

Northeast MIDDLE SCHOOL



Please visit the [NEMS Calendar](#) on website for up-to-date information.

Tip: To see if additional information is available, click on a calendar item, and then click on "more details".

February 23 through April 13 (Thursdays)
CPEO (Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities)
6:00pm -8:30pm

March 6 (Monday)
Parkway Pizza
5% of sales go directly to NEMS PTA

March 13 (Monday)
PTA Meeting 6:30p-8:00pm

March 16 (Thursday)
NEMS Afterschool & Americorps Family Party 4:00pm-6:00pm
Arts, AVID & World Language Expo & Concerts 6:00pm

[Please click on link below for Family Survey!](#)

[Family Survey](#)

To Families of our 8th Grade Class (High School Graduating Class of 2021!),

Congratulations, your child is officially in the homestretch of middle school. Whether they have been with us for all 2½ years, or are more recent additions to our learning community, we are committed to supporting each and every one of them to be fully confident and prepared high school students.

In an effort to continue to hold our students to high standards, we want to make clear to all of our students and families the expectations, supports and interventions, and rewards that are in place for our 8th Grade students.

Expectations:

- Students will have passing grades in all of their core classes for the 2016-17
- Students will be on time to each class
- Students will be prepared to focus on academics in each class
- Students will contribute to a positive learning environment in each class

Supports & Interventions:

- Study halls during lunches and afterschool homework and credit recovery help
- Additional staff in hallway during passing times encouraging students to move quickly from one class to another
- Alternative Instruction Room and Tier II Behavior Interventions used to provide stricter responses to students who struggle with the expectations

Rewards:

- End of year Completion Ceremony: students who have all passing grades in their core classes will receive two (2) tickets for family to come and see them be presented with a Completion Certificate on the morning of Tuesday, June 13th.
- Valley Fair: Students who are not on a Tier II Behavior Intervention will be eligible to join the 8th grade class for a day of fun at Valley Fair on Wednesday, June 14th.



{ TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS }



MARCH MADNESS is HERE!

Our first ever "Tournament of Books" will begin on Wednesday, March 1. Advisories (or groups of Advisories) will be competing to earn the most points each week:

1 minute of reading = 1 point

Each week (starting 3/6-10), the Advisory with the most points (i.e. minutes of independent reading) will move on in the tournament -- see the tourney bracket on the next slide.

Each student must keep an (honest!) record of the minutes s/he reads each day, and points will tallied each day in advisory using this form.

At the end of the week, the points for each Advisory (or Advisory group) will be counted to see who moves on in the tournament ... teams who do not move on will still receive incentives to read.

Bishop Howell shared his experience as the first African American student to attend Northeast Middle School with our Black Culture Class and Leadership Groups. There will be an article in the Northeaster Newspaper on his visit.



Congratulations Debate Students on your students performance at last week's debate tournament! Six students competed, coached by Morgan Wentworth and Margret Ritschel. The team did a great job, winning three debate rounds over the course of the tournament. We especially want to congratulate the Oliver Craig who finished in the Rookie division top 10 for his individual performance and also for his success with Vincent Lazarchic. It's great to see them working so hard and achieving excellent results!

Tournament Results:

Rookie

Speaker Awards (Individual Awards)

- . **7th Place** - Oliver Craig
- 25th Place - Beck Evenson
- 31st Place - Cullen Arneson
- 35th Place - Rosemary Baichtal
- 38th Place - Elaine Van Zee
- 40th Place - Vincent Lazarchic

Rookie Team
(Partnership Awards)

- . **9th Place** - Craig & Lazarchic
- 20th Place - Evenson & Arneson
- 24th Place - Baichtal & Van Zee

UPCOMING DEBATE TEAM

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
University of Minnesota – Blegen Hall	15-Mar	3:30 PM to 7:30 PM

8 NEMS Students Experienced Space Camp!

This was the first of two trips for NE students. We got to see a real Saturn 5 rocket, practice simulating an actual mission, took tours of replica International Space Station rooms, and learned about living in microgravity. We also had a chance to go on many different motion simulators. On our way home we got to spend some time at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry touring an actual German U-Boat captured by Americans during WWII.



You're invited to a community meeting for immigrant and refugee families.

MPS is committed to being a safe haven for everyone. We know that recent events have raised questions for some immigrant and refugee families. We want to lend support wherever possible. Together with our community partners, we're hosting one more meeting to answer questions and connect families with resources both in our schools and in the community.

Davis Service Center
1250 West Broadway Avenue
Saturday, March 4
2:00-4:30pm

Questions? Call 612.668.0198 or email osfce@mpls.k12.mn.us

SAVE THE DATE

6th Grade Families.....

May 25 & May 26th

All 6th graders will be heading to Camp Miller in Sturgeon Lake, MN. The projected cost is \$50.00 per student. Detailed information will be available after spring break. Questions, please contact Debra Reutter.

debra.reutter@mpls.k12.mn.us

Join the African American Parent Advisory Council

- Meet with district and school leaders.
- Learn about district and community resources available for our African American students and families.
- Dinner is provided and childcare and transportation can be provided.

Goals of AAPAC:

- Shape district policies and programs.
- Provide a friendly space:
 - learn about district activities
 - share concerns and solutions
- Support and promote positive change for our students.

Meeting Dates:

- March 13, 2017
- April 10, 2017
- May 6, 2017

Location:

Davis Center
1250 West Broadway Avenue

Time:

5:30p -Dinner
6:00-8:00p - Meeting

Contact Beth Lasley @ 612.668.0198 or elizabeth.lasley@mpls.k12.mn.us to request transportation, childcare, or with questions.

8th Graders GEAR UP

Family Workshop – Financial Education

Learn about budgeting and how to save for college

Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

South High School – 3131 19th Avenue South

Saturday, March 11, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Davis Center – 1250 West Broadway Avenue North

Mr. Emery – GEAR UP Coordinator (612) 668-1491

You're invited to

Beacons After-School Family Night



March 16, 2017, 4pm-6pm

Family portrait Photo booth

Free Dinner!

Activities!

Resources!

Indian Education Spring Gathering & Public Hearing

Saturday,
March 11th
2017
11am – 2pm

Come Join Us:

- Family
- Food
- Fun
- Community

Public Hearing

- Title VI Parent Committee Elections
- Indian Ed Updates
- New Staff and Services



Minneapolis American Indian Center
1530 East Franklin Avenue

Light Lunch provided!
Door Prizes!!

Questions?

For more information, please contact
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Please save your Box Tops and have your student turn them into their Advisory teacher. This money raised will go towards student incentives here at NEMS! In the months of February & March the students will be having a contest in the advisories and the top two will receive treats!

**Come & Join Northeast Middle School PTA
Monday, March 13th 6:30-8:00p
In the Media Center**

Like Northeast Middle School PTA on [Facebook](#) for more information

**Parkway Pizza donates 5% of all sales the first Monday of every month to
North East Middle School's PTA**

Edison Softball Tryouts



**March 11th 11:00am-
1:00pm**

@ Edison High School's Small Gym
Enter through the Big Gym on Monroe St.

Bring: A glove, tennis shoes, and water

For more information:

Rachel Hoemke

Head Coach

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