Northeast Middle School Newsletter December 2022



December 1 Choral Concert at BCHS 7pm

December 5 Picture Retake Day

December 5 PTO Meeting 6:30pm

December 7 BOE meeting 7pm

December 8 Winter Band Concert at BEHS 7pm

December 9 Report cards emailed home

December 23-January 2 Holiday Recess - No School



Principal's Message





Winter Workings at NEMS

With the arrival of the cold weather, it is important that parents and students are prepared. NEMS is an old and drafty building. In some rooms, the heat works overtime. In other rooms, the radiators struggle to make any impact at all. It works best if students have multiple layers of clothing. In one of the colder rooms, they may need a sweatshirt or a sweater. In a hotter room, they may need to shed a layer of clothing.

Parents need to be signed up to get closure and dismissal announcements through ParentSquare. If we have a two hour delay, school starts at 10:10 and students should arrive no earlier than 9:50. If we have an early dismissal due to weather, students get out at 1:00. We will share all the schedules with you in ParentSquare. On a normal school day, staff coverage does not start until 7:50. Students who arrive before then have to stay outside as there is nobody on duty to watch them. Please make sure your child is not arriving too early.

The second trimester is historically the trimester where grades start to slip. For whatever reason kids become less productive and slack off a little on their work. Please make sure you continue to monitor your child's grades in Powerschool. Reach out to their teachers and Guidance if you see any issues.

Dan Sonstrom



Notes from The Band Room



NEMS band students are hard at work preparing for their Winter Concert! The performance will be on December 8, 2022 at Bristol Eastern High School at 7:00 PM and is free and open to the public. All are welcome to come hear what our young musicians have already accomplished this year! Musicians will need to report to the high school at 6:15 for our only rehearsal of our final combined piece. Doors open at 6:45.

If you are considering getting something for your young musician for the upcoming holidays, please beware of ISOs! These are relatively inexpensive Instrument-shaped objects, often purchased online or at discounted retailers. These instruments may look like traditional band instruments, but are poorly made, don't play well, are out of tune, and break very easily. When they break, repair specialists will not fix them because they don't want to be liable for the trouble that would ensue. If you would like to invest in an instrument for your child, please contact me. I'm happy to give suggestions in various price ranges. A good local source is The Music Shop of Southington and on-line is WoodwindBrasswind.com.

In my opinion, the best gift for your young musician would be private lessons. Your child will be able to make great progress with the help of a specialist. Again, I'm happy to offer suggestions.

Thank you for supporting your child in his or her musical development. Your encouragement and compliments are the most powerful motivator you can give your child!

Please have a wonderful and safe holiday season! May it be filled with music and love.

Mrs. Vocke



ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

When your child is absent from school, please call the school to report them absent.



For absences 1-9, parents can send in a handwritten note or a note through ParentSquare to excuse the absence.

Matter the 9th absence, a physicians note is required to excuse the absence.

GUIDANCE NEWS

(860) 584-7839

Mrs. Bronson, ext 521037 8th grade, 7th grade I-Z Mr. Carroll, ext 521038 6th grade, 7th grade A-H



As the new trimester begins, the school counseling department encourages parents and guardians to stay informed about your student's academic progress. Remember to:

- Log on to the Parent Portal to see your student's up-to-date grades and make sure your student checks his/her own grades on their Student Portal.

 (http://powerschool.bristol.k12.ct.us)
- Stay in touch with teachers and support staff if you have questions or concerns.

Reminder for 8th grade students: EC Goodwin Technical High School and Southington High School's Agriculture Science and Technology Program are now accepting applications for any students interested in attending either school in 9th grade. Please talk with your student about these alternative high school options.

Southington AgSci's application is online at: www.southingtonschools.org/schools/high-school/southington-high/agriculture-science-and-technology Their application must be printed and handed in to guidance or emailed to Mrs. Bronson by December 1st.

EC Goodwin's application is online at: https://goodwin.cttech.org/ Their application can be completed and submitted online directly to the school and students will be picked in a lottery process.

If you have any questions about these programs, please email or call Mrs. Bronson.



Picture Retakes will take place on Monday, December 5th.

Retakes are only for students who were absent or students who were not happy with their pictures.



The Green Team 7th graders recently learned about the impact malaria has on families in Sub Saharan Africa. Thousands of children a day die from a disease that can be treated easily with medication. In order to combat the deadly disease many families use inexpensive bed nets that include insecticide. Our students decided that we should raise money in order to purchase bed nets for these families in need. In November, our students have been selling snacks and drinks to fellow Green Teamers during our Reach period at the end of the day. The profits raised will be donated to an organization known as World Vision that works tirelessly to combat malaria.

Facts About Malaria

Nearly half the world's population lives in areas at risk of malaria transmission. (About 4 billion people) 87 countries and territories deal with high levels of malaria transmission. In 2020, malaria caused 627,000 deaths.

An estimated 95% of deaths in 2020 were in the African Region.

Undefeated Girls Soccer Team

A huge congratulations goes out to the Girl's soccer team for having an undefeated soccer season. There were a record 18 girls who played this season. Each got better as the season progressed and had fun along the way. Congrats to our 8th grade girls. They are leaders on and off the field; Alaina Joy, Cara Lusitani, Haylee Harrison, Jada Morell, Leah Bradshaw, and Sala Mohamed. Bristol Eastern is lucky to have you next year. NEMS should be very competitive next year as we return a strong talented group of girls; Gabby Perez, Lilly Botino, Teagan Meyers, Katherine Alphonso Pazos, Brianna Ojeda, Kara Hirx, Rebbecca Chambers, Alyssa Chamber, Lyla Bray, Sierra Joy, LeighAnna Middleton and Kendra Gonneville.

We are the Mighty Tigers!





Some tips for staying healthy from the school nurse:

- get enough sleep
- exercise daily
- reduce time on electronics
- eat healthy foods
- wash hands frequently
- dress appropriately for the weather! (coats, hats and mittens)





With the cold and flu season upon us, the Bristol-Burlington Health District would like to remind families of some ways to keep children and school staff healthy:

- -If your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees they must stay home. The child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications before returning to school.
- -If your child has vomiting or diarrhea they must stay home. They should have no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- -If your child has a continuous runny nose and is not able to blow and wipe their nose independently, please keep them home.
- -If your child has a continuous cough and cannot properly cover their mouth, please keep them at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your school nurse.

We hope all our NEMS families had a wonderful Thanksgiving break!



Bristol Middle School Menu December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				1 WG Waffle, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links Or Asian Orange Chicken, Hashbrown, Fried Rice	2 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Meatball Grinder w/ Moz- zarella, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing	WW= Whole Wheat WG= Whole Grain
Bristol Public Schools Is An Equal Opportunity Employer	5 WG Chicken Chunks, WW Dinner Roll, Oven Fries, Green Beans Or Steak & Cheese Sand- wich, Oven Fries, Green Beans	6 LF Macaroni & Cheese, 3 Corn Dog Nuggets, Green Peas Or Ham & Cheese Crois- sant Melt, Green Peas	7 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Tater Tots Or WG Cheese Pizza, Tater Tots	8 Hamburger or Cheese Burger, Oven Fries, Broccoli Or Chili Chips & Cheese, Oven Fries, WW Dinner Roll	9 Wild Mike's Pizza Bites w/ Sauce, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or WG French Toast Sticks, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links	Daily Fruit Options: Assorted Fresh Fruit & Assorted Canned Fruit
Daily Milk Choices: 0% Chocolate, 0 % Strawberry, Skim 1% White & 0 % Lactaid	12 WG Chicken Tenders, WW Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Or Rib BQ Sandwich on WW Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Corn	13 Cheese Stuffed Bread Sticks w/ Sauce, Green Beans WG Spicy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans	14 Twin Soft Beef Tacos w/ Cheese & Lettuce & Salsa, Brown Rice, Carrots Or WG Cheese Pizza, Brown Rice, Carrots	15 WG French Toast Sticks, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links Or Sausage Egg & Cheese on a Croissant, Hash- brown	16 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Cheese Tortellini w/ sauce, Meatballs, Gar- den Salad w/ LF Dress-	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
	19 WG Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Potato Smiles, Broccoli Or Chicken & Vegetable Dumplings, Potato Smiles, Broccoli	20 All Beef Hotdog on Bun, Vegetarian Beans, Tater Tots Or LF Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce, Tater Tots, WW Dinner Roll	21 Chicken Nacho Plat- ter w/ Cheese Sauce, WW Dinner Roll, Sliced Carrots Or WG Cheese Pizza, Sliced Carrots	22 WG Cheese Quesadilla w/ Salsa, Fried Rice, Green Peas Or General Tso Chicken, Fried Rice, Green Peas	No School Winter Break	
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