



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

- 9/2 - No School Labor Day
- 9/4 - All School Fundraiser Due
- 9/11 Early Dismissal @ 2:45
- 9/19 - School Picture Day
- 9/25 Early Dismissal @ 2:45



VISION:

To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student, Every Day!

MISSION:

North Ridge Middle School will:

- Engage students by encouraging life-long learning
- Educate them for success in college and careers, and
- Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

Builder's Club

The North Ridge Middle School Builders Club is sponsored by the Golden Kiwanis Club of Danville. The advisors are Mrs. Delzell and Mrs. Leemon. We meet every other Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. in the North Ridge Library. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Interested students need to pick up a participation packet in the main office. Parent permission and a signature is required. The completed forms will be due no later than our first meeting date. The mission of our club is to serve our community and our school by sponsoring and participating in various types of service projects. Some of these projects include assisting with Kiwanis Pancake Day, NRMS school recycling program, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, collecting toys for children at Christmas, Pennies for Patients for Leukemia & Lymphoma, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and Teacher Appreciation Week. We are especially proud of our projects that support our local veterans! Our veterans' projects are Valentines for Veterans, Veterans Day cards, Wreaths Across America, and this year we will participate with Danville High School in raising money for the Honor Flight Program. We will distribute a tentative club meeting schedule at our first meeting. I can also e-mail you a schedule upon request. Contact me at delzellk@danville118.org. We usually have a project every month, so please check the NRMS newsletter or NRMS Facebook page for detailed information about each project.

The North Ridge Builders Club collects General Mills Box Tops for Education to fund our school and community projects. The box tops program has recently gone digital. There are instructions posted on the NRMS Facebook page. We will still collect the box tops off products until they are completely phased out. To participate digitally you must have the Box Tops App on your phone, enter North Ridge Middle School, Danville, Illinois as your school, and follow the instructions to scan your receipts. You may also send in your receipts and we can scan them for you. Receipts must be scanned within two weeks of the purchase. The list of box tops products can be found in this newsletter.

*Please continue collecting the paper General Mills Box Tops until they are phased out and send them to school in a baggie or envelope labeled with your child's name. The box tops should be brought to room 711 or be given to the student's home base teacher.

**This year the North Ridge Builders Club will once again be honoring our veterans who are laid to rest at our Danville National Cemetery by participating in Wreaths Across America. Please consider helping the Builders Club by donating \$15.00 for one wreath...\$30 for two and so on. Our annual club goal is to sponsor at least 200 wreaths. We will need to raise \$3000 to accomplish this! Please contact us at North Ridge if you are interested in sponsoring a wreath or two....or more. If you have a loved one buried at our National Cemetery, we will personally place the wreath on their grave. You will need to send or bring a check to NRMS with the attached form. If you do not have a loved one buried at our National Cemetery, please still consider a donation. Checks can be made out to Wreaths Across America and can be mailed to Kathy Delzell, North Ridge Middle School, 1619 N. Jackson, Danville, IL 61832. Thank you so much for helping us honor our veterans!

Attendance



Absenteeism in the first month of school is a strong predictor of poor attendance throughout the school year. Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. If this describes your student, please also be aware that when students IMPROVE their attendance, they improve their academic prospects as well as chances for graduation. We realize there are occasionally reasons to miss all or part of a school day. Should one of these reasons arise, please call (217)444-3404 to report your student absent within 48 hours. If an absence is not reported, it remains unexcused. Please also be aware that after the 6th excused absence, a doctor's excuse will be required to excuse the absence. We look forward to getting to know your students and working with them throughout the year. Please contact us if we can help you!

Welcome To Northridge

New Staff to the Ridgerunners Family



Amber Auter graduated from Johnson University in Knoxville, TN in 2013. She has spent the last 6 years as an aid in the Special Education Life Skills program at Covington High School and taught Adult Education through the Warren County Learning Center!

My name is Morgan Ross. I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. I attended college at Indiana State University, where I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. I now live in Covington, Indiana. This will be my 4th year teaching! I have taught in Lafayette, Indiana and also Rockville, Indiana. I recently married my best friend, Darren. We live at home with our Great Dane mix dog, Twister. I enjoy a good cheeseburger and great friends! I am so excited to begin my next adventure here in District 118. I can't wait to grow with your children throughout the year!



Hello North Ridge students, parents, and guardians. My name is Ken Koerber. I graduated from DHS, DACC and SIU-Carbondale. I have worked in Sales prior to being a long-term substitute, teacher's aide and a certified teacher at 3 different schools in D118. I earned a Provisional Certification in 2014 and am happy to be making a home at NRMS. I also love football, cooking and playing poker.

"Hello, My name is Whitney Spencer! I am thrilled to be joining the North Ridge team. I just recently graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Special Education. I graduated from District 118 in 2015 and attended North Ridge when it was a 6th-8th grade school. I am so excited to be back home and serving the community I grew up in. I can't wait to get to the know the staff, families, but most important the students! It is going to be an incredible year."



Mr. Eric Nethercott is excited to begin his first year teaching seventh grade social studies at North Ridge Middle School! Mr. Nethercott's love of learning inspired him to choose a career in education. He earned a master's degree in history at Loyola University Chicago in 2008 and a master's in teaching degree at Xavier University of Louisiana in 2012. Mr. Nethercott is now pursuing a doctorate in educational administration and leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He looks forward to developing learner-centered educational opportunities for all of his students.

My name is Mallory Franey. Although this is not my first year teaching, I am very excited to be in my first year teaching 8th grade science. I am from Danville and a 2001 graduate of North Ridge Middle School. I was also a Redcoat. Go Ridgerunners! This is my 9th year teaching. Before coming to North Ridge I taught 5th grade at South View, and I have also taught reading, 4th grade, and 1st grade. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my two boys, Michael and Charlie, and my husband. We love taking walks to the park to play on the playground.





Rebecca Purcell was born and raised in central Illinois in a tiny town called Saybrook. I graduated from Ridgeview High School in 2012, received my BA in History as well as a minor in Classical Civilization from the University of Illinois in 2016. I decided to try out law school after and ended up hating it, so I went back to history at Illinois State University where I received my teaching certificate and am currently working on my MA in History. Besides being passionate about history, I enjoy watching the Bears, Cardinals, and NASCAR during my free time. I am looking forward to this new chapter in my life at North Ridge Middle School.

Courtney Furlong is from Algonquin, IL. She grew up with her parents and an older sister and many different pets. Courtney went to college at St. Ambrose University in Iowa. Volleyball and soccer were her two sports growing up. She ended up playing soccer in college. Now Courtney occasionally runs half marathons with her cousins. I studied abroad in Australia for a semester in college.



The first band concert will be on November 4, 2019 in the Cafetorium. The Concert Band concert will be at 6pm and the Symphonic band will be at 7pm.

Students in music can audition for Jazz Band. The auditions will be in the second week of September. Please watch the announcements for more details.

Percussion ensemble will start up soon.
We will meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am.

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Choral Concert at 6 PM on Tuesday, October 8 in the North Ridge Cafetorium. Groups scheduled to perform include the 7th/8th Choir, Radiant Reds and Redcoats. Admission is free.

NRMS Theatre Company will present *The Wiz Jr* on November 14 and 15 at 7:00 PM in the NR Cafetorium. All tickets will be \$5.

There will be a 8th grade boys meeting at 3:35 in the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 3rd for any boys interested in 8th grade boys basketball this year. There will be a 7th grade meeting at 3:35 in the cafeteria on Wednesday, September 4th for any 7th grade boys interested in playing basketball this year.

First conditioning of the year is Thursday, September 5th, from 4-4:30. Meet outside the gym.



7th Grade

Math:

Welcome back and welcome to North Ridge! Students in 7th grade math will be studying the following units this year:

- (1) The Number System
 - A) Integers
 - B) Rational Numbers
- (2) Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- (3) Expressions and Equations
- (4) Geometry
- (5) Statistics and Probability

Number sense, including operations with rational numbers, will be used throughout each unit all year.

All students should bring the following supplies to math class daily: Agenda book, math books (they will be required to be replaced if lost.....approximately \$20), pencil with eraser (preferably more than one), dry erase marker, and spiral notebook.

Math homework is an essential component of mastering math skills taught during class. Students are expected to complete math homework daily. Just like practicing for a sporting team or extra-curricular group, practice makes progress!

We are using a new math series this year. It is called Ready Mathematics. There is an online component to the program (I-Ready). Your child can log into Clever to access this program and practice from home to strengthen their math skills.

The best way to reach us is through e-mail. Our contact information is as follows:

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Ms. Kim Ferguson	fergusonk@danville118.org
Ms. Kelly Sigler	siglerk@danville118.org

We look forward to a great year with your child!

7th Grade Social Studies:

Welcome to 7th grade social studies. This year we will be concentrating on United States history up to 1865. This year we will be using a new curriculum, Discovery Education. It is computer based so students will not have a book to bring home. In order to be successful in class students are required to complete assignments, take good notes, and use their notes to study at home. Below is the 7th grade social studies syllabus:

Textbook: Mc-Graw Hill/Discovery Education (online)

Course Description:

7th grade social studies begins with the learning of the continents/oceans, 50 states, map skills and basic geography terms/concepts. We then work our way through U.S. History, starting with exploration and ending with the Civil War.

Course Requirements:

Major assessments will include quizzes/tests, writing assignments, and projects. Students will be expected to read each assigned chapter of their textbook, participate in class discussions, and take quality notes. Homework will be given on a weekly basis. Students must pass the U.S. Constitution Test.

Course Outline

1st Semester

- Unit 1 Map Skills/United States Geography
- Unit 2 Early Native Americans/European Explorers
- Unit 3 Thirteen Colonies
- Unit 4 Creating a New Nation

2nd Semester

- Unit 5 U.S. Constitution
- Unit 6 The Early Republic
- Unit 7 A Changing Nation
- Unit 8 A Nation Divide

Expectations

- Bring materials (notes, paper, pencil/pen, binder, and agenda) every day.
- Be in the room by the end of the bell.
- Show respect for yourself and others.
- Cellphones need to be out of sight and turned off.
- Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.
- Actively participate in classroom discussions and group work.
- Follow directions the first time given.

Grading Scale

- 90 -100 A
- 80 - 89 B
- 70 - 79 C
- 60 - 69 D
- 50 - 59 F



7th Grade Language Arts :

Welcome back students! 7th grade is in for an exciting year. The students will be learning a lot of new routines and procedures as we start the year. We will begin our curriculum with introducing our textbook, StudySync. This is a great book for students because it is interactive. They will be given an username and password and will have some online assignments. They will also take notes and be able to highlight important information right in their book.

7th grade also begins the year with learning about the 6 Traits of Writing. Students should be coming home and telling you all about their writing.

Please remember to encourage your students to always come prepared to class. In all of the Language Arts classes they will need a writing utensil every day. Also, if you could remember to donate tissues and wipes to your student's home base teacher, they would appreciate it.

Hello From 7th grade Science Teachers!!!

Welcome back to school we hope you all had a great summer!!!. We are having so much fun getting to know your kids and helping them meet the expectations here at North Ridge and in Science. We just finished our Nature of Science unit and will be starting our Chemistry Unit after Labor Day. This unit is a hands on unit where students learn a lot about physical and chemical changes. This month we will learn about states of matter, physical properties of substances, how to analyze and interpret data, and basic information about chemistry. We will be using an online version of IQWST so your student will not have books. However, we will send home and use paper copies if necessary for some assignments. We will also post assignments in Google classroom in which your child can get this at home. We are so excited about the upcoming month of fun and educational labs.

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Design and Modeling:

Miss Parker's Design and Modeling students will be learning to follow the engineering design process in September. They will also learn more about Cerebral Palsy as they follow the design process to build a foot orthosis. Miss Parker looks forward to seeing the creative designs each student comes up with!

8th Grade

Math:

The math department selected a new textbook series for Algebra as well as for Pre-Algebra this year. Students will be receiving a Glencoe Algebra book, or a Ready Math workbook soon. The first algebra unit will cover expressions and functions. The first pre-algebra unit will cover exponents, roots, and scientific notation. 8th grade students should expect to have math homework 3-4 days a week. Students/parents should start a routine of checking homework at home daily and get students in for extra help if they begin to feel overwhelmed. The math department also wanted to express how impressed they are with this year's eighth grade students. They have ALL been working very hard so far, and have done very well!

Social Studies:

Welcome back to school from the 8th Grade Social Studies department! We're starting the year off discussing the importance of learning about people and history through social studies, reviewing past concepts and events (like the Civil War), and introducing the standards that will be assessed all year. We'll be focusing on how life changed for Americans during the Reconstruction Era, and how that time period still impacts us today.

Science:

The Staff would like to welcome you back to the IQWST curriculum. We will start the school year off with Earth Science. Volcanoes, earthquakes and other things associated with change on the planet Earth will be our topics of discussions for the month of September.

Labs showing how lava breaks the Earth's surface will also be used to demonstrate how the Earth is constantly changing. Other labs and demonstrations will highlight Earth Science for your 8th graders.

All work should be able to be seen on Google classroom using your student's School login and password. Your student should be able to access their IQWST textbook from home.

Medical Detectives (8th grade)

Medical Detective students will begin learning about essential skills needed in healthcare careers. In addition to learning how doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals work in teams to meet patient needs, they will learn to measure and record vital signs.

Global Detectives :

We are off to a great start for the semester! If your student is in this elective we will be talking a lot about current events. CNN10 is watched daily and students write about it each day. We use a program called ThinkCERCA to work on our argumentative writing skills. Students will also work their way through "escape rooms" and use webquests to round out the class. On Fridays we also watch a motivational video to keep students encouraged on moving forward! If your student is in the class, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Hawker if you have any questions!



8th grade
It is not too early to get
your 9th grade physicals
completed and turned in to
the nurse.

NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Office: 444-3400
Report Absences/Dismissals: 444-3404
Homework Requests: 444-3404
7th Grade Guidance: 444-3412
7th Guidance Fax: 444-3485
8th Grade Guidance: 444-3419
8th Guidance Fax: 444-3486

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a collaborative school community
focused
on ensuring success for all learners.*

444-1725 School Closing
444-3493 Bullying Hotline

Website: northridge.danville118.org

Eliza Brooks, Principal

Robin Fluno, Associate Principal

Stacie Sollars, Assistant Principal

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Please click on or go to the above link to get registered today!

The school code is 19331

WELCOME VISITORS

Please report directly to the main office.
In order to better protect our students, visitors and staff, all visitors will be required to show a valid, government-issued ID.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Preséntense a la oficina principal.
Con el fin de proteger mejor a nuestros estudiantes, visitantes y personal, todos los visitantes deben mostrar un documento de identidad válido emitido por el gobierno.
Gracias por su cooperación.

IDENTIFICATION CARD
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Safety Enhancements at North Ridge

North Ridge has recently purchased the Raptor Visitor Management System. This system will enhance the safety of the North Ridge Community. Beginning on September 3, 2019, all visitors to North Ridge will be required to provide state issued identification to visit the building. If you plan to visit North Ridge, please enter through the main doors located on the north side of the building. Please refrain from attempting to enter the building from the gymnasium entrance located on the east side of building. Upon entering the building, please report directly to the main office. Visitor's identification will be scanned in the main office and a badge will be provided that will be worn while visiting the building. Please stop back by the main office before leaving to be checked out. Thank you for your cooperation in our constant efforts to make North Ridge a safe learning environment for our school community.

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