Hello MNS Families,

The first week of classes has been a very exciting few days with students and teachers getting acquainted with each other and familiarizing themselves with routines and practices.

We do send a lot of paperwork home at the start of a year and we have tried to keep from repeating information. There is a need to have certain forms filled out every year (the student information sheet is the best example) because students’ information does change from time to time and we must ensure for safety and accuracy that we have the most up-to-date information available.

**STUDENT FEES**

Each year, to support extracurricular activities and co-curricular trips we raise money through student fees and the annual raffle fundraiser. We expect to use the $20 student fee this year to pay for some of the following:

* Referees for School Sports
* Registrations for: Music Festival, Math League Competition, UNB Math Competition
* Special Assemblies Materials for Remembrance Day, Winter Concert
* Prizes for Pat on the Back and Nutrition Awards
* Middle School End of Year Awards
* Home and School Events (Santa Claus Parade, Winter and Spring Fun Days)
* Star Scholarships for students to remove financial barriers from co-curricular trips that require extra funding
* Fitness Friday activities

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER**

-Girls Middle School Soccer tryouts are scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th and Thursday September 17th @ 3pm until 4:30pm on the lower soccer field.  Any interested girls should attend all tryouts.  The final team will be posted on Friday, September 18th with games beginning the week of September 21st on Monday/Wednesday.

-Boys Soccer tryouts will be on Monday and Wednesday next week. 3:00 - 4:30. Final team list will be posted on Friday. Games will be Tuesday/Thursday for the boys.

**ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY**

Permission slips for interested Elementary Students will be sent home with children on Monday, September 14th. Practices will be held at recess on Mondays and Wednesdays (September 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 and October 5). Students are encouraged to attend practices, although they are not mandatory. The Cross Country meets will take place at Fisher Lakes on September 17th and 24th. More details are provided on the permission form. See website for the form as well.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Middle School cross country will begin next week and the 1st practice will be at lunch Wednesday. Meet In Ms. Nelson’s room A101 at 11:50. Run First- Eat lunch 2nd.

**HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

If you have any questions about how things are going on here at MNS, your first communication should be with your child’s homeroom teacher. They can be reached via email or by leaving a message with our office at 658-5353.

Fairly regularly you will receive voice mails and emails from the school with information on upcoming events and activities or celebrations. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive these. There will be regular updates to the school website as well. <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/emns/Pages/default.aspx>

Follow us on Twitter: @MNSInfo

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Please review the Dress Code with your child at MNS.

A student may not wear clothes that:

* Creates a safety hazard.
* Distracts from learning
* Disrupts any school activity.

The following are not permitted in school:

* Dresses and shorts which are shorter than mid-thigh
* Tops which do not cover from shoulder to waist: tops and bottoms must meet.
* Items referring to illegal drugs
* Clothing with profanity or suggestive words or images
* Any attire which is extremely low cut or which exposes undergarments
* Clothes extremely tight
* Hats (Please remove upon entry)

I am pleased to share with our families that this policy will extend to all school activities and functions including co-curricular and extra-curricular trips, dances, fun days and any other school run or related activity.

**STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF**

Students must be picked up and dropped off by the middle school playground before and after school. Picking up students in front of the school increases the risk of injury as students may be running between buses to meet parents.

Students getting out of cars in the parking lot increases the chances of injury.

**SAFETY!**

Several of our students have allergies to different types of nuts. Please refrain from sending nuts or products made from nuts so that our students can enjoy a healthy and safe atmosphere.

No scents make good sense. Many of the perfumes, deodorants and body sprays have chemicals that affect the breathing of students and staff. It is a school policy that we must insist on the use of unscented or very lightly scented products.

Thank you for keeping the entire school community in mind when coming to school. ☺

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

An information letter and menu from our Cafeteria provider Chartwells is attached to this newsletter. Cafeteria services will be available for Middle School starting **Monday, Sept 14** & Elementary orders will be taken starting **Monday, September 21st**. Parent volunteers are needed to support the Elementary program. Interested parties can contact our Home and School association. Please visit [www.schoollunchorder.ca/](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca/) to place your meal orders advance.

**Immunization Clinic (All Grade 7 Students**

Public health is holding an immunization clinic at the school for Grade 7 students on Friday Oct 23. All grade 7 students will be offered a booster vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping cough if they have not received one in the last 5 years. The girls will also be offered a vaccine that protects against cervical cancer. This vaccine is a series of 2 which will be given throughout the school year.

Immunization consent brochures have been sent home today, girls should have 2 forms. We ask that all consent forms be completed and returned indicating yes or no whether the student will receive the vaccine and with parent signature.

Please return all consents to the school by **Oct 1, 2015.**

**School Picture Day**

Monday, September 28th

**Robo Science Program**

The MNS Robo Science Program will begin on September 16th. Dr. Jang will be accepting registrations until the 16th. Registration forms and the schedule can be found on the website.

**Welcome from your Millidgeville North Home & School Association.**

Your executive is:

Chair - Louise Kinney – weezy1972@hotmail.com

Treasurer - Tina McGloan – mcgloan@nb.sympatico.ca

Secretary - Debbie Higgins – debreese@nb.sympatico.ca

The Home and School Committee works with the school each year to bring a fuller year to each of your children.

We participate in:

**Weekly Flouride Treatments – Volunteers required**

**Lunch Program – Volunteers needed on a daily basis**

Scholastic Book Fairs

Christmas parade float

Christmas crafting for Elementary school students and Christmas baking for middle school. Food is prepared and delivered to an organization in need and crafts are generally delivered to a Seniors Home.

Movie Nights

Teacher Appreciation Week

Field Day

We also ask for volunteers at various other school functions during the year, some of which do not take place during school hours, perfect for working parents who would still like to participate.

Last year we had our first “Millidgeville Market” fund raiser which was a huge success for our community. This will be on the agenda again for the 2015/2016 school year.

We generally have meetings once a month, our first meeting will be held September 21st at 6:00. If you are interested in being a member of our committee please join us. We will be looking for a new Chairperson for the 2016/2017 school year, so if you are a dynamic, organized mom/dad who would love to be involved, this year would be a great opportunity to learn what we do and decide if you would like to take it on!

If you need to contact the Home and School Association, you can contact any of executive at the email addresses above.

If you would like to join our email distribution list please email Tina.

Thank you from your Home & School Committee

**UPCOMING DATES**:

-Monday, September 21, 2015 Home & School Meeting. 6pm-7pm (Staff Room- A Block) All Welcome

-Monday, September 21, 2015 PSSC Meeting 7pm-8pm (Staff Room- A Block) All Welcome

-School Pictures

-Grade 7 Vaccinations

The MNS Website can be found <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/emns/Pages/default.aspx> and our school twitter account can be found @MNSStars

As always, please feel free to contact Mr. Whelton for further information at 658-5353 or by e-mail Michael.whelton@nbed.nb.ca

**School Mission Statement**

The mission of MNS, a diverse family of learners, is to develop independent and confident community members. By promoting kindness.

**School Vision Statement**

MNS’s vision is to:

STRIVE for high expectations & academic excellence

TEACH the whole child

APPRECIATE and celebrate diversity

RESPECT needs, interests and abilities

SHARE within our community