

Northeast Middle School Newsletter December 2023



December 4

Picture Retake Day

December 6

BOE meeting 7pm

December 11

PTO meeting 6:30pm

December 14

Winter Band Concert at BEHS 7pm

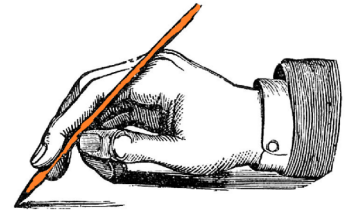
December 22

1/2 day - 12:46pm dismissal

December 23 - January 2 Holiday Recess - No School

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

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 14, 2023 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! 7th and 8th grade musicians will need to report to the high school at 6:00pm and 6th graders need to arrive at 6:15pm for our only rehearsal of our final combined piece. Doors open at 6:45pm.

If you are considering getting something for your young musician for the upcoming holidays, please be aware 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. Other ideas include valve oil, slide oil, reeds, a music stand, and fun sheet music. At The Music Shop, you can have your young musician's favorite song from the radio, TV or the movies printed out for your child's instrument.

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 consider starting a family tradition of having your child play their instrument when you gather for celebrations. My family did mini concerts between dinner and dessert on Christmas Eve and over the years my 3 brothers and I got so much positive feedback from everyone it motivated us to play our best.

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.

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

GUIDANCE NEWS

(860) 584-7839

Mrs. Bronson, ext 521037

6th grade, 8th grade I-Z

Mr. Carroll, ext 521038

7th grade, 8th 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 opens on December 4th and is online at:

<https://goodwin.cttech.org/apply/>. Their application can be completed and submitted online directly to the school and must be done by February 1st.

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



Picture Retakes will take place on Monday, December 4th.

Retakes are only for students who were absent on picture day or are unhappy with their pictures.

GREEN TEAM SERVICE PROJECT

The Green Team raised over \$600 for an organization out of Pennsylvania known as Alpha Bravo. Alpha Bravo trains therapy dogs for veterans who suffer from PTSD. The profits from our REACH Green Team Store exceeded our initial goal of \$500. Thank you to all of our snack cart workers: Matt D'Esopo, Jaden Brown, Allyson Quintana-Delvalle, Olgen Hamoli, Neylannise Colon, Luis Rojas, Hassan Razzaq, Alaina Lefurgey and Keisy Sierra Medina.

Mr. Stellmach



Volleyball Recap

A big shout out and huge congratulations to the Volleyball Team completing a strong 9-1 season this fall! We're bursting with pride as we look back on a phenomenal season that is a testament to the daily hard work, skill, and pure enjoyment our athletes brought to the volleyball court. Each and every day, all of the girls would come into practice eager to learn and improve. Compared to last season at 2-6, you can see our huge improvement in just a year! We are proud of our successes and historic season. This team is dedicated on and off the court- highlighting our bake sale and community involvement, volunteering weekly at the Bristol Boys and Girls Club! We will send off these five 8th grade girls to the Lancers of Bristol Eastern next year: Leah Aparo, Mya Hatcher, Riley Macdonald, Maddy Merrifield, and Natalie Paranzino, who will all be a great addition to their program. We are looking forward to returning a strong crew next year: Lacie Wegiel, Emmalyn Roy, Jazelyn Lopez, Katelyn Parker, Ava Theriault, Raeghan Leary, Sophia Merrifield, Sarayha Schelinski, and Autumn Wing. All of these hard working individuals will be committed to the further development and success within themselves.

- COACH BEAUCAR





Nurse Notes



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.

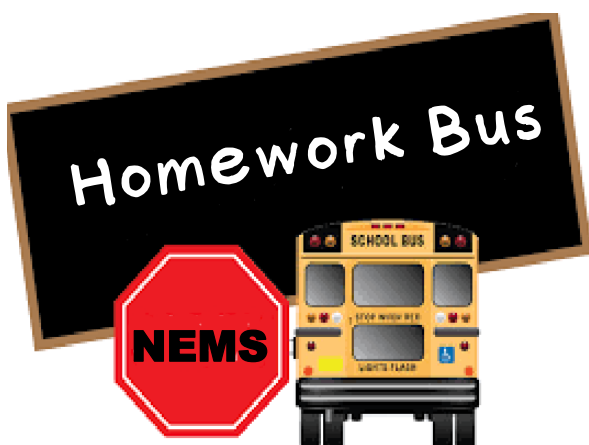
-If your child has vomiting or diarrhea they must stay home. They should have no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

-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.

The homework bus available for students staying after school for academic help on Tuesday and Thursday. The bus leaves NEMS at 4:00pm and students must sign up by 10:00am in the office on the day they need a ride.



Students and/or parents must make arrangements ahead of time with the teachers with whom they want to stay after school. The bus is paid for out of a grant which means it is only for kids staying for academic help. It is not for students staying for sports or activities and it is limited to the first 20 kids who sign up each day.

Red Team Happenings

Red team students who earned the reward for the month of October participated in a pumpkin decorating contest! The team is looking forward to next month's reward.



*Congratulations to November's Roaring Red Rockstars
Hajra Mohamedhanif Tila and Deric Estrada!*



SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 4-8

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

SHOW SUPPORT FOR YOUR
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM

TEAM COLORS

TUESDAY

WEAR YOUR TEAM
COLORS TO SHOW YOUR
SCHOOL SPIRIT

WACKY WEDNESDAY

WEAR YOUR WACKIEST
AND TACKIEST OUTFIT
FOR THE DAY

THROWBACK THURSDAY




DRESS LIKE YOU'RE
FROM ANOTHER DECADE

FRIDAY: PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS

SUPPORT CCMC BY DONATING \$1 AND
WEARING YOUR PAJAMAS.

PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS KICKS OFF ITS 11TH
YEAR WITH A MISSION TO NOT ONLY RAISE
MONEY, BUT TO HONOR THE BRAVE KIDS
FIGHTING CANCER AT CONNECTICUT
CHILDREN'S.

Bristol Middle School Menu December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE					1 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella, Oven Fries, Garden Salad	WW= Whole Wheat WG= Whole Grain
<i>Bristol Public Schools Is An Equal Opportunity Employer</i>	4 WG Crispy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Corn Or Rib BQ Sandwich on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Corn	5 LF Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce, WW Dinner Roll, Green Beans Or Steak & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Smiles, Green Beans	6 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Cheddar Goldfish, Tater Tots Or WG Cheese Pizza, Tater Tots	7 Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Green Peas Or Spicy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Green Peas	8 WG French Toast Sticks, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links Or Cheese Tortellini w/ Sauce, Meatballs, Vegetable Choice	Daily Fruit Options: Assorted Fresh Fruit & Assorted Canned Fruit
<i>Daily Milk Choices: 0% Chocolate, 0 % Strawberry, Skim 1% White & 0 % Lactaid</i>	11 WG Chicken Chunks, Oven Fries, WW Dinner Roll, Broccoli Or Ham & Cheese Croissant Melt, Oven Fries, Broccoli	12 Twin Soft Chicken Tacos w/ Cheese & Lettuce, Brown Rice, Carrots Or Jamaican Beef Patty, Brown Rice, Carrots	13 LF Macaroni & Cheese, 3 Corn Dog Nuggets, Corn Or WG Cheese Pizza, Corn	14 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Onion Riggs, Green Beans Or Chicken & Cheese Empanada, Potato Smiles, Green Beans	15 WG Wild Mikes Pizza Bites w/ Sauce, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Sausage Egg & Cheese on a Croissant, Hashbrown, Garden Salad	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
	18 WG Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, WW Dinner Roll, Corn Or BBQ Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Corn	19 Beefy Nacho Plate, Cheese Sauce, Brown Rice, Broccoli Or General Tso Chicken, Brown Rice, Broccoli	20 WG Waffles, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links Or WG Cheese Pizza, Hashbrown	21 Holiday Meal Boneless Chicken Wings, Snowman Pretzel, Green Peas, Holiday Cookie Or WG Spicy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Pretzel, Corn, Cookie	22 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Taco Triangles, Oven Fries, Garden Salad	
	25 No School Holiday Recess	26 No School Holiday Recess	27 No School Holiday Recess	28 No School Holiday Recess	29 No School Holiday Recess	