



# Polar Bear Express

North Middle School

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## Message from Mrs. Bourque

Welcome to North Middle School. During this year, we will be working together as partners to provide the best possible education for your child in a nurturing environment that is student-centered and positive. Your commitment is an important part of our educational process and communication is the key to assuring a successful year for your child.

We believe children should learn the academic and social skills to give them the traits necessary to become independent, responsible, life-long learners while instilling the importance of treating each other respectfully and always trying to do your best. We are a PBIS school and have created school wide expectations through our program—**PAWS** : **P**ositive Attitude, **A**ct Responsibly, **W**ork Towards Success, and **S**how Respect. Assisting your child with understanding the importance of these expectations and reinforcing their concepts will assure that North Middle School is a safe, healthy and positive environment for everyone.

Thank you for entrusting us with the opportunity to educate your child. It is going to be a great year!

## NMS Open House - September 22nd

The North Middle School Open House will take place on Thursday, September 22 from 6-7:30 PM. Parents and guardians can stop in at any time. Student schedules will be available inside homerooms. Some teams have decided to put on a team presentation. The schedule is listed below. The Ambassadors will be hosting a bake sale, PTAC will be selling spirit wear, the Book Fair will be open in the library, Westfield Bank will explain our student banking program, Volunteers in the Public Schools will be accepting applications, and the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee will have information for parents. Our cafeteria manager, Tracy Burke, will be in the cafeteria to help anyone with our breakfast and lunch format and payment options.

### Team Presentation Schedule

Team	Location	Start Time
Team 62	Room 130	6:30 PM
Team 72	Room 214	6:30 PM



9/20 PTAC Meeting 7 PM

9/29 Westfield Day at Big E

10/20 Picture Re-take Day &  
8th Grade Panoramic Picture

12/8 Winter Concert

2/10 & 2/11 Drama Production

3/16 Music In Our Schools  
Concert

4/3-5/26 MCAS Testing  
Window

5/18 Spring Concert

6/5-6/8 8th Grade Trip to  
Washington DC

6/9 8th Grade Dance

6/14 High & Low Meadows



### NMS Book Fair

The North Middle School Book Fair will run from Tuesday, September 20 through Friday, September 23. Students will be able to visit the Book Fair during the school day. The Book Fair will also be open during Open House on Thursday night.



### PTAC

The North Middle School Parent Teacher Advisory Committee will hold the first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 20, at 7 PM in the Library. Elections for open positions will be held. Please come vote on our new board members and find out how you get involved! The meeting calendar for the year is:

- September 20
- November 15
- January 17
- March 21

### Fundraiser



Our fall fundraiser is in full swing. The first turn in day is Tuesday, September 20. Each sale turned in on this day earns a gourmet lollipop. The second turn in day is Friday, September 23. Each sale turned in on this day earns a rubber duck, and a chance to win bonus cash. All students selling one item by the end of the fundraiser receive a ticket to the XPOGO show coming to NMS in October. Students earn a ticket to the Herrell's Ice Cream Truck with ten sales, and other assorted prizes can be earned for selling five or more items. This fundraiser allows PTAC to offset costs for student activities including Low and High Meadows and the 8th grade dance.