



Independent School District 279
Osseo Area Schools
North View International Baccalaureate World School
August 2016

News From North View

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Cultivating Scholarship, Virtue and Excellence in a Global Community

Principal's Message

Dear North View Middle School Parents and Students,

As principal of North View Middle School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at school. My staff and I are excited to have students back in our building and classrooms. It is our mission to help each school community member feel welcomed, connected and a part of our North View community. I anticipate a great year as we collectively strive to foster a culture of learning for our students that is **developmentally responsive, empowering and equitable**. I have felt extremely fortunate to be serving an exceptional group of students, families and community members this past year and am excited to have you join our school community efforts.

If you have a need or desire to stop over for a tour of our building or learn more about our programing model before the school year begins, please let me know and I will personally set something up with you. To better prepare you for the upcoming year, I have included important information about our open house event and ways to stay connected with the greater school community below. If you have any questions about the dates or outlined activities, please let me know and I will assist.

Please plan on attending our fall Open House event which will occur on Wednesday August 31st, 2016, from 4pm to 6pm. In addition to meeting with your student's teachers and other members of our school community, you will also be able to receive your student's schedule, tour the building and see the recent construction updates that are occurring throughout the building. This is also a good time to ensure that your address and contact information is current and your student medications needs are up-to-date. A light pizza meal will be served for those in attendance.

Please visit the school's website and my blog, WWW.BLEDISOEBLOG.COM to stay informed about this year's upcoming events. Lastly, if you haven't already done so, please consider including your email address in our student information system so you can receive quick email updates and announcements as we go through the school year.

I am honored to serve as the Principal of North View Middle School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, staff and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at **763-585-7200** or at bledsoed@district279.org.

Once again, welcome back!

Sincerely,

Diana Bledsoe
School Principal

Important Dates

August

- 31 Open House Pizza Night
4:00-6:00 pm
Enjoy a slice of pizza with your family, meet staff, receive schedule, put lunch money in account, Middle School Readiness Information, iPad Information!

September

- 6 First Day of School
8 Picture Day
6-9 "Back to School" Assembly 2:10-2:40 pm
22 "Back to School" Dance 2:50-4:10 pm
23 Honor Roll Celebration
TBD MAP/NWEA Tests

October

- 10 NO SCHOOL—Licensed Staff Workshop
20-21 NO SCHOOL - Education MN Professional Meetings
14 Picture Retake Day
18 Mid Tri I Report Card Sent Home
190 Parent Teacher Conferences
3:00 - 7:30 pm - Classroom
27 Parent Teacher Conferences
3:00 - 7:30 pm - Classroom
31 Spirit Week

November

- 1-4 Spirit Week
5 Saturday School 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
12 Saturday School 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
17 Fall Family Bingo 5:30-7:00 pm
19 Saturday School 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
24-25 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Mark Reporting
5 Tri II Begins
9 Assembly
22 Last Day of School Before Winter Break
19 Toys for Tots 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
23-Jan 2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

January

- 3 School Resumes



Welcome New Staff to North View Middle School 2016 - 2017

- Anna Farrow - AVID/ Phy. E.
- Vena Jones - Special Ed.
- Luke Stahlmann - Social Studies
- Paige Young - Social Work
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- Omid Ferdowsi - EL
- Ruth Koran - FACS
- Angela Stoltzmann - Social Studies
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- Ronald Jacobsen - Phy. Ed.
- Sheri Peterson - Orchestra
- Darrell Olson - ATPPS
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Reading is Fun 5K Run/Walk

Lace up your sneakers and team up with the District 279 Foundation and Kidstop for the Reading is Fun 5K Run/Walk. While everyone loves supporting a good cause, many families appreciate the health and social benefits of a run/walk as well. Funds raised will be donated to every media center in every school building to purchase learning resources. The media center is the place where all students have access to all learning resources. The 5K will take place at Elm Creek Park Reserve, the date is to be determined. Take advantage of the early bird pricing and register today online at http://district279foundation.org/5K_Fun_Run.php

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North View Middle School

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

"Back to School"

OPEN HOUSE PIZZA NIGHT

4:00 - 6:00 pm

- enjoy a slice of pizza with your family
- meet NVMS staff
- receive student schedule
- put money in lunch account
- Middle School Readiness - Room 235
- iPad Information - Auditorium



Where Everybody Belongs

NVMS STUDENT ORIENTATION

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT NORTH VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:10 am - 2:40 pm

North View Middle School has a schoolwide orientation for the entire first week of school, designed to get all students acclimated and oriented to both the physical structure of the school and the North View expectations for learning. 6th grade students will be in their WEB groups (Where Everyone Belongs) with their 8th grade WEB Leaders. 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in some large group team building activities (wear comfortable clothing) as well as small group advisory activities that will get all students ready for the year by learning our expectations in the Media Center, cafeteria, After School activities and Community Service. These activities will also include organizational skills and StudentView practice.

IF YOUR STUDENT IS NOT RETURNING TO NORTH VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Please be sure to contact the counseling secretary at 763-585-7215 as soon as possible so that we can withdraw your student and update our records. Also, if you have moved during the summer, you will need to go to the Enrollment Center located at 7051 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 (*Hennepin County building*) to change your address. Please be sure to bring along proof of residency, such as a current gas or electric bill, or a copy of your lease or purchase agreement. We want to be sure our records are accurate so that you receive up to date information on what's happening at our school!



You're Invited!

Parents / Guardians of NVMS Students

2016-2017 Parent Advisory Meeting dates-coming soon.

This is another great opportunity to connect, be informed, and develop relationships.



On Sept. 1, 2014, changes to Minnesota’s Immunization Law took effect, which now require that students be vaccinated with Tdap (tetanus & pertussis) and Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) **by grade 7.**

All students in grades 7 through 12 should get these vaccines. Please contact your clinic for an appointment.

The [Northwest Immunization Clinic](#) located at the [Enrollment Center](#) (7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center) offers free immunizations to eligible students. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, call 763-585-7361. Please contact the nurse with any questions regarding your student’s shots.

For more information please call me and leave a voicemail with your student’s information. I will be checking my messages frequently over the summer.

District 279 requires all medication taken by students to be administered in the Health office and requires a doctors order for the nurse at school to administer. This includes over-the-counter meds such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol and even cough syrups or eye drops. Please contact Nurse Pam if your student may need these or other prescription medications at school for the necessary forms, or have your health care provider fax equivalent note to NV health office. This will make the beginning of the school year much easier for everyone.

If your student is vomiting, has diarrhea, or a fever over 100, please keep them home to prevent illness from spreading to other students and staff. There is not always room for students feeling sick to stay in the health office and he or she may be asked to return to class even when they may not feel 100%.

The school does not provide transportation for ill student’s and your pre-planning for your student’s care when needed is appreciated.

Pam Hyde, RN

SCHOOL PICTURES



School portraits will be taken by *Lifetouch* on the following dates:

- Picture Day - Thursday, September 8th
- FINAL Picture Day - Friday, October 14

Students are required to have their picture taken.

Please make sure your child is wearing school appropriate clothing - no low cut shirts or blouses, no head gear.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2015-16

Parent Teacher Conferences begin at 3:00 pm on the following dates:

FALL

Tuesday, October 19, 2016 - Classroom

Thursday, October 27, 2015 - Classroom

WINTER

• Thursday, January 17, 2017 - Classroom

• Tuesday, January 26, 2017 - Classroom

SPRING

- Thursday, April 20, 2017 - Classroom



Music Events

Dates:

Coming Soon...

• NVMS Band Concert—7:00 pm

• NVMS Choir Concert—7:00 pm

• NVMS Orchestra Concert—7:00 pm





Volunteer at NVMS!

If you are interested in volunteering at North View Middle School please contact Kay Evers at 763-585-7243. We have many volunteer opportunities available at North View. You can find our Volunteer application on the North View website or stop in at the school and pick one up in the main office.

We look forward to having you volunteer at North View Middle School!



Box Tops for Education & Nickels for School



The Family and Consumer Sciences Department is collecting box tops for education and milk caps from gallon-size bottles of Kemps and Land O'Lakes milk. Please clip and bring/send box top coupons from participating General Mills and Pillsbury products. There is a collection can on the counter in the main office for box top coupons and milk caps. You can also earn points for our school when you shop online. Start your online shopping trip at Boxtops4education.com and shop through the links found in the Box Top Marketplace. There are over 175 of your favorite stores including Target, JC Penney, and Lands' End.



DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

North View Middle School	763-585-7200	Guidance Office (Secretary)	763-585-7215
Attendance Office (reporting an absence)	763-585-7250	Special Education Office	763-585-7220

2016 HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETICS

Online registration for high school activities and athletics

There's a new, more convenient way to sign up your student for high school athletics and activities. FeePay™ allows you to complete your student's activities/athletics registration online at any time of day from the comfort of your home or office. After completing all the required documents online, you can finalize your student's registration by using the safe and secure online payment option or by paying separately in person or by mail. Registration for the fall season begins August 3.

Learn more at <http://d279.us/FeePay>

If the student is entering 7th or 8th grade, the student must participate in activities at the high school the student is assigned to by boundary. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The list of fall sports is available on the senior high web sites. The start date for all fall sports at the high schools is August 8th. Registration should be completed by that date.



LUNCHES

CASH FREE LUNCHES – MONEY MUST BE IN YOUR ACCOUNT

You can put money into your account

Every Day at 7:50 AM - OR Before Your Students Lunch

(ONCE EACH LUNCH LINE STARTS, MONEY IS NOT ACCEPTED)

Place Checks In The Box On The Wall

Questions, Call Pat or Mary Jo at 763-585-7246

APPOINTMENTS

A parent/guardian must send a note excusing their student from school for appointments. The student must bring the note to the office before school to get a blue pass and then sign out at the time of leaving. Without a note, a parent/guardian is required to come into the office to sign out their student at the time of leaving. The student must sign back in when returning to school. **In order to pick up a student, parent/guardian must present a valid ID to the front office.**

CANINE SEARCHES

As one of many tools we use to keep our school safe, the secondary schools will continue working in conjunction with local law enforcement to have trained dogs randomly search our parking lot, student lockers, and the school building during and after school hours. If a dog identifies a vehicle and/or locker as having a prohibited item, the vehicle, locker, and person they belong to will be searched as well as his or her personal items.

NOTICE OF USE OF STUDENT PHOTOS

NVMS reserves the right to use your student's name, photographic likeness or video or audio image in all forms and media for communications, public relations, advertising, trade and any other lawful purposes. Please notify school administration if you **do not** want your student's image used for these purposes.

OUTSIDE FOOD & BEVERAGES

For the health and safety of all students and adults in the building, outside food and beverages are not to be brought into the classrooms. These items may only be in classrooms for special events or projects with teacher or administrator prior approval. In addition, **no student will be permitted to have food or drink delivered to them by parents/guardians, or friends.**

PHONE MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Please do not call the school and ask to have messages delivered to your child. We ask parents/guardians to be considerate of the fact that we have 700+ student and cannot accommodate relaying non-emergency messages. However, if you have an emergency, press "0" from the main phone menu, and the receptionist will assist you.

VISITORS

No visitors will be allowed to accompany students. Legal parent/guardian(s) must provide a valid picture ID to pick up their child/children. To ensure student safety and to minimize classroom disruptions, legal parent/guardian(s) are required to give the school 24 hour notice and present a picture ID before student is given permission to leave the building.

SchoolView



ISD 279 offers parents/guardians and students an online service which will enhance teacher/parent communication. Using SchoolView parents/guardians can access information about their child's academic performance, including unofficial transcripts, schedule, attendance, and transportation information 24 hours a day. You can also subscribe to an alert system which will automatically send an email when your child is absent. In addition, you may use SchoolView to update your phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contact information.

You can initiate a SchoolView account by picking up registration materials in the Counseling Office. A parent or legal guardian must go to the office and present one of the following forms of personal identification to school personnel:

- A valid driver's license; or
- A valid state identification card; or
- A valid passport

To access SchoolView registration, use the *SchoolView* drop down menu on the North View IB World School web site.

During the first month of school, students will be given a SchoolView access key and taught how to sign on to SchoolView. Students will be expected to periodically review their academic progress via SchoolView, which is accessible from any internet connected computer. (*Student access is not as broad as parent access, so please do not share your current SchoolView access key with your student*).

If you have questions or would like to sign up for SchoolView, please call the counseling secretary at 585-7215.

The safety and security of students and staff members at NVMS is a high priority. Since our students are young adolescents, we take extra measures to monitor their whereabouts and to ensure their security. Parents or guardians are asked to help by being aware of and supporting school procedures.

The staff at NVMS pride themselves in maintaining a safe, clean, healthy learning environment for students. It's important to know that we take proactive measures to ensure a safe school. Rules against weapons and fighting are outlined in the parent/student handbook/calendar. Each trimester the Code of Conduct is reviewed to further emphasize expectations regarding behavior, weapons, and fighting. Our school resource officer works with students to solve problems, as do administrators and counselors. Most importantly, teachers provide direction in peaceful conflict resolution. We work hard to provide a calm and safe learning environment and insist that students seek adult assistance in resolving conflicts if necessary.

Students who disrupt the order of the school by carrying weapons or engaging in fighting will receive severe consequences. Weapons violations will result in suspension and a recommendation to the District for expulsion. Physical fighting and assaults will also result in suspension, with a possible recommendation for expulsion. It is important to be aware that **any physical assault may result in recommendation for expulsion and criminal charges**. Furthermore, students will be recommended for expulsion if they engage in three physical fights/assaults during the course of their educational career at North View Middle School or any middle school in the Osseo School District. You can help by making sure that your student clearly understands that neither you nor our staff and administration will tolerate fighting or weapons at North View Middle School. These disruptions cause fear, and when children are fearful at school, they cannot learn. We take a hard line on this issue—our children are worth it!

Student Supervision

Attendance in classes is carefully monitored. **It is important that parents notify the school if their students will be absent.** Once classes begin, student movement throughout the building is regulated by a pass system, and students must be under the supervision of a staff member at all times. After school, students must be supervised by a teacher, or they have to leave the building.

If students leave during the day for an appointment, they must sign out from the office and then only with permission from their parent or guardian. Students are not allowed to sign out with friends, older siblings, or other relatives unless a parent is notified.

Closed Campus

Whether students bus or walk, they are required to remain on school property once they arrive at school. Entrance doors are locked after the start of the school day. The main front door remains open for visitor access. Visitors, which include parents or other non-students, must report to the main office upon entering the building. Visitors must also wear name badges. They will be asked to show proper identification (i.e. driver's license) before being allowed student contact.

Airsoft guns don't belong at school

If your child has an airsoft gun (a gun that shoots little plastic balls), please take extra care to keep it at home. These types of guns are not toys; in fact, law enforcement officials classify them as dangerous weapons, and discharge of such guns within city limits is generally illegal.

Guns of any type (including airsoft, pellet and BB guns) are prohibited by school board procedure, so they're not allowed at school or on school property (including school buses). Possession or use of an airsoft, pellet or BB gun on school property or at any school activity is a serious violation that may result in both school and legal consequences.

You can help us promote safe and healthy learning environments by talking with your child about the importance of keeping these items at home.

News from the Counseling Department

Greetings from the North View counseling department! We are excited for another school year to begin. Please note the contact information for your child's counselor below. The North View counseling department is committed to providing support for all North View students. Please visit our website for more information about our counseling services. <http://schools.district279.org/nvms/>

7th grade counselor – Shanna Schroederschroeders@district279.org

8th grade counselor – Kalyee Neubauerneubauerk@district279.org

6th grade counselor – Lara Woyno.....woynol@district279.org

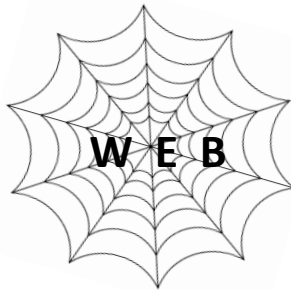
Counseling secretary – Diane Haug

Counseling Office: (763) 585-7215

“Where Everybody Belongs” for 2016-2017

WEB is here at North View! WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is a middle school transition program in its fifth year here at NVMS. The purpose of WEB is to welcome each new 6th grader to North View and make all students feel that they belong to our community. WEB also builds leadership skills in our 7th and 8th grade WEB Leaders, who are trained to work with and support 6th graders throughout their first year in middle school. The year starts with a **6th grade WEB orientation on the first day of school**, and there are follow-up activities throughout the year to help reinforce and build the relationships built during the orientation.

A special postcard invitation mailed in August!



Where Everybody Belongs

TESTING CALENDAR 2016-2017

Mark your calendars now for important test dates this school year

September 6 – November 23 – MAP/NWEA (New Students, or student without Spring Score)

January 31 – March 22 – ACCESS (EL and Transition students only)

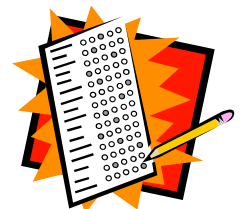
March 6 – May 3 – MCA Math Online (6-8)

March 6 – May 3 – MCA Reading (6-8)

March 6 – May 10 – MCA Science Online (8)

March 6 – April 21 – MTAS (6-8)

****** – Spring MAP/NWEA (6-8)



FREQUENTLY CALLED PHONE NUMBERS

NVMS Attendance Number:	763-585-7250
<i>Please call the above number when reporting your student's absence from school or late arrival to school.</i>	
NVMS Office	763-585-7200
NVMS Fax	763-585-7210
First Student Transportation.....	763-421-5785
District Transportation.....	763-391-7244
Educational Service Center	763-391-7000
Ms. Diana Bledsoe– Principal.....	763-585-7200, ext. 450
Mr. Jamil Payton – Assistant Principal	763-585-7200, ext. 188
Mr. Scott Huffman – Assistant Principal	763-585-7200, ext. 184
Mr. Cedric Fuller – Administrative Assistant	763-585-7200, ext. 172
Mr. Jamie Oliver – Administration Assistant	763-585-7200, ext. 187
Ms. Shanna Schroeder – Counselor - Grade 7	763-585-7214
Ms. Kaylee Neubauer – Counselor - Grade 8.....	763-585-7217
Ms. Lara Woyno– Counselor - Grade 6	763-585-7213
Mr. Kurt Carlson IB – Coordinator	763-585-7227
Mr. Drew Hamilton – Social Worker	763-585-7252
Special Education Office – Ms. Kristen Myers (Special Ed Building Coord)	763-585-7221
Health Specialist's Office – Ms. Pam Hyde.....	763-585-7206
Kitchen Manager - Ms. Pat Walberg.....	763-585-7246
Counseling Office Secretary – Diane Haug.....	763-585-7215

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ISD 279 - OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS
 11200 93rd Avenue North
 Maple Grove, MN 55369
 Ph: (763) 391-7000 Fx: (763) 391-7070
 district279.org

August 22-25 New Licensed Staff Workshop
 Aug. 29-Sept. 1 . . . Licensed Staff Workshop
 September 5 Labor Day (No School)
September 6 First Day of School for Students
 October 10 Licensed Staff Workshop
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 October 20-21 . . . Education MN Professional Conference
 Conference Release Days for Pre K-12
 (No School)
 November 24-25 . . Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
 December 2 Mark Reporting for Pre K-12
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 December 5 Tri II Begins
 December 22 Last Day of School Before Winter Break
 January 3 First Day of School After Winter Break
 January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
 January 30 Licensed Staff Workshop
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 February 17 Conference Release Days for Pre K-12
 (No School)
 February 20 Presidents' Day (No School)
 March 10 Mark Reporting for Pre K-12
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 March 13 Tri III Begins
 March 24 Last Day of School Before Spring Break
 April 3 First Day of School After Spring Break
 April 14 Conference Release Days for Pre K-12
 (No School)
 April 24 Licensed Staff Workshop
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 May 29 Memorial Day (No School)
 June 8 Last Day of School for Students
 June 9 Mark Reporting for Pre K-12
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)
 June 10 High School Commencement Ceremonies

AUGUST

(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	26
(29)	(30)	(31)		

SEPTEMBER

			(1)	X
X	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER

3	4	5	6	7
(10)	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	(20)	(21)
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	X	X
28	29	30		

DECEMBER

			1	(2)
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	X
X	X	X	X	X

JANUARY

X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
X	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
(30)	31			

FEBRUARY

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	(17)
X	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH

		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	(10)
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	X	X	X	X

APRIL

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	(14)
17	18	19	20	21
(24)	25	26	27	28

MAY

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
X	30	31		

JUNE

			1	2
5	6	7	8	(9)
12	13	14	15	16

X - No school for students and licensed staff

○ - No regular classes scheduled for students

⊖ - Conference Release Days

Tri I . . . Sept. 6-Dec. 1 58 days
 Tri II . . . Dec. 5-March 9 58 days
 Tri III . . . March 13-June 8 56 days
 Spring Break - March 26-31

Approved by School Board
 2-17-15

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