



North Ridge FCA Serves at St James Food Pantry

North Ridge Fellowship of Christian Athletes spent an evening in November giving back to the community by volunteering at the St. James Food Pantry. During the event, students participated by passing out canned goods and cereal or helping individuals with getting their food to their cars. This is the second year that North Ridge FCA has participated in this event. North Ridge FCA is a student-led ministry open to all students that meets afterschool on Wednesdays at least once per month to play games and study the bible. For more information about joining FCA at North

Ridge, please see Stephen Garrison (8th), Zoe Wilson (8th), Emily Skovran (8th), Mr. Ferber, or Mrs. Owens. Our next meeting is December 13th from 4-5pm in room 706.



Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 1
NRMS Musical, The Secret Garden @ NRMS
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5
Choral Holiday Concert at NRMS
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5
All School Skate party
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6
Early Dismissal 2:45pm

Monday, December 11
7th and 8th Grade
Instrumental concert
7th grade 6:00 p.m.
8th grade 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 15-Avid
Holiday Event
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

December 20, 2017 thru
January 2, 2018
Winter Break No school

THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for kids and adults from November 14th till December

19th. There will be two boxes around North Ridge Middle School (NRMS) for these clothing items. The clothing items will be donated to the Salvation Army in

Danville.



7TH GRADE



Math: Students are finishing their unit on percent and proportions. While out shopping, ask your students to demonstrate their knowledge of sale tax, tips, or discounts. In December, students will be working on mastering the integer operations. It is important that the students master these operations so that they can apply them to problems involving expressions and equations. No calculators will be used in this unit. The math department will give a homework pass to any student who brings in a box of tissues, hand sanitizer, or disinfectant wipes to their math teacher in order to help maintain a healthy learning environment. Cold and flu season is upon us and germs abound.



Social Studies: The Social Studies Department and 7th grade students are currently analyzing the events leading up to and through the Revolutionary War. We will spend 2-3 weeks on the United States Constitution after Christmas break and have the Constitution test around the 2nd to 3rd week in January. Make sure students are studying every night. Enjoy the holidays!!

Language Art: December is a very busy month for L.A. students. The students are working on and finishing up their informational essays. In December, we will begin our unit on Drama. The 7th grade students will be reading the play "A Christmas Carol". They will be doing multiple activities and at the end of the unit they will watch different versions of the movie to compare and contrast it to the text. Students will also be doing a variety of holiday activities.

Also please keep in mind that students are starting to run low on supplies. Students are in need of paper, pencils and with the cold season coming up, classrooms are in desperate need of tissues and hand sanitizer. Please feel free to send these items in with your student at any time.



Science: Classes are wrapping up the Chemistry Unit! Students have learned quite a bit since we started in September. Students are now able to determine when a chemical reaction has occurred by examining and analyzing properties of substances before and after they are mixed. We are starting our Physical Science Unit once the Chemistry Unit is complete. Students will learn to identify different types of energy and explain how energy can be converted or transferred. The Physical Science Unit has a new book. Our focus will be to answer the question, "Why do some things stop while others keep going?"



8TH GRADE

Social Studies: Students will be learning about how our government works through a study of the Illinois Constitution and the Reconstruction Era. Students will be learning about the rights and responsibilities of citizens and evaluating how well our government has upheld those rights. The IL Constitution Test will be given before winter break. Students must pass this test before going on to high school!

Language Art: We are continuing with *The Outsiders* and figurative language for December. Please remember to encourage your student to read their AR books and take the quizzes. December will go by quickly and we want everyone to reach their AR goals.

Science: Do you like Brussel sprouts? Why are my eyes brown? Will I be a good artist like you? These are just a few possible questions your child could ask you as we work on the 8th grade Life Science Unit- Why Do Organisms Look the Way They Do?

During December, 8th grade Science students will be looking at what a trait is and whether that trait is an inherited or an acquired one. We will be creating histogram and pedigrees over certain traits. Labs, web quests, videos and readings will be just some of the things that your student will be doing to learn about those things.

Please encourage your child to continue to do their very best work. We hope you have a great winter break.



GTT students will be doing exciting projects in December! Medical Detectives students will be solving a murder mystery as they learn more about the human body. Design and Modeling students will be designing and building toys for children with Cerebral Palsy. I'm so excited to see what kind of designs each group comes up with!

From the Nurse

Attention 8th grade parents! Now is the perfect time to get your school physicals done for the 9th grade. I would like for all 8th grade students to have their physicals completed by April 1st so I can get them to DHS before the end of the year. As an added incentive, any student who gets their school physical done by March 1, 2018 will get a jeans pass to wear jeans to school for a day. Get your appointments now, or even over Christmas break, and have your student turn it in to Nurse Montgomery to get their jeans pass!

BUILDERS CLUB

The North Ridge Builders Club has several important projects during the month of December. First, we will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army with the Golden Kiwanis. We usually take a few 8th graders and officers since Mrs. Delzell transports the students.

We will continue our tradition of collecting items to send to a soldier that is away from home for the holidays. We are collecting the following types of items: small snacks and candies, gum, pens and paper, puzzle books, playing cards, personal hygiene products, sports magazine, small games, or any other small gifts. We would like the soldier gifts by our November 29th meeting or no later

then our December 13th meeting.

We are also collecting toys for needy children. The toys will be taken to Your Family Resource Center (Women's Shelter). Toy ideas are: small games, books for all ages, Barbies, handheld games, Hot Wheel type cars, action figures, coloring books, puzzles, or any other small gift you. We need the toys by our December 13th meeting!!

Our last activity is our Wreaths Across America project. As I am writing this, we are very close to our goal of 170 wreaths sold. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a wreath for a veteran! Builders Club members will have an opportunity to help place the

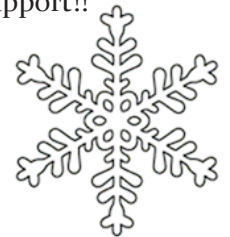


wreaths at the Danville National Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th. I will send home information on our December 13th meeting. Parents will need to provide their own transportation to and from the cemetery.



Builders Club also continues to be in charge of our school's paper recycling, and please continue to send in General Mills Box Tops for Education!! Box Tops should be sent in a baggie or envelope with the student's name on it. A contest/incentive will be announced next semester.

Thanks for your support!!



ATTENDANCE

Did you know that by 6th grade absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school? Also, by 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test

"When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating."

scores. Students can be chronically absent even if they miss only a day or two every few weeks. Attendance is an important life skill that

will help your child graduate from college and/or keep a job. Please

schedule appointments outside of school whenever possible. Please be sure to call the school at (217) 444-3404 to report any necessary absences. Enjoy the holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school Wednesday, January 3, 2018!



Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Principal and Staff at Northridge Middle School

**Winter Break
Wednesday, December 20 - January 2**



SHOW CHOIR



Redcoats

The Redcoats performed to a standing ovation at the Ladies' Luncheon during the Festival of Trees in November. They performed selections from their contest show featuring "Welcome to the Jungle" with soloists Delanie Robinson and Cory Talbott. Other show selections included "Cold Hearted Snake", "Bless The Beasts and The Children" featuring Laynie Ferriman, "Teddy Bear/Monkees Medley" featuring Jerry Strain, and "Roar" featuring Dharmik Owen. They also led a Christmas sing a long for the audience.

Tune in to WCIA's ciLiving on December 6 at 4 PM to see the Redcoats live! They will perform three times throughout the show!

Show Choir:

The Show Choirs will be delivering Singing Christmas Grams on Wednesday, December 20. Small groups of Redcoats and Radiant Reds will visit your loved ones at work or home, singing Christmas songs and delivering a card and candy cane. This is perfect for folks who could use some holiday cheer! Each visit will last 5-10 minutes. If you would like to order a Singing Christmas Gram, please contact Mrs. Woodrow at 444-3476. Cost for each Christmas gram is \$20.

Mini Redcoats was held at NRMS on Thursday, November 16. This camp for students in grades K-3 (and a few younger than that). The students learned parts of two songs in the 2.5 hour camp and performed for their friends and families at the conclusion of the camp.

Music Department Fundraiser

Thanks to all who purchased butter braids, cookie dough and pizza from the NR Music students. Those should have been delivered to you at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Woodrow at 444-3476.

Choir News

The NR Choirs presented their annual Veteran's Concert on Monday, November 6. They welcomed members of the public who have served in our Armed Forces. Special guests from the Iliana VA Healthcare System filled three rows of the audience! The Choirs performed familiar patriotic tunes and honored each of the Armed Services with their own song. Soloists featured on the concert included Storm Townsend and Yasmine Lewis. The next Choral Concert is December 5 at 7:00 PM in the NR Cafetorium.



Theatre Company

The NR Theatre Company will present "The Secret Garden - Spring Version" on Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1. The performances will be at 7:00 PM in the NR Cafetorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. The show is about 70 minutes long.

The cast includes:

Mary Lennox – Ellis Mansfield

Colin Craven – Jake Fox

Dickon – Cory Talbott

Archibald Craven – Jerry Strain

Dr. Neville Craven – Thomas Strain

Lily Craven – Delanie Robinson

Martha – Laynie Ferriman

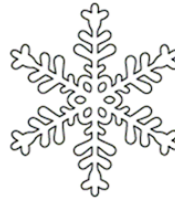
Ben Weatherstaff – Dax Lara

Rose Lennox – Kaitlyn Curtis

Albert Lennox – Stephen Garrison

Mrs. Medlock – Allison Thompson

Mrs. Winthrop – Polly Norton



Servants, Passengers, Officers, Readers –

Olivia Cronkhite

Naomie Young

Terryan White

Dharmik Owen

Landyn Ford

Ian Borcz

Donald Shumard



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.

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Office: 444-3400
Report Absences/Dismissals: 444-3404
Homework Requests: 444-3404
7th Grade Guidance: 444-3419
7th Guidance Fax: 444-3485
8th Grade Guidance: 444-3412
8th Guidance Fax: 444-3488

444-1725 School Closing
444-3493 Bullying Hotline

Website: northridge.danville118.org



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

Eliza Brooks, Principal

Robin Fluno, Assistant Principal

Family Council Meeting Dates:

January 25, 2018: Family Council Meeting Bingo

February 8, 2018: Family Council Meeting

March 1, 2018: Family Council Meeting 7th grade

April 12, 2018: Family Council Meeting 8th grade

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS FAMILY

LITERACY PROGRAM

Session 1: Conversational English/

October 30 – December 14, 2017

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Mark Denman Elementary School

930 Colfax St.

Danville, IL 61832



D118 and VERMILION COUNTY HOME VISITING

Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?

The H.O.M.E. Hands On Meaningful Experiences Program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators offer information about what a child should be doing at each developmental stage, help families to locate needed resources, fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. In November we attended the FESTIVAL of TREES, made Swedish Meatballs and had enough to send home to freeze, and in December we will have RUDOLPH come visit and hand out gifts to our Birth-3 families!! If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please

call Niah at (217) 483-BABY (2229).

RESOURCE:

What: State of Illinois Early Intervention

Provides free evaluations and in-home therapy (if found eligible and sliding scale fee for services) for families who have a child ages birth-3 and are concerned with their child's language, social, physical or cognitive development. No Doctor referral needed.

Where: CFC #16

Champaign, IL 61820

Contact info to refer:

Toll Free: 800-877-1152

