

Hello NMS Families,

I hope you and your families are continuing to stay healthy and safe during these challenging times. As we move into the month of May, it's hard to believe that we only have three and a half weeks to go. Let's finish well!

As has been done in the past, we are sharing some information in this correspondence that might not pertain to everyone. Please skim over the items below to find topics that are pertinent to you.

Course Selection

8th Grade: The course selection process for this year's eighth graders heading to the high school was completed last week, if you still have questions or concerns, please contact your counselor.

6th and 7th Grade: All current sixth and seventh graders should have received an email yesterday from their ELA and math teachers for next year's recommendations. **On Friday**, students will receive information from their social studies teacher, through Schoology, to complete the creative studies portion of their course selection. **We ask that all students continue to check their northernpolarbears.com email for updates.**

Technology Issues

If you have issues with technology, please reach out to Mrs. Murray at 432-8691, extension 1301 or by email at smurray@northernnyork.org.

Online Meetings:

Teachers will continue to provide office hours and video conferencing opportunities. They are available to answer questions relating to Schoology assignments during the hours of 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. The online video conferences allow teachers to connect with students and answer questions. Although not mandatory, we highly encourage students to take advantage of these virtual meeting opportunities.

Week of May 25, 2020

May 25, 2020 is Memorial Day. Teachers will not be expected to have "office hours" and students will not be expected to complete work on that date.

Students will be expected to complete work assigned to them through May 27, 2020. The rest of that week will be used to allow students to get any assignments turned in that they haven't yet submitted.

Student Council Connection

Student Council wants to let you know that we are still all NMS Polar Bears. We want all of us to stay connected. We have created an Instagram page for students to follow. Follow us at **nms_stuco**. Our profile picture is Student Council in purple with a gray background. We want to use this platform to share ideas, pictures from the school year, and to see what we've all been up to.

First up, a picture contest! Who has the coolest mask out there? Send us a selfie of you being safe with your mask on. We will feature them all week.

Send the pics to mpbarber@northernnyork.org

Let's make everyday a good day to be a Polar Bear.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The Week of May 4th through May 8th is Teacher Appreciation Week. Under normal circumstances, I truly believe we have an amazing faculty of teachers at Northern Middle School. This is only highlighted more with the work they are doing in our current situation. Given little notice and minimal training, they have taken on the challenge of moving from Enrichment to Online Planned Instruction during the 4th marking period. ***Please consider recognizing your teachers with some positive emails this week.***

End of Year Procedures

We are continuing to monitor the Governor's and Department of Health's recommendations to provide you with updates on end of the year procedures. As we get further clarification and direction, we will communicate to you the plans for locker clean out, returning of devices, and other end of year activities.

Stay safe, stay home, and stay engaged in your learning.

Mrs. Murray and Mr. Sauer

