

Northeast Middle School Newsletter
February 2021



February 3th	Board of Ed Meeting 7:00pm
February 8th	PTO Meeting 6:30pm
February 15th	Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
February 16th	Vacation Day - NO SCHOOL
February 22nd	Lifetouch Picture Retakes

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

From the Dean's Desk

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. Hopefully, all of our NEMS Tigers got a chance to play in the snow this week. Believe it or not, this is the time of year when we begin to start planning the schedule for next year. Encore selections were due at the end of January but if you have not yet turned it in, please do so as soon as possible. There are many factors that go into making up a schedule, so while we cannot honor every request we will always do our best. Our sincere hope is that Band and Chorus will be options again as a full Encore selection next year. We are not currently certain if we will have cohorts like we do this year or if students will be moving from class to class. We hope they will be able to have a slightly more traditionally middle school experience.

The best way to ensure that we move in that direction is to continue to practice our mitigation strategies. Please continue to reinforce proper mask wearing, diligent hand hygiene, and physical distancing. We know that this is difficult but the only way to get back to normal is to prevent community spread. We thank each and every one of you for doing your part so that we can keep schools running.

Additionally, in preparation for next year all 6th grade students need to make sure they have a physical on file with the nurses office. The physical must be dated any time after July 2020 and all immunizations must be up to date. In order to enter 7th grade, all paperwork must be in place.

Stay safe and be well.

Lea McCabe





GUIDANCE NEWS

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Mr. Carroll (ext. 521038) / Mrs. Bronson (ext. 521037)

7th grade, 8th grade A-H 6th grade, 8th grade I-Z

Attention 8th Grade: Course selection for Bristol Eastern High School will be done in February with all 8th grade students (both in-person and CVL). In late January, BEHS counselors (via Zoom), as well as Mrs. Bronson and Mr. Carroll, were in the classroom talking about the transition to 9th grade and the choices available to students in high school.

On February 8th and 9th, we will be guiding our students through the process of picking their 2.0 credits of electives (with BEHS counselors on Zoom again to answer any questions). Please review the 9th grade elective choices and the high school information on our NEMS guidance website and help your student make their choices for 9th grade: (https://nems.bristol.k12.ct.us/school_life/guidance/behs_transition_information). Students need to decide whether they want to take a world language and what types of courses they may be interested in (art, business, technology, music). The course selection will be done through their Student Portal on Power School so parents/guardians will be able to see what their student has chosen. Changes can be made until February 22.

Mrs. Bronson and Mr. Carroll will be available via Zoom hours to answer students' questions and walk them through their course selection if needed. Please have your student check the Guidance Google Classroom for useful videos and counselor Zoom times. Feel free to call or email Mrs. Bronson or Mr. Carroll with any high school questions. There is also a Virtual Open House for BEHS on February 11th at 6pm. More information will be sent to you from the high school about this date.

There is a virtual Open House for the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts half day program on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00am. Interested students may click on the following link for more information: [Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Virtual Open House](#)

Notes from the Band Room



Congratulations to the many band students who are keeping up with assignments and attending “roomie” and “zoomie” lessons! You will be so glad when we are able to perform as a group again because you’ll be ready! It makes me so happy when I get to hear you play at your lessons. You may not notice your progress, but believe me, I do! Please make sure to end your daily practice sessions with a song you love. You deserve it! Also, remember that your act of kindness for the week can always be playing your instrument over the phone or zoom to a grandparent, other relatives or friends.

Also, don’t forget about mentoring and encouraging younger musicians! We all do better when we do...together! Your helping a less experienced musician will make such a difference to them. We are so proud of the seven band students who will be submitting an audition video for the Northern Region “non” festival. The students won’t be competing for a spot in the festival this year; instead, they will be performing for a judge who specializes in their instrument who will provide advice and encouragement. Bravo to: Madison Foertsch, Tyler Holcomb, Adam Koziowski, Paige Memmott, Connor Murtaugh, Kate Patterson, and Brendan Tartarelli!

Keep up the good work, everyone!

Mrs. Vocke



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Parents and guardians are invited to join our private NEMS community page on Facebook. Our group name is Northeast Middle School, PTO.

February Learning Schedule

As of 2/3/21 Most likely will change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 D Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	2 Snow Day	3 A Day Remote Learning Schedule	4 B Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	5 C day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person
8 D Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	9 A Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person	10 B Day Remote Learning Schedule	11 C Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	12 D Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person
15 No School President's Day	16 No School Vacation Day	17 A Day Remote Learning Schedule	18 B Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	19 C Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person
22 D Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	23 A Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person	24 B Day Remote Learning Schedule	25 C Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th A-K Cohort In Person	26 D Day 6 th A-Z, 7 th and 8 th L-Z Cohort In Person

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Bristol Middle School Menu February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	1 WG Popcorn Chicken, Sliced Carrots, WW Dinner Roll or Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	2 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tater Tots Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	3 No Meal Service Remote Learning Day	4 Maple Glazed Pancakes, Hash Brown, Chicken Sausage Links Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	5 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	WW= Whole Wheat WG= Whole Grain
<i>Bristol Public Schools Is An Equal Opportunity Employer</i>	8 LF Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce, WW Dinner Roll, Green Peas Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	9 WG Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Corn Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	10 No Meal Service Remote Learning Day	11 Chili, Chips and Cheese, WW Dinner Roll, Broccoli Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	12 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	Daily Fruit Options: Assorted Fresh Fruit & Assorted Canned Fruit
<i>Daily Milk Choices: 0% Chocolate, 0% Strawberry, Skim 1% White & 0% Lactaid</i>	15 No School Presidents' Day	16 No School Vacation Day	17 No Meal Service Remote Learning Day	18 Hot Dog on WW Bun, Vegetarian Beans, Oven Fries Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	19 LF Macaroni & Cheese, 3 Corn Dog Nuggets, Green Beans Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
	22 Teriyaki Chicken Dippers, WW Dinner Roll, Oven Fries Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	23 WG Pizza Boli w/ Sauce, Garden Salad w/ Dressing Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	24 No Meal Service Remote Learning Day	25 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Oven Fries Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	26 WG Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit Choice & Milk Or Assorted Sandwich Meal or Assorted Salad Meal	