



The Eagle Watch

A Newsletter from Newport Middle School to Parents/Guardians

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Mark your Calendars....

Wednesday, August 25th
is the first day of school
for this school year.

Orientation & Open House

Student/Parent Orientation and Open House will be held on two evenings this year emphasizing the importance of a good beginning to the 2010-11 school year. Grade six students and parents are invited and encouraged to attend Orientation and Open House on **Monday, August 23, 6:30-8:00 P.M.** Open House only for grade seven and eight students will take place on **Tuesday, August 24, 4:30-6:00 P.M.**

The sixth grade session will supply students and parents with important information to insure a positive beginning and experience a successful school year. Because the evening is designed to be a shared family experience, both parents/guardians are encouraged to attend with their child. The orientation program will last approximately one-half hour followed by the open house. Students and parents can visit with sixth grade and Enrichment staff and discover team designations and homeroom assignments. The session will be presented by NMS administration, counselors and sixth grade and Enrichment teachers. The large response to the evening creates a crowd concern therefore parents are asked not to bring additional family members, but rather concentrate on the evening with their new middle school child.

Seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited on Tuesday for an open house session only from 4:30-6:00. No orientation program will be held. They will be able to visit with their grade level and Enrichment teachers, discover team designation and homeroom assignments.

NMS Meets Annual Yearly Progress in Reading and Math

Newport Middle students, staff and parents have reason to celebrate! Reports from the NC State Department of Public Instruction indicate that Eagle students met 17 of 17 goals in reading and math on the 2009-10 End of Grade (EOG) tests, receiving a score of 100% school wide. Achieving Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) will, in all likelihood, mean that Newport Middle will meet the ABC standards and levels set by the No Child Left Behind Act. Those proficiency numbers will be announced the first week of August. Individual student growth scores will be shared with parents as soon as they are made available to NMS staff.

Achieving AYP once again highlights the NMS goal of emphasizing a commitment to help all students grow and learn in all academic areas. Through our staff Professional Learning Communities program, all EOG test results will be used to strengthen the curriculum being taught to Eagle students in 2010-2011.

Get Involved with the Booster Club

Is your student planning to "wear the colors" of the NMS Eagles this coming year or in the future? If so, it is essential that you become actively involved in the Eagle Booster Club. This group is in need of leadership and involvement from parents of all grade levels. The efforts of an active booster club directly affect all athletic programs, thus the student athletes of NMS. Parents are encouraged to contact Camille Dunton or Athletic Director Mark Sheehe at extension 273 as soon as possible to voice their support and become involved. The first meeting will be held shortly after school begins.

Eagle Booster Club to Sponsor Athletic Physicals

The NMS Booster Club is sponsoring an Athletic Sports Physical Night in the school gym on Thursday, August 5 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 will all proceeds going to the NMS Booster Club which helps fund Eagle athletic programs. The physicals will be given by Dr. Thomas Bates and Steven Huber PA-C of Carteret Surgical Associates and will be valid for one year.

Bus Schedules

Bus route schedules times for the 10-11 school year will be available at orientation/open house. Parents are asked to please not call the school before then for bus information.

Principal's Message

Optimum time on task is the goal of every educator. The instructional time is so very important so that all students can benefit from the teacher teaching, thus the learner learning. This can only happen if our students are in school every possible day, all day.

During the 2010-2011 school year, I am asking parents to set a family goal with their student to attend school every day possible, be on time every day (aka. no tardies) and remain in school all day. This has to be a family priority with parents as well as students making a commitment. Nothing should interfere with school attendance. Appointments and outside activities should be scheduled after school hours, or by planning ahead during non-school days and, very important, students should not be checked out early before dismissal for any reason. In turn, I am making a commitment that we will do all we can to minimize disturbing learning, including to school sponsored activities. There is no replacement for learning that occurs in the classroom, be it the beginning of a new unit or concept or the continuation of a lesson already started. The combination of the teacher's expertise and students contributing their knowledge, understanding and questions in an everyday educational experience results in learning and growth that cannot be duplicated. What is missed is gone forever.

Sincerely,
Michael McKay, Principal

Electronic Devices @ The Eagle's Nest

Communication and other electronic devices play a major role in the lives of children. Students at NMS experience numerous opportunities to explore this world daily as part their educational experience. However, Carteret County Schools has a very firm policy concerning the use of these devices (**including cell phones**) during school hours.

Parents are directed to read the entire policy on page one of the Student Handbook with their student. In part the policy states that unless otherwise permitted students shall not use, display, transmit or have in the "on" position on school property during the instructional day (7:45-3:00) any communication device. Any device used in violation of this policy will be subject to the following action:

- First offense: The device will be immediately confiscated and turned over to administration to be returned to the student's parent/guardian only.
- Second offense: The device will be immediately confiscated and turned over to administration to be returned to the student's parent/guardian only. The student will receive one day of in-school suspension.
- Third and continual offenses: The device will be immediately confiscated and turned over to administration. It will be returned to the student's parent/guardian and they will be directed not to allow the child to bring the device or any other to school again. The student will continue to receive in-school suspension commensurate with the violation. If the student reaches 5 incidents of violating the policy they face suspension out of school. **In keeping with this policy, all electronic devices will be kept in student lockers between the hours of 7:45-3:00.**

FOOTBALL

9/8, Open
 9/15, Open
 9/22, at Down East
 9/29, Broad Creek
 10/6, Beaufort
 10/14, Morehead
 10/20, at Pamlico
 10/27, Tiebreaker

(Possible games on
9/8 and 9/15)

NMS Eagle Athletic Fall Practices

Athletes who are planning to take part in football, girl's soccer, cheer-leading, and volleyball are given notice that they need to begin preparing for the season just ahead. Soccer will begin practice the first week of school. Candidates will be notified of starting time. Football will get underway with a camp August 9-12, 3:30-5:30P.M. at NMS. An Alert Now phone message will provide details. Volleyball aspirants are reminded that practice will begin in mid September. All aspiring Eagle athletes must have an athletic physical and parent permission forms on file before they can participate in any athletic program and are reminded that they must have passing grades and demonstrate high behavior standards to in order to "wear the Gold and Blue"!

Volleyball schedule will be announced during the first week of school.

GIRL'S SOCCER

9/2, Beaufort
 9/7, at Pamlico
 9/9, at Broad Creek
 9/14, at Morehead
 9/16, Open
 9/21, at Beaufort
 9/23, at Arapahoe
 9/28, Broad Creek
 9/30, Down East
 10/5, Morehead
 10/7, Tiebreaker

Bell Schedules 2010-2011

Grade 6

Homeroom 7:52—8:25
 Core 1 8:05—9:30
 Core 2 9:30—10:35
 Core 3 10:35—11:40
 Lunch 11:40—12:10
 Core 4 12:10—1:15
 Enrichment 1 1:15—2:05
 Enrichment 2 2:05—2:55
 AA Time* 2:55—3:00

Grade 7

Homeroom 7:52—8:25
 Core 1 8:25—9:30
 Core 2 9:30—10:35
 Enrichment 1 10:35—11:25
 Enrichment 2 11:25—12:15
 Lunch 12:15—12:45
 Core 3 12:45—1:50
 Core 4 1:50—2:55
 AA Time* 2:55—3:00

Grade 8

Homeroom 7:52—8:25
 Enrichment 1 8:25—9:30
 Enrichment 2 9:30—10:35
 Core 1 10:35—11:10
 Lunch 11:10—11:40
 Core 2 11:40—12:45
 Core 3 12:45—1:50

New Teachers Join Eagle Staff for 2010-2011 School Year

Ms. Jennifer Kingsbury will be joining the 8th grade shark team for this coming year. She is coming to us from Havelock High School where she taught Freshmen English. What a great way to prepare for the transition to high school.

Ms. Velvet Scoggin is coming to our Eagle Academy (alternative program) this year. She is coming to us from Jacksonville Commons Middle School. She has a strong curriculum background that should add to our already dynamic academy team.

Eagle Jottings

Student Handbook/Agendas and Parent Obligation:

All NMS students receive a handbook/agenda the first week of school. This multi-purpose book is designed to help students in organizing their school year, from documenting class assignments to acting as a communication tool between teachers and parents. They will be required to have the book in school every day and keep it in good condition. Also included is the 2010-2011 Student Handbook outlining the policies and guidelines that insure a safe and learning-centered school atmosphere. Parents are required to read and discuss the handbook with their student as the first step towards a successful school experience and along with him/her sign the form provided indicating they have done so. Your student's teachers will communicate with you concerning your child's progress, his/her class assignments, and other communications from school that are important for you to know. We ask that you make it an evening ritual to seek out your child and the agenda to review the day, what homework may need completion, etc. Communication with your child's teachers will create a dialogue leading to a positive school experience for your child.

School Meal Prices:

Student meal prices for 2010-2011 are as follows: breakfast, \$1.00, lunch \$2.25. Reduced prices are, breakfast \$.30 and lunch \$.40. The price of milk will be \$.35. If parents believe their student qualifies for free meals they should contact the school office as soon as possible and obtain the proper forms for immediate completion.

Weather Reminders:

Weather conditions, power outages or other emergencies at times make it necessary to cancel school for the day, delay the opening of school or dismiss school before the normal time. The decision to cancel or delay the opening of school is usually made by 5:30 a.m. After a decision regarding school is made parents will receive an Alert Now phone message and they can log on at www.carteretcountyschools.org and click "Closings and Delays" for the latest information. Information is also given to the following stations: WCTI, Channel 12, WITN, Channel 7, WNCT, Channel 9, WTKF, 107.3 FM, Public Radio East, 91.5 FM and 89.3 FM, Headline News, Channel 49 and Time Warner Cable TV 10, when severe weather threatens or there is an emergency of another kind. Parents and students are asked not to call stations or school officials for information. ***It is essential that our school has current information so you can receive notifications.***

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