

Northeast Middle School Newsletter
December 2020



December 2	BOE meeting 7:00pm
December 14	PTO Meeting 6:30pm
December 11 & 14	Report Cards Sent Home
December 23	Remote Learning Day 8:15am - 12:45pm
December 24-31	Holiday Recess - No School
January 1	New Years Day - No School

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



From the Dean's Desk

December is always a time of reflection. It gives us an opportunity to look back on the year and determine our accomplishments and areas where we can continue to grow. What a year 2020 has been! We have navigated this school year through a global pandemic. We have gone from hybrid instruction, to full in-person instruction, to remote learning, and have now transitioned back to hybrid. We know that it has been stressful, confusing, and exhausting. However, we hope it has also shown that you and your scholar are resilient, adaptive, and capable.

December brings the start of Trimester 2. Each student has the opportunity to start the new trimester strong. The most important action that your scholar can take to ensure that Trimester 2 is better than Trimester 1 is to actively engage in their classes. Here are some tips to ensure that all students are performing to their full potential:

- Get up every day at the same time regardless of whether they are coming into the building or not. Schedules and routines are important. Be ready to start school at 8:10 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and at 8:15 on Wednesdays.
- Sign in and be mentally and physically present to EVERY class. Some of these classes will happen on Zoom and some may be in person. They need to be sure they are paying attention and participating in the class.
- Consider keeping the camera on during Zoom classes. Having the camera on allows teachers to see if students are struggling and better engage students.
- Set up a space. Find a space at home that allows them the ability to be fully focused on their school work. Put away cell phones and gaming systems. Turn off the TV. Remember even if students are home, school is in session from 8:10-2:50.
- Check Google Classroom frequently. Make sure they know where to find their Zoom links and which assignments are due. If they don't know, they should ask a teacher.
- Set some long term goals for the trimester. If the goal is a final grade of an "A," discuss how a low grade at the beginning of the trimester can make that long term goal harder to reach.
- Set some short term goals. Have positive rewards for achievement on assessments or even something small like attending all classes for the week.
- Keep track of grades using PowerSchool. If you do not have access to your PowerSchool information, please contact the school counselor.
- Arrange for extra help. Teachers are available most Wednesday afternoons to meet with students.
- Stay in touch with teachers, administrators, school counselors, and support staff. We are all here to help and want to see every student succeed. Don't wait to contact us if help is needed or if there is a concern.

We are excited to welcome our NEMS Tigers back into the building. We have missed seeing their faces (well, most of their faces, the masks hide their smiles). Our ability to remain in school is contingent on the safety and health of the greater Bristol community. We ask that everyone follows all safety regulations set by the State of Connecticut and the Bristol Burlington Health District. The safer we all are, the more consistent the school year can be.

We wish you happiness and health this holiday season.

Be Well,
Lea McCabe
Dean of Students



Notes from The Band Room



NEMS band students have shown remarkable resilience in their ability to shift from in-person to on-line learners and back again. Each time we shift, our lesson schedule and assignments change, and our young musicians continue to adjust through these changes. Many students are navigating these difficult waters well, and some need help putting on their life jackets. Parents, if you'll help your student into the life boat, I'll be happy to row! I just need you to help them get on board. I will continue to post schedules in my google classroom along with the assignments I'm asking musicians to complete. Please help your child find the time and courage to continue to practice daily. I'm not giving up on a single one of these special aspiring musicians, and I hope you won't either. I'm not letting our circumstances deter us from making music now or ever. Perseverance is one of the greatest lessons anyone can learn.

December is usually a month of concerts and performances and although things will look and sound different this year, we will still be making music for each other and for you. Please listen for the sounds of band instruments around you and support our NEMS band members by encouraging them to keep making the great music they're capable of!

We wish you a very special holiday season and all good things in 2021. Great things await in the new year and we can't wait to get to make music together again!

Mrs. Vocke

Chorus notes

Hello to my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade chorus families! It seems like forever since I've seen you. I just want to remind students that if you have a concern to reach out to me via email. If I have an announcement to make it'll always be posted in STREAM in google classroom. Also, please remember to sign into Zoom at your given time when you receive an invite so that you don't miss out on any of your class work.

Continue to record your work and submit it through Flipgrid. Also, if you haven't already done so please "join a class" in Smart Music. We will be using this program moving forward to help us to read our music and learn new choral literature.

Hope to see you soon!

Mrs. Lomaglio



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:

- Monitor your student's virtual days to make sure they are logging onto all their zoom classes each period and completing their work assigned in their google classrooms.
- Log on to Parent Portal to see your student's up-to-date grades and make sure your student checks his/her own grades on Student Portal.
(<http://powerschool.bristol.k12.ct.us>)
- Stay in touch with teachers and support staff if you have questions or concerns.

EC Goodwin Technical High School and Southington High School's Agriculture-Science Program (VoAg) 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:

<https://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 and Mr. Carroll by December 11th.

EC Goodwin's application is online at:

<https://goodwin.cttech.org/apply/>

Their application can be completed and submitted online directly to the school.

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



NEMS SPIRITWEAR STORE IS UP AND RUNNING!!!

NEMS PTO & Primo Press, a local company here in town, are offering a contactless store where all items are ordered online & delivered right to your house.

So many new items to choose from sweatshirts, sweatpants, polos, hats, masks & cinch bags all with our new NEMS Tiger Logo.

Here is the link to browse & shop from the comfort of your home <https://primo-press.printavo.com/merch/northeast-middle-school>

If you have any questions about your order please reach out to Primo Press directly
860-261-4013

ENJOY & HAPPY SHOPPING!!!



**Wishing all our NEMS Families & Staff a
Happy Healthy Holiday Season!**

Best Wishes, NEMS PTO



The 2019-2020 Drama Club has reconvened and is working to create a virtual presentation of FROZEN. The drama club meets via Zoom and will be recording scenes both through Zoom and (hopefully) live in January. We are excited to finish what we started last year and to bring our NEMS community our production of FROZEN!



LIBRARY NEWS



All library books that were checked out this year have been "renewed" to December 15. If you are done with your books you can return them the week of December 7th when we return to in-person learning.

If you are now a CVL student, please reach out to Mrs. Carroll at lisacarroll@bristol12.org to let her know you have the book and that you can't get it back at this time.

Don't forget we have lots of ebooks in our Destiny system and we have our Junior Library Guild online subscription for lots of ebook options! See the NEMS LIBRARY Classroom for log-in information!



Bristol Middle & High Menu December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	7 WG Chicken Choice, WW Dinner Roll, Broccoli, Oven Fries or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	8 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	No Lunch Remote Learning	10 French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Hashbrown Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	11 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	WW= Whole Wheat WG= Whole Grain
Bristol Public Schools Is An Equal Opportunity Employer	14 WG Chicken Nuggets, Kernel Corn, WW Dinner Roll, Oven Fries or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	15 LF Macaroni & Cheese, 3 Corn Dog Nuggets, Sliced Carrots Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	16 No Lunch Remote Learning	17 Cheesy Pizza Boli w/ Sauce, Garden Salad w/ Dressing or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	18 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	
Daily Milk Choices: 0% Chocolate, 0 % Strawberry, Skim 1% White & 0 % Lactaid	21 Crispy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Lettuce & Tomato, Tater Tots Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	22 LF Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce, WW Dinner Roll, Green Beans or	23 No Lunch Remote Learning	24 No School Winter Recess	25 No School Winter Recess	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
						
						