



# COUGAR CONNECT

ENGAGE \* EMPOWER \* EXCEL

"The North Middle School community develops student leadership, scholarship, and citizenship"

North Middle School Community Newsletter

May, 2021

## Letter from the Principal

Hello NMS Families! It is hard to believe this school year will soon wrap up. We couldn't be prouder of the students and their demonstration of resilience throughout this school year.

We know many questions will surround next fall and what is in store for 21-22. Each building in FZ will work collaboratively with our central office to determine necessary protocols and guidelines for each building. While some information will be available soon, we will make some determinations as the new school year approaches. Please be on the lookout over the summer for pertinent information about next school year.

Remember to visit our FZ website to learn about summer learning opportunities, along with other helpful information. You can visit the website by clicking [here](#).

We look forward to the final weeks. Please reach out with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

## 8th Grade Field Day

We have an 8th-grade field day celebration scheduled for the last day of school, June 1. There will be snacks and events planned for the students. We are proud of the achievements of our 8th-grade students and are excited for their next adventure.

## Yearbook Distribution and Sale

Students who have purchased a 2020-21 yearbook will receive it during first period on May 28. During each class period that day, they will be given time to sign yearbooks.

For students who have not yet purchased but would like to do so, we will have extra yearbooks for sale the morning of the distribution for a cost of \$29. Please send exact change.

## NHS Camps

Click [here](#) to learn about summer camps offered through our North High School Activities Office.

## Last Day of School

The last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1. This will be an early-release day, dismissing at 11:50 am.

Please be aware that students are not allowed to bring items home on the final day of school. They will be encouraged to take everything home May 28, and asked to bring only disposable items on June 1 (paper bag for lunch, etc.). The only exception to this is school yearbooks, which students will be allowed to bring on the final day. Any other items brought to school will be kept in grade-level offices for summer pick-up.

## Summer Learning Opportunities

Summer learning options are available for the summer of 2021. You can view and register for summer options by clicking [here](#).

Please note that if you signing up for any middle school learning opportunities, you will sign in through the middle school platform. You will only sign up through the high school platform if enrolling in an accredited high school class.

The deadline for summer school sign-ups is set at May 26.

## Chromebook Collection

Chromebooks will be collected from 8th grade students on May 28. If your child has a planned absence for that day, please make sure he/she brings it in and leaves it with us before leaving for the summer.

Virtual learners in 8th grade will be asked to turn in Chromebooks and chargers on Wednesday, June 2. Please bring up your Chromebook/charger between the hours of 10 am - 3 pm.

## Clinic Reminders

Nurse Quach recently shared information regarding medication pick-up M-F: 7 am - 2:30 pm any week day. The final day for pick-up is June 1, after which medication will be disposed.

Kquach@fz.k12.mo.us

636-542-7141

## Upcoming Events

- 5/18: 8th Grade Band Recording Session
- 5/20: 7th Grade Band Recording Session
- 5/26: 6th Grade Orchestra Recording
- 5/27: Final Exams Hours 1,3,5
- 5/28: Final Exams Hours 2,4,6
- 5/28: Yearbook Distribution/Signing
- 5/31: No School - Memorial Day
- 6/1: Last Day of School  
Early-Release Day (11:50 am)
- 6/2: No School - Staff Records Day

## Student Celebrations & Awards

Staff are submitting nominations for student awards, such as Academic Achievement and Citizenship. Students will also receive awards for Straight A's and 8th grade students will be recognized if they qualify for the Presidential Award. Awards will be distributed by team teachers May 28.

## NMS Retirees

NMS congratulates our retiring staff. We wish each of them the best of luck and thank them for their work throughout the years.

Susan Blevins - Teacher

Susan Blanke - Secretary

Lisa Long - Paraprofessional

Tim Milonas - Counselor

Christie Zambrzuski - Teacher

## National Junior Honor Society

NJHS is a go for next year; candidate packets will be emailed to students once 4th quarter grades are finalized. Criterion required to apply is a 3.5 semester GPA and a 95% attendance rate (Covid-19 absences will be exempt). If your child was accepted for the 20-21 school year, they need not re-apply. We look forward to next year and our new group of National Junior Honor Society inductees!

[Watch the newest FORTITUDE podcast:](#) Students and parents share their Blue Notes to FZ Staff. In their own words. In their own voices. Staff Appreciation 2021 on FORTITUDE.