

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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PORTAGE NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 2011

NMS ended September with the success of our annual Magazine Drive Fundraiser. Students who participated earned fun toys, candy, and cash prizes. Congratulations Portage North Middle School! You have done a fantastic job this year with magazine drive! We are excited to give you some final results. **Top 3 Sellers for the sale were:** First Place—Cole Hoard with 31 orders and Erik Comar and Dakota Erdos tied for Second Place with 20 orders



Students wait in line to claim their Magazine Sales prizes

Zach Kelly was the big winner of the Splat Ball Toss and walked away with \$50!



each. Congratulations to these fine winners! Pending paid orders, students will be receiving additional prizes!

Top 3 Classrooms for the whole sale:

1. Mrs. J. Burnham with 147 orders
2. Mr. Kaylor with 91 orders
3. Mr. Blackman w/ 72 orders

These homerooms will be having a pizza party in the coming weeks!

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OUR EVER-CHANGING EARTH



Take part in Earth Science Week 2011! Held October 9-15, ESW 2011 encourages people everywhere to explore the natural world and learn about the geosciences. "Our Ever-Changing Earth," the theme of ESW 2011, engages young people and the public in learning about the natural processes that shape our planet over time. For ESW Contest details visit: www.earthsciweek.org/contests/index.html



North Middle School will celebrate Red Ribbon Week in October. Students will experience five days of powerful activities planned to help them choose a drug-free life. Students will participate in activities designed to promote drug awareness and drug prevention during October 24-28. Strategies for drug prevention, consequences of drug use, and the personal impact on users, families, and friends will also be included. Daily themes will be announced for students to have an opportunity to dress up throughout the week to show their support for a Drug-Free lifestyle. Our Student Leaders, Mr. Jim Moiles (Student Leaders Advisor), Portage Community Center, Dr. Swift, NMS Hall Supervision Staff, and the NMS Guidance Department will coordinate the Red Ribbon Week events.

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October Celebrations



Diversity Awareness Month

Bully Prevention Month

Learning Disabilities Month

Hispanic Heritage Month: through Oct. 15

Month of the Young Adolescent

MAGAZINE SALES (Continued)

As payments begin to come in for orders collected, students will earn an opportunity to win multiple prizes. Coming down the line within the next couple months, all students who sold at least 1 order will be able to attend an “Out-of-Class” party with their friends during the school day. In December, we will be holding the “BIG EVENT” where students who sold between 4-12+ orders will have an opportunity for more fun. The BIG EVENT will include video games, human hamster ball, laser tag, Cash Box drawing, and a lucky few will get a Hummer-limo Lunch! Congratulations to all!

NATIONAL WRITING DAY—OCTOBER 20

Interested in participating in the 3rd Annual National Day of Writing, visit <http://www.ncte.org/dayonwriting/about> for more information. The site includes great tips for creative writing and ways of overcoming writer’s block.



WISH LIST

The Music Department is interested in instrument and monetary donations to support the consumable needs of the students; i.e. reeds, music books, bows, etc. Mr. Jordan is also asking for donations of CD sleeves, paper is preferred, and blank CDs. The Art Department is looking for donations of Kleenex, paper plates, #2 pencils, magazines, newspaper, and zip-lock bags (both sizes). Mr. Josh Bartz, Mr. Robert Jordan, Mr. Leo Hazen, Mrs. Margie DeGroot, & Mrs. Kristen – Anderson, thank you for all your contributions.

BE A PART OF NMS PTO

Meeting dates for the 2011-2012 school year:

Oct. 21: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

Nov. 18: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

Dec. 16: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

Jan. 20: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

Feb. 17: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

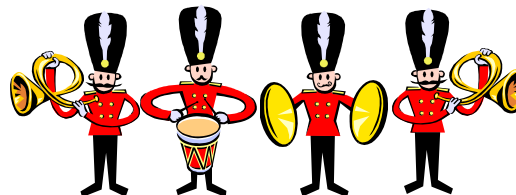
March 16: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

May 18: 12:00-1:00 P.M. Media Center

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend!

SHOWTIME

The Northern High School Band-O-Rama Concert will be October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the PNHS Igloo. Students from our 7th and 8th grade bands will be sharing a concert with the high school bands and the 2011 Northern High Marching Band. There will be a short reception following the event.



SOCIAL NETWORKING AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

On page 4-5 you will find an informational article regarding Social Networking and ways you as a parent can help keep your student(s) safe from cyber predators. For more information visit the sites listed below:

- <http://kids.yahoo.com/parents/online-safety/1704/1--Social+Web+Tips+for+Parents>
- <http://kids.yahoo.com/parents/online-safety/1704/3--Social+Networking>
- <http://kids.yahoo.com/parents/online-safety/1704/2--Protecting+Teen+Reputations+on+Web+2.0>
- http://www.stopcyberbullying.org/what_is_cyberbullying_exactly.html

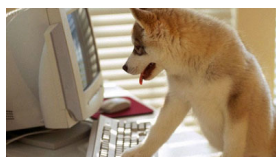
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PARENT INTERNET VIEWER

Letters with access codes for the Parent Internet Viewer (PIV) were mailed to home addresses. Questions about PIV /or to obtain your student's PIV code, please contact pivsupport@portageps.org.

SURF'S UP!

When you are surfing the web, check out our Portage North Middle School website on www.portageps.org. It is easy to navigate and full of helpful information, including teacher e-mail addresses, monthly staff newsletters, physical exam forms, and so much more....



HELPFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

HOMEWORK HELP

- <http://www.infoplease.com/homework>
- <http://www.homeworkspot.com>
- <http://www.eduhound.com>
- <http://www.bigchalk.com>
- http://www.startribune.com/homework_help/
- <http://www.ajkids.com/studytools/>
- <http://www.factmonster.com/>
- <http://www.refdesk.com/>
- <http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/>

TEST-TAKING HELP

- <http://www.eop.mu.edu/study/>
- http://kidsource.com/kidsource/content/Helping_test_taking.html
- <http://www.familyeducation.com/article/o,1120,1-538,00.html>
- http://www.smartkids.com/state/state_info.asp
- http://www.educate.com/online/tips_testing.html

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION



Remember the school is reimbursed ten cents for each box top collected. All box tops may be dropped off at our Front Office. Our thanks to the PTSO for coordinating this activity.

SAFE AND ORDERLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

North Middle School continues to strive to maintain a safe and orderly educational community. Your assistance helps to make that happen. Thank you for adhering to the new drop-off and pick-up safety procedure. Please continue to use the right lane for drop-off/pick-up and keep the left lane clear for those leaving the parking lot.

SLOW DOWN! WATCH for students walking to school.

Also, a new enforcement from the district requires that all volunteers need to complete a Criminal Background Check form before volunteering. The forms can be found in the Front Office. If you are interested in volunteering please complete a form prior to volunteering and return it to the NMS Front Office. Please understand that this is for the safety of all students.

SCHOOL SECURITY

All visitors are to sign in on our Visitors List in the Front Office and get a Visitors Pass. If you forget to do this, staff members (and sometimes students) will politely introduce themselves and request appropriate identification. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter. Your role in fostering our safe and orderly learning community is critical to overall student success.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND TRAINED DETECTION CANINES

PPS will work again with Interquest Detection Canines of Michigan to provide trained detection canines and certified trainers to conduct random inspections. This service is provided to all secondary buildings in the district and is conducted throughout the school year.

What are the dogs trained to detect?

The dogs are trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, gunpowder based items, and prescription medications that are commonly abused.

Will the dogs be around my child?

At NMS, the dogs primarily survey lockers. Surveying is conducted when students are a distance away. Most often, students are not even aware that one of the dogs has been in the building. The dogs are non-aggressive hunting breeds, such as Golden and Labrador Retrievers.

Why are the dogs necessary?

Portage Public Schools is committed to providing a "safe and orderly" school environment for all children. The trained detection canines help us ensure that items of an unsafe nature are not in the building.

Social Networking and Middle School Children

Online Social Networking Sites (Facebook, MySpace, AIM) have created a number of challenges for children, teens, parents and schools.

Because middle school aged students are seldom mature enough to handle online social networking communication with their peers, they often misuse the sites to communicate unkind words when there is conflict among peers, utilize the site to bully and threaten, OR they are the recipient of unkind or bully-like communication. Rumors are spread with a few keystrokes. The number of students who engage in this online misbehavior creates an impossible task for school officials. Many schools have taken a stand that they will not deal with issues that arise from social networking site communication which occurs after school hours. Schools simply do not have the resources to respond to after-school online misbehavior.

In order to provide a safe and orderly school environment, we request that parents monitor their children's online behavior and take appropriate action (deleting "friends" who are harassing your student, deleting anyone that your student does not know and trust in "real" life, placing boundaries on when/where/how your child interacts online, as well as supervision during online hours). Sometimes it is even necessary to eliminate the membership to the social networking site (s) altogether, for the emotional safety of your student (s). These sites can create a great deal of additional "drama" and pain for our children.

Like most schools, Portage North Middle School does not have the resources to respond to out-of-school online behavior, and will refer those issues back to the parents. However, if you are made aware of a viable, specific physical threat of personal safety that is said to happen on school grounds, during school hours (online or otherwise), please contact school officials. For threats that are not specifically related to school grounds/hours, please contact your local law enforcement agency to report the threat.

How Can Parents Help?

Portage North Middle School Recommends:

Purchase a school directory for \$5 from the PTSO. Many parents are included in the student/parent directory, which provides parents with the contact information necessary to contact a parent if a conflict arises. Chances are the other parent may not have seen the online misbehavior due to busy work and family schedules. Parents may even lack the technological skills necessary to navigate today's online networks.

Know your student's friends and acquaintances and get to know their parents whenever possible, so you can familiarize yourself with the supervision styles of the households your child(ren) will be visiting. Often online bullying happens when multiple students are at one household together, unsupervised or behind closed doors.

Closely monitor all forms of social networking. Communications which cause conflict can travel via online social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace, Xanga, YouTube), instant messaging programs (AIM, AOL, Yahoo, etc.), and often via text messaging on cell phones or text messaging devices (remember, there is no such thing as "privacy" on a public networking site). Messages (including photos) sent to one student are more frequently than not, forwarded to other students.

Create boundaries to limit the hours spent utilizing "non face-to-face" communication. Set up distinct timelines for students to utilize online communications, cell phones, etc. Make sure that the boundaries include where the technology can be used (supervised areas are preferable to bedrooms and private spaces where students are more at risk). Parents need to develop their own guidelines for privacy for students based on their individual maturity levels, but if a student consistently has to go behind closed doors to communicate with friends, it might be worth monitoring a little more closely.

Yahoo Kids recommends that parents document and report any harassment. Tell a trusted adult and report it to the ISP or Web service like MySpace or AIM. **It's important to call the police if threatened or report cyber-bullying online at**

www.cybertipline.com.

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SafeFamilies.org...

In addition to the recommendations of Portage North Middle School, SafeFamilies.org recommends that parents:

- Monitor/read your student's account (require that they show it to you) and their online friends.
- Know your student's passwords, screen names and account information (this is NOT an invasion of privacy, these are public sites).
- Remove online privileges if online behavior becomes a problem.
- Consider installing keystroke capturing software on your family computer from www.getnetwise.org

NOTE: The recommended minimum age for the use of social networking sites is "AT LEAST 16" (despite the social pressure your child may exert in requesting this "privilege").

SafeFamilies.org makes the following recommendations to children:

- Never post personal information (phone number, E-mail or address) on the web.
- Be aware that information you post could put you at risk of victimization.
- Never meet with anyone you first "met" online and tell your parent if anyone requests a meeting.
- Only add people as friends if you know them in real life.** Set privacy settings so that you have to approve people to be added as a friend.

What does the National Association of Independent Schools (Internet Safety Organization) say about Children Online?

ChildrenOnline.org, the NAIS Internet safety organization states that although the social networking sites provide a social outlet for children there are many dangers to young people using this medium before they are socially and emotionally ready. The article says, "**We need to acknowledge that [screens] act as a moral disconnect for many of our students.** Every day online there are thousands of kids who say mean and hurtful things because they can."

"Research shows that children grow up healthiest in a world with love, communication, structure and boundaries. These qualities hardly exist **online** for our children/teens."

They are increasingly living their social lives in an [online] world without caring, loving adults watching out for them, without expectations for their behavior, and without boundaries. Instead, harassing language is normalized, the sexualization of girls/women is common-place, and the lack of supervision creates an "anything goes" [community].

"Our students need to learn to be nice and kind to others online. They need to be respectful and thoughtful about what they say and how they act online, just as in real life. **We need to do a better job of teaching them that disengaging from social responsibility while using telecommunications is not acceptable behavior.**"

ChildrenOnline.org produces a free monthly newsletter that is designed to keep educators and parents informed about the latest issues affecting children online, and to address specific questions often raised by parents and teachers.

NMS SUPERVISION STAFF

Portage North Middle School will continue with four Hall Supervisors who assist with daily supervision, safety and security practices. Supervision was a role formerly handled by North Middle School teachers (AM/PM bus, cafeteria, parent drop-off and pick-up and lunch duty supervision).

We are pleased to have Mr. Ryan Hamet, Mr. Eric Kirchinger, Mr. Darryl Matthews, and Mr. Adriel Morgan as part of the Jr. Huskie team. You may see them as they greet you at the front door and ask you to sign in as a guest, and you may see them walking the halls or connecting with students in the cafeteria. Their primary role is to serve in a supervisory capacity in our hallways and common areas, supporting positive student behavior. They also have the ability to communicate with the two PNMS offices, Northern High School and Community Education staff in the event that there is the need for campus-wide communication. Each of these new Hall Supervisors has a wealth of experience with adolescent students.

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New Teachers & Staff

MISS NIKKI BURNHAM

Miss Nikki Burnham is a new addition to the Junior Huskie staff this year. After graduating from GVSU in the winter of 2010, she worked at PNMS as a full-time substitute until she was hired as a 6th, 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher. Miss Burnham is a Portage native, graduating from PNHS in 2005. When she doesn't have her head in a good book, Miss Burnham is watching the Detroit Lions or playing with her new nieces.

MR. DEREK DEE

Mr. Dee is an 8th grade math teacher here at NMS for one hour and teaches the rest of the day at NHS. He has taught for 10 years with stints in Covert and Warren, Michigan. He is in his 2nd year of teaching in the Portage District. Mr. Dee enjoys spending time with family, playing soccer, and reading.

MRS. MARGIE DEGROOT

Mrs. Margie DeGroot is happy to be joining our Jr. Huskie staff here at North. She has taught FACS and art at Central Middle School. Currently she is teaching 6th Grade Art at North and Haverhill Elementary. She loves to see young students develop their unique gifts and insights. She and her husband spend time bicycling on trails such as the Kal-Haven. Each summer, they work up to being able to bike the entire trail in one day at least once or twice in the summer!

MS. KAYLEEN GRAND

Mrs. Kayleen Grand is new to North Middle School this year, but not new to Portage Public Schools. She is teaching 8th Grade History at NMS, and finishes her day at Portage Central High School where she has been teaching for the past 3 years. Mrs. Grand is a 2001 Graduate of Michigan State University where she also completed her Masters in Curriculum development in 2007. Mrs. Grand is thrilled to be a Jr. Huskie and ecstatic to be teaching middle school! For fun, Mrs. Grand enjoys spending time with her husband and 9 month old baby boy.

MRS. REBECCA HANSON

Mrs. Rebecca Hanson is the new Media Center Secretary at North Middle School. Mrs. Hanson moved from Chicago in 2010 where she was working as an elementary school librarian for Chicago Public Schools. Last year, she worked in an elementary school library in Mattawan. At North she is thrilled to have the chance to be surrounded by middle

school students and put great books into their hands. Mrs. Hanson loves reading young adult literature, walking around forest preserves, and taking trips back to Chicago.

MRS. NANCY JASKIW

Mrs. Jaskiw is our new school psychologist. Coming to us from the North Service Unit in Muskegon, MI, Mrs. Jaskiw has been a school psychologist, and the Response-to-Intervention (RtI) Coordinator with a focus on adolescent literacy and school success. She is excited to join the Jr. Huskies' staff, where failure is not an option. For fun, Mrs. Jaskiw loves walking, playing piano, and attending college football games.

MRS. ALYSIA LEHMANN

Mrs. Lehmann has joined our North Middle staff as a school counselor from the elementary level in Portage Public Schools. Previously, she was employed in Forest Hills Public Schools as well as five years as a school counselor in Savannah, Georgia. She is excited to have returned to her hometown after living out of the state. For fun, Mrs. Lehmann enjoys running, attending Western Michigan University athletic events, and spending time with her family.

MS. KATIE OLDHAM

Ms. Oldham is currently working at as a Special Education teacher here at North Middle School. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in April of 2011. She is from Portage (a former Huskie!) and is so excited to be back in this great school district. For fun, Miss Oldham loves to play tennis, volleyball and golf. She also loves to read and spend time with her family and friends.

MRS. SHERRY SIMS

Mrs. Sims is co-coordinating all three middle school media centers this year. She is also teaching 7th grade Computer class and a 6th grade ELA Reading Class at Central Middle School. She enjoys travelling and playing tennis.

MRS. NICOLE ZIELONKA

Mrs. Nicole Zielonka is one of our new math teachers here at NMS. Mrs. Zielonka graduated from WMU in April 2006 and taught high school math in Redford, MI for four years. Mrs. Zielonka was a Huskie last year at Northern High School and she is very excited to be a Jr. Huskie this year! For fun, Mrs. Zielonka loves to snowboard and wakeboard. She enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family.

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Mrs. Jessie Bierlein

Counseling Corner

Mrs. Alysia Lehmann



This year NMS is excited to have an addition to our counseling staff. Please welcome Mrs. Alysia Lehmann. If you need any assistance from a counselor please note the information below:

*Alysia Lehman—Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Phone: 323-5738

*Jessie Bierlein—Hours: Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Phone: 323-5775

North Middle School students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be taking the MEAP test October 11 - October 28. This can be a stressful time for parents and students. However, there are many things that families can do to eliminate stress and reduce anxiety and fatigue.

Tips for Students:

- ~ Share your feelings with your parents, teachers or school counselor. Adults can help you deal with how you are feeling.
- ~ Keep up with your homework and other assignments. If you are "on top" of other school work, you can focus on the MEAP with a clearer mind.
- ~ If you feel nervous during the MEAP, stop and take a few deep breaths. Try to relax.
- ~ Read the entire question. Re-read the question if it does not make sense. Pay attention to the parts of the question needed for figuring out the correct answer.
- ~ Don't randomly guess at answers. If a question is tough, start by eliminating answers which you know are obviously wrong. Each wrong answer that you eliminate will increase your chance at choosing the correct answer.
- ~ Don't get stuck on questions. Skip the hardest questions, work on easier ones, and then come back to the tough ones.
- ~ Make certain that you record your answer on the correct workspace on the answer sheet.
- ~ If you finish early, use the time to double check your answers.

Tips for Parents:

- ~ Help your Jr. Huskie student get enough rest during the MEAP. Having a good night's sleep will help him / her have a sharp mind!
- ~ Encourage your student to eat a balanced, healthy breakfast each morning that he / she will be taking the MEAP.
- ~ Remind your child to choose comfortable clothes for school on MEAP days.
- ~ Help your student get to school on time, especially when taking the MEAP. Avoid scheduling doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc. during the MEAP.
- ~ Be a "cheerleader". Encourage your child to do their best, and remind your child that you believe in him / her!

Source: www.rea.com/description/0738601004S.htm

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Dates at a Glance

October 5	COUNT DAY
October 10-21	YEARBOOK SALES
October 11	Mix-it-Up Day
October 12	Choir Concert - 7th & 8th gr. 7:00 p.m.
October 14	String Workshop
October 18	Band-O-Rama 7:00 p.m.
October 20	National Writing Day
October 21	Picture Retakes
October 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
October 28	All-School Party Halloween Theme 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MEAP)

On October 11, North Middle School will begin the 2011 MEAP. Testing will conclude October 28.

The Grade Level - Test Areas include:

6 th Grade	Reading Mathematics Social Studies
7 th Grade	Reading Mathematics Writing
8 th Grade	Reading Mathematics Science

All students are expected to participate in MEAP testing.

Portage North Middle School SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR November 14 - 18th

NMS will host a Book Fair from Scholastic during the week of November 14 -18th. The Book Fair will be open during school hours and at night during conferences to help raise funds for acquiring the newest literature for the Media Center collection.

The book fair will be open each day from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm and feature a wide range of books for young teens and adults, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, manga, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Students are encouraged to stop at the book fair with their ELA classes during school hours.

On November 16th and 17th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm, the book fair will be open during conferences and have door prizes, raffles, and school supplies.

Students and parents can also help build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List program. A program called One for Books allows students and parents to donate extra change and Scholastic will make a donation of one book for every dollar donated to a national non-profit organization. All the little change helps out immensely!

Also, a new feature that Scholastic has added this year, is the online book fair. If you can't find a book that you want at the fair, visit <http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/> and find Portage North Middle School. Anything you purchase from this site will go towards the profit that NMS takes at the end of the week. There will be a computer station set up during the book fair for anyone wanting to see all of what Scholastic has to offer.

The Book Fair is a great way to add some new and exciting titles to your home library collection and a great way for the school to be able to purchase new titles that all the students enjoy reading!

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FOOD SERVICES

North Middle School received an “A+”, 100% from our food inspectors!



HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 28



Students are encouraged to **bring** their Halloween costumes to school and change before the party. Remember, costumes (including make-up/masks) may **not** be worn during the school day and toy weapons may **not** be a part of the costume! The cost of the party is \$1.00 and snacks are available for 50¢. The party ends at 4:30 p.m. so please pre-arrange transportation home. Available activities include: dancing in the cafeteria, playing games in the gymnasium, and swimming in the pool. Remember—appropriate behavior is expected any time on campus, this includes school parties.

POPCORN TUESDAYS

Miss Oldham’s class will be selling popcorn and popsicles every Tuesday at lunch! This is a great way for students and staff to enjoy tasty bag of popcorn, while also allowing Miss Oldham’s students to practice their vocational skills. So be sure to bring 25 cents every Tuesday to the cafeteria. We’ll see you there! ☺



BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club will take place on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Mrs. Wagner’s room (#94). Everybody is welcome to join even if you have never been before. National “See You at the Pole” day was September 28. The NMS Bible Club had over 30 students, staff, and community members in attendance.

STUDENT LEADERS

Eighth Grade

Lauren LaLonde- Officer
Laura Livingston—Officer
Olivia Smith – Officer
Brett Labian – Officer
Michael Orwin
Carly Dawson
Sean McGee
Sammy Wagner
Drew Dixon

Seventh Grade

Wes Hyames
Colin Van Buskirk
Kristin Ingersoll
Catherine Willoughby
Megan Rochester
Elora Siims
Briana DeLorenzo
Hannah Hopkins

GAME SCHEDULE

Football:

October 5 **North @ Central**
3:45 pm

October 12 **North @ Linden Grove**
3:45 pm

October 19 **North vs. Maple Street**
3:45 pm

Volleyball:

October 4 7th grade @ **Mattawan** 3:30 p.m.
8th grade vs. Mattawan 3:30 p.m.

October 6 7th grade @ **Linden Grove** 3:30 p.m.
8th grade vs. Linden Grove 3:30 p.m.

October 11 **7th grade vs. Central** 3:30 p.m.
8th grade @ Central 3:30 p.m.

October 13 **7th grade vs. Mattawan** 3:30 p.m.
8th grade @ Mattawan 3:30 p.m.

October 15 B Team Tournament @ **Central**, 9 a.m.

October 18/20 League Tournament, 3:30 p.m.

Cross Country:

October 4 Portage Invitational @ **West**
9:00 a.m.

October 8 League Jamboree @ **Linden Grove**
3:45 pm

Please remember: when attending athletic events at NMS, please make sure your elementary aged children are seated with you in the bleachers.

Winter sports will begin on the following dates:

Boys Basketball: October 24
Girls Basketball: January 9
Wrestling: January 9

Students must have a current physical on file in the office in order to participate in athletics. A physical dated within one year of the date of participation is considered current. Pay to participate information can be found on the district website. www.portageps.org

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Mission Statement:
*North Middle School—
where Failure is NOT an
option!*

Administration:
Dr. A. Celeste Shelton-Harris
Principal

Mr. Craig Medd, Ed.M.
Assistant Principal

Guidance Department:
Mrs. Jessie Bierlein, LPC
Counselor

Mrs. Alysia Lehmann, NCC
Counselor

2011-2012 YEARBOOK—ONE STEP AT A TIME

North Middle School Yearbook Order Form

Student Name: _____

Yearbook Theme:
One Step at a Time

Student Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Pricing:
Now—October 21: \$25
October 22 on: \$30
(Includes \$5 late fee)

**** Please submit a separate form for each student/book purchased**

Payment: \$25 (select an option)

Paid Online @ www.yearbookforever.com

Check Enclosed (check # _____)

Cash

Receipt of purchase
will be given to
students on the
Friday following the
date of the order.

****If you are interested in donating extra money towards a scholarship fund to assist students who cannot afford a book your gift would be greatly appreciated!**

For Office Use ONLY:

**Attach Copy of
Receipt Here**

Verified Online Payment _____
(Initials)

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TIME

The NMS Yearbook Sales BLITZ will be held **October 10—21**. The price of the yearbook is **\$25**. All orders received after October 21, 2011 are subject to a \$5 late fee, raising the price to \$30. This year we are excited to announce that the Yearbook Staff will be hosting an end-of-the-year "Signing Party". Students will have a fun time signing each others yearbooks, while enjoying music and prizes.

Admission Fee: 1 Yearbook

