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 Boys and Girls Soccer** tryouts will take place Monday, September 12th and Thursday, September 15th from 3pm-4:30pm in fields #2 and #3 at Millidgeville North School.  Students are encouraged to sign up outside the gym office.

**Terry Fox Walk**   Millidgeville North School is proud to once again host our annual Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, September 29th (with a rain date of Friday, September 30th).  It was 36 years ago that Terry Fox began his inspiring and historical Marathon of Hope.  Students will be bringing home pledge sheets for those families who would like to support our walk.  Prior to our walk / run we will hold a brief assembly at 9am in our gymnasium.  We welcome all families and friends  of MNS to join us in our celebration of Terry Fox's life.

**School Picture Day:**  Our School Picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th .

**Grade 7 Immunization Clinic**:

Public health is holding an immunization clinic at the school **for Grade 7 students on Friday, Oct 28th**.  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 will be sent home on Friday, 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 your child’s homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 16th, 2016.**

**ELEMENTARY CROSS COUNTRY**

Permission slips for interested Elementary Students were sent home with children on Friday, September 9th. Practices will be held at recess on Mondays Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3. Students are encouraged to attend practices but they are not mandatory. The Cross Country meets will take place at Fisher Lakes on September 15th and 22nd, and September 29th (only if necessary) will be held at Fisher Lakes in Rockwood Park. On October 5th, it will be held at River View Park (Woolastook) across from Bowlarama at Simms Corner. The event starts at 3:45pm sharp (Participants should arrive by 3:30 pm to ensure they locate our school and do not miss their turn. \*\*\* Unless there is a downpour, we are going to run the races on the scheduled dates. \*\*\*

**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. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

**SAFETY!**

Several of our students and staff 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**

The School Cafeteria opened this week for Elementary and Middle School lunch orders. Please visit [www.schoollunchorder.ca/](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca/) to place your meal orders in advance.

**Robo Science Program**

The MNS Robo Science Program will begin on September 28th from 2:45pm-4:45pm . Registration forms and the activity schedule can be found on the website. For additional information, please contact Dr. Andrew Jang at 849-8749 or 65307481 or by e-mail at

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| [jhj2009@robonorthamerica.com](mailto:jhj2009@robonorthamerica.com)  The Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick Saint John Office is pleased to announce its 2016-2017 programs! Please note the three courses being offered this fall – Mindfulness beginning September 22nd; Understanding Anxiety and Panic Disorder October 18t;, and Building Self-Confidence beginning November 3rd. For more information about the programs offered or to pre-register, visit [www.cmhanb.ca](http://www.nb.cmha.ca/) or call 633-1705. All courses are free but pre-registration is required  cid:image005.jpg@01D208F6.D2552C60   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Baby Sitting Course**: MNS will be hosting this year’s Babysitting course on Thursday, October 6th from 9am-3:30pm in Room A102. Cost of the program is $46 ($40 plus $6 taxes) and is open to students 11 years of age on a first come, first serve basis. Registration information will be distributed late in September.  **BTH (Beyond the Hurt),** a Red Cross anti-bullying program sanctioned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, will start up again next Monday September 19 in the Parent Trap at lunchtime. BTH Youth Facilitators are to have a positive influence on peers, have regular school attendance, a desire to help others in creating a safe school for all students, a positive attitude, commitment and time management/organizational skills. If you fit this description, please join us as new members are always welcome.  On September 30, 2016, the Saint John Police Force and the Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick will be hosting their first annual golf tournament ***Tee off for Mental Health!*** at Rockwood Park Golf Course in Saint John. If you are interested in registering a team at this event, please visit [www.sjpoliceteeoff.ca](http://www.sjpoliceteeoff.ca) |  | |

**UPCOMING DATES**:

-Monday, September 19th , 2016 PSSC Meeting 7pm-8pm (Staff Room- A Block) All Welcome

-Thursday, Sept 29 7-8pm Home and School Meeting (Staff Room- A Block) All Welcome

-Terry Fox Walk September 29th

-School Pictures September 28th

-Grade 7 Vaccinations Oct 28th

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](mailto: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