

# **Northeast Middle School Newsletter**

## **January 2024**



<b>January 1, 2</b>	Holiday Recess - No School
<b>January 3</b>	BOE Meeting 7pm
<b>January 9</b>	BEHS Open House for 8th grade students 6pm
<b>January 12</b>	Winter Dance 6pm
<b>January 15</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
<b>January 22</b>	PTO Meeting 6:30pm

**A NEMS Tiger R.O.A.R.S.**

# *From the Dean's Desk*



Happy New Year NEMS Tigers! We hope you all had a restful break and are returning ready to learn this January. Before we think about the year ahead, I want to give a shout out to our band members led by Mrs. Vocke who all gave tremendous performances in our Winter concerts. We love seeing all their hard work pay off and can't wait to see what they have planned for us in the Spring.

A few reminders as we continue into the second half of the year. First, now is a great time to clean out those binders, check on folders and restock pencils. It's important that students are coming to class prepared each day. Also, we will continue to give students the opportunity to go outside at the end of lunch as much as we can. If students are choosing to go outside please ensure they are dressed appropriately.

Additionally, continue to monitor PowerSchool as we get back in the swing of things in this New Year. Let's start the year strong and make this trimester the best one yet. We will continue to have our before school homework help program as well as a late bus for students staying after for academic support as long as we have the enrollment to sustain it. Please reach out if you have any questions about either program or would like more information.

Lastly, thank you to all who participated in December's Pajama Day. As a school, we raised over \$600 to benefit Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thank you to all who supported this cause.

*Michelle Cantin*

# Band *Notes*

All NEMS bands performed at their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14th. Our musicians did an outstanding job and I couldn't be prouder of them! Our in-school Winter concert has been delayed due to the cancellation of school on December 18th, and will be held on Friday, January 5th instead.

On December 15th, our Wind Ensemble musicians traveled to Mountain View School to perform for the whole school. After that, they traveled to the Bristol Senior Center and played for a large and enthusiastic crowd. Some of the Seniors came up on stage with us and danced to the music. Finally, we went to the Edgewood Pre-K School and performed for a large audience of preschool children and their teachers. Our musicians played beautifully and represented our school very well. It was evident that the little ones loved the concert! We all had a fantastic time.

Auditioning for the Northern Region Middle School Music Festival is the biggest challenge our instrumental music students take on while they're here at NEMS. Students choose to try out, and when they do, they are asked to learn scales and a very challenging piece of music. They audition for a judge who specializes in their instrument, and they receive numerical scores and written feedback. The students who stepped up to this challenge this year made impressive progress in their playing as they had to work hard to learn this very difficult music. Three of our band students were selected to perform at this very elite festival. Students from all over this part of Connecticut, from towns like Avon, Simsbury, West Hartford, and Farmington, are chosen to be part of this 2-day event. The students who will represent Northeast Middle School are: Mia Bougie on clarinet, Mason Foertsch on trumpet, and Matthew D'Esopo on trombone. Congratulations to all of you, and to all of the musicians who auditioned. Bravo!

*Ms. Vocke*







## GUIDANCE NEWS



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7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> (A-H)

6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> (I-Z)

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The school counseling department encourages parents and guardians to stay informed about your child's school progress as we hit the long months of winter. Remember to:

- Ask your student about homework every night - instead of saying, "Do you have any homework?" - ask: "What's your homework tonight?" Encourage them to use their planner to keep track of assignments. Have them show you their Google classrooms and look for any unfinished or not submitted work.
- Check your PowerSchool Parent Portal to see up-to-date grades. Encourage your child to check their own grades on Student Portal. Look for zeroes or incomplete work.
- Have your student get extra help during Reach or before/after school if they are struggling with a certain subject.
- Stay in touch with teachers and counselors if you have questions or concerns.

A reminder for any 8th grade students interested in applying to EC Goodwin Technical High School in New Britain - their online application is now open on their website and must be completed by February 1st : <https://goodwin.cttech.org/apply/>



Monthly school menus are now available online at [bristol12ct.nutrislice.com](http://bristol12ct.nutrislice.com). This is managed by Nutrislice and listed below are a few new features that are available to all families. Each school has its own menu page. When you open your child's school-specific page, you will be able to view and print the following:

- The menu for the month;
- The carbohydrate counts for all of the menu items by clicking on the carb count button; and
- The nutritional information for all of the menu items by clicking on the individual item.

*Additionally, you can view the menu in different languages. If your preferred language is not listed, please let us know. This feature can be accessed by clicking the three bars on the top right of the page.*



Congratulations to December's **Roaring Red Rockstars**  
Lacie Wegiel & Luke Labriola!

Way  
to  
go!



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### Green Team ROARS Superstars



The following students have done a fantastic job the last thirty school days, exemplifying what it means to be a good student and citizen in school.

**Congratulations to the following Green Teamers:**



Math-Tyler Mangan  
Social Studies-Yuliya Samoylyuk  
Science-Angel Rosa  
ELA-Antonio Chatfield  
PE-Rylinn Ciechoski  
Art-Savidya Lekamalage  
Spanish-Helen Nguyen  
Band-Matthew D'Esopo  
Tech Ed-Alexander Mogielnicki  
Wellness-Lilith Carra

*Congratulations!*



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**Happy New Year**  
from the faculty and staff  
at NEMS!

Start the year off right...  
**Be kind.**



## *8th Grade Open House*



**BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL**

**WELCOME CLASS OF 2028!!!**

*Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 9th (snow date Jan. 11th)  
We will begin promptly at 6:00!!*

**6:00 - 6:15 Welcome from the Admin team**

**6:20 - 8:20 Take a tour of the building!**

- 15-minute rotations around the building
- Escorted by Lancer Nation Mentors and Class Officers
- Meet with teachers and hear about department offerings
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - English
  - World Language
  - Explore Clubs & Athletics
  - Meet with School Counseling in the library
  - Visit the CTE Wing to see the computer lab and TV station and Work Experience Opportunities

**Stroll the Art Hallway to view student work and listen to a performance from our band students**

*We look forward to welcoming you to  
"OUR HOUSE"*