review

then log into Office 365 (first intial last name @ntschools.org, student id).

Here are some ideas to help you get started.

Scholastic - how to write a book review

Art Page

We are taking submissions for original comics and original drawings.

Guidelines: Plain white paper Full color

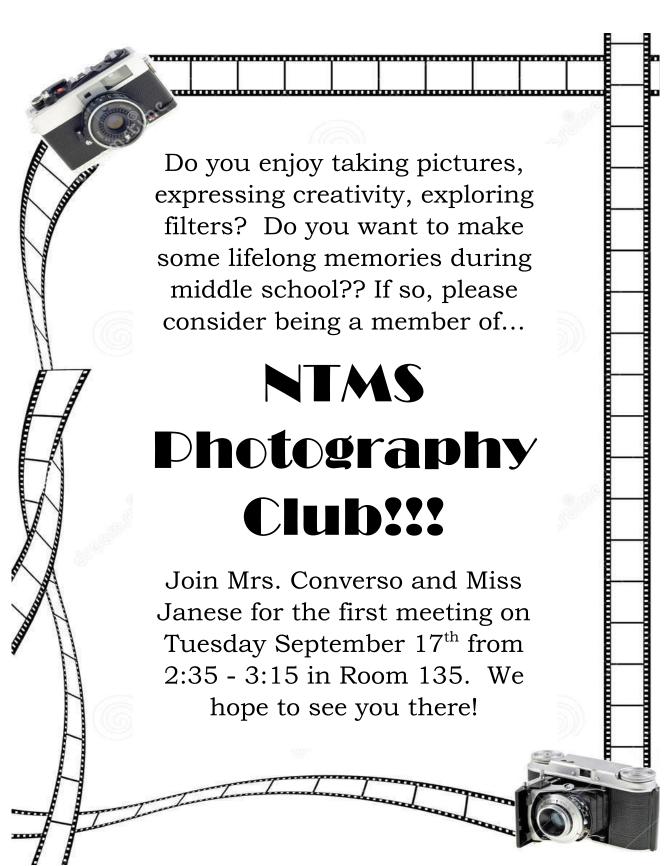
Submit full your work to Mrs. Czora in room 125.

On the back of your work write:

Your full name

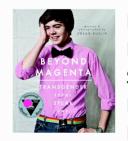
Your team name

Your homeroom teacher's name and room number



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

NTMS LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER MONTHLY STUDENT NEWSLETTER



NEW BOOKS!

New Kid by Jerry Craft
Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin
Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Hunt
Losers Bracket by Chris Crutcher
Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid

MAKER SPACE ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

MAKE YOUR OWN AGENDA PLANNER SEPTEMBER 9-30

#NTMSROCKS PAINTING
PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 16-30

DOT DAY AUGMENTED
REALITY
SEPTEMBER 13

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB:

7TH GRADE: REFUGEE

8TH GRADE: THE GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON







THE LIBRARY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER IS: Cataloa

An online system used to organize and locate library materials. The name of the website we use to organize our library is Destiny and you can use it from any device to search for books and put items on hold. Go to the library website to find it!

AFTER SCHOOL:

Library Club will meet: September 16th GSA will meet: September 23rd The library will be open until the late bus pickup Monday - Thursday

INFORMATION:

Don't forget...If you want to come to the library during study hall you need to to stop by in the morning to get a pass.



BOOKS, SERVICE PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP, AND MORE!

Dates:

September 16th

October 21st

November 4th

November 18th

December 2nd

December 16th

January 13th

February 3rd

March 2nd

March 16th

April 27th

May 11th

June 1st

GSA Club

A safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia.

Dates: September 23rd October 28th November 25th December 9th January 6th February 10th March 9th April 20th May 18th June 8th

We will meet in the library.

T-NT LUMBERFEST



Thursday, October 17 6:00-8:00

Come for food trucks, face painting, games, and burning of the Jinx!

ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB'S EVENT

Click here to apply.



NTMS Newspaper Staff:

Summer Colegrove Madeline DeVantier Jenna Ditzler Elyssa Pennell Your name here!