



**RISING SIXTH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6:00 pm**

Elementary School to Middle School Transition

Tips/Consejos para la transición de la escuela primaria a la escuela intermedia

Self - Advocacy / Auto - Defensa

Look for opportunities for your student to speak up for themselves such as: ordering their own food, asking questions, etc.

Busque oportunidades para que su estudiante hable por sí mismo, tales como: pedir su propia comida, hacer preguntas, etc.



Accommodations / Los Alojamiento

Let us know if your child has an IEP/504 plan or was recently evaluated (as soon as possible)

Háganos saber si su hijo tiene un plan IEP/504 o si fue evaluado recientemente (lo antes posible)

Explore Interests

[Look at the northbrook home page, click "students" then "Clubs and Activities"](#)

Mire la página de inicio de northbrook, haga clic en "estudiantes" y luego en "Clubes y actividades"

Growth Mindset

Talk to your kiddos about times you've failed and bounced back and when your child makes a mistake - acknowledge and then encourage them to do better next time

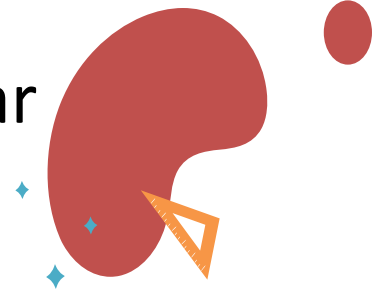
Hable con sus hijos sobre las veces que ha fallado y se ha recuperado y cuando su hijo comete un error: reconózcalo y luego animelo a hacerlo mejor la próxima vez

Talk Healthy Relationships

Provide the space to have an open dialogue about what it means to be a good friend and have good friends

Proporcione el espacio para tener un diálogo abierto sobre lo que significa ser un buen amigo y tener buenos amigos

School Counseling / Consejería Escolar



What do school counselors do? / ¿Qué hacen los consejeros escolares?



- Individual Counseling
 - Group Counseling
 - Classroom Lessons
 - Attend/Lead meetings
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- Consejería Individual
 - Consejería Grupal
 - Lecciones en el aula
 - Asistir/Dirigir reuniones

What do we help students with? / ¿En qué ayudamos a los estudiantes?

- Effective communication
 - Peer conflicts
 - Behavior choices
 - Grades & Studying
 - Anxiety
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- Comunicación efectiva
 - Conflictos con los compañeros
 - Elecciones de comportamiento
 - Calificaciones y estudio
 - Ansiedad

How do we meet with students individually or through small group? / ¿Cómo nos reunimos con los estudiantes individualmente o en grupos pequeños?



- Parent/Teacher Referral
 - [Students submit a counselor request form](#)
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- Referencia de Padres/Maestros
 - Los estudiantes envían un formulario de solicitud de consejero



TYPICAL DAY FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Morning Arrival

- Buses release students at 8:55am.
 - Car rider drop off is located in the rear of the school.
- For safety, students are encouraged not to walk to school.

Morning Help Sessions

- Help Days are every Wednesday at 8:15am.
- Students may work with teachers at 8:15am with a teacher-signed agenda on other days.



TYPICAL DAY FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Student Schedule

- 8:55-9:20 Homeroom
- 9:20-9:57 **Pride Time**
- 10:00 -10:57 Academic 1
- **11:00 -12:21 Connections (A & B Day)**
- 12:23 -1:57 Academic 2 and lunch
- 2:00 - 2:57 Academic 3
- 3:00 - 4:00 Academic 4



CONNECTIONS OPTIONS

Year-Long Courses

- Orchestra
- Band
- Chorus



Semester Courses

- Art
- Health
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Engineering
- Computer Science

Year-Long courses can be CHOSEN now or at the beginning of the school year.

Semester courses are assigned at random.



CONNECTIONS OPTIONS

Connections:

- Students are scheduled for two Connections: **Connections A & Connections B.**
 - Classes alternate between the two days.
 - If a school day is missed, the next day we return is the next day in the rotation.
- Students can register for year-long course(s) and are randomly assigned semester courses.



CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Red Team

Blue Team

Silver Team

- Interdisciplinary projects developed around a driving question
- Instruction uses problem/project-based learning strategies to make relevant, real-world connections in all content areas.
- Students practice and hone skills related to critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, technology, and leadership.



CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Language Arts

- Structured Literacy for Reading and Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- Reading – Literary and Informational Texts
- Language – Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary
- Writing – Narrative, Informational, Argumentative styles

Mathematics*

- Number System
- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- Geometry
- Statistics and Probability
- Expressions
- Equations



MATHEMATICS COURSE OPTIONS

- Sixth-grade students will take either **6th Grade Math** or **6th Grade Accelerated Math**.
- Accelerated Math will include extensions of the 6th grade AKS using related AKS from the next grade level.
- 5th grade teachers used student data (course history, assessment history, classroom performance, etc.) to make math placement recommendations in February.



CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Science

- Focus on Earth Science
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Rocks and Minerals
- Weathering and Soil
- Plate Tectonics
- Hydrology
- Meteorology
- Astronomy

Social Studies

- Focus on World Geography
- Map and Globe Skills
- Europe, Latin America, Canada, Australia
- Political, Economic, and Cultural Characteristics
- Location, Climate, Resources, Population, and Human Impact



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Northbrook Middle offers numerous clubs and activities to engage students:

- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Crochet Club
- Drama Club
- Girls on the Run
(Heart & Sole)
- Intramural Sports
and Athletics
- Mentoring
(Boys & Girls)
- Readers Rally
- Robotics Club
- Strategists Club
- Winter Guard

More are possible!



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

We strongly believe that students have the right to a **SAFE** and **NURTURING** learning environment. To support their learning, Northbrook staff will **TEACH** and **RETEACH** school-wide expectations, rules, and procedures to our students. Our staff will observe and identify problem behaviors and will provide **CONSISTENT** and **FAIR SUPPORT** to students.

NORTHBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIDE

POSITIVITY

P

Think and say positive things.
Keep a positive attitude.

RESPECT

R

Treat others the way you want to be treated.
Consider the feelings of others.

INTEGRITY

I

Be honest.
Do the right thing.

DILIGENCE

D

Put care and effort into your work.
Keep working towards your goals.

EXCELLENCE

E

Be your best.
Do your best.



AWAY FOR THE DAY POLICY

Northbrook has an “Away for the Day” cell phone and electronic device policy

- With the implementation of 1:1 Chromebooks, there is no longer any need for a student to use a cell phone as an instructional device.
- Upon arrival, students are expected to silence/turn off their phones and store them in their backpacks or lockers where they will remain for the duration of the school day.
- Students are not to keep cell phones or earbuds/headphones on their person. Cell phones and other devices should not be visible or in use during the school day.
- In the event that a student needs to contact home for any reason, they may do so from any school office phone.
- Students assume all responsibility for any personal electronic devices brought to school.
- In the event that a personal electronic device of any kind is lost, stolen, or damaged, **the school is not responsible for restitution nor is the school obligated to investigate.**

Please note that **wired earbuds that connect to the computer are approved. Bluetooth headphones are not.**



ENCOURAGE SUCCESS

Skills for Success:

- Organization and Time-Management
- Skills: Practice Reading and Math
- Inter-Personal Skills and Managing Conflict

Role of the Middle School Parent

- Stay engaged and hold them accountable.
- Help your child create a schedule to allow for academic and social activities.
- Use eClass and the Parent Portal.
- Talk with your child about school, your expectations, and their friends.





RESOURCES

The online resources below are often used to support our students.

Your child's teacher will provide them with a username and password to these resources in the fall.

- IXL
- Delta Math



COMMUNICATION

Northbrook Middle teachers communicate with students and parents in a variety of ways:

- eClass teacher pages /Google Classroom
- GCPS Parent Portal
- School website (NorthbrookMS.org)
- ParentSquare - *Northbrook Focus* newsletter
- Student agenda books
- Parent-Teacher Conferences



ITEMS OF INTEREST

- General **supply lists** will be available on the NMS website; Teachers will request additional items during Open House.
- **Backpacks without wheels** are recommended.
- Check the NMS website for **summer reading** recommendations.
- The NMS **dress code** will be published in the student handbook and agenda book.



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