

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2021

February 15



February 17
Q3 Interims

MARCH 2021

March 16
Q3 Ends

March 17
Q4 Begins

March 23
Report Cards (sent home)

APRIL 2021

April 2-9



April 22
Q4 Interims

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Green and Gold Times

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



P.R.I.D.E.

Politeness

Respect

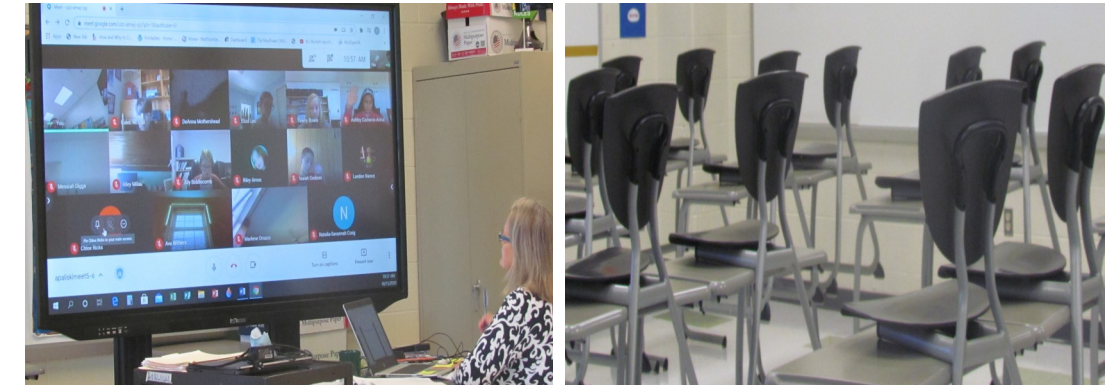
Integrity

Determination

Excellence

The New Normal: What It's Like During The COVID-19 Pandemic

Our 2020-2021 school year started off 100% virtual learning on September 8, 2020. The instructions provided are significantly different from that offered last spring before the sudden school closure on March 16, 2020. The instruction included a combination of synchronous (online face to face instruction) and asynchronous (online on your time) instruction as well as specific class schedules for students, engaging and meaningful content, and new technology and instructional resources developed by the VDOE through the learning management system, Canvas.



On October 22, 2020, NMS reopened to in-person (hybrid) learning to 94 students while 178 students are learning virtually. The Gold group attends on Mondays and Tuesdays and the Green group attends on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, no students report, this is asynchronous learning day.



On December 7, 2020, NMS reopened to the next group of hybrid/in-person learning students. All parents and guardians continue to have the option of choosing 100% virtual learning for their students at any time.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



"Every child deserves a champion –an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be".

~Rita F. Pierson~

Greetings NMS families!

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. I wanted to take a moment to share a few cold weather FYI's as they relate to school. Any cancellations will be placed on our school website, instant alert system, and social media as soon as the decision to cancel has been made. In addition, school closings will be placed on the local radio stations and news channels. Please be sure to check these communication systems if you think something may be canceled due to inclement weather.

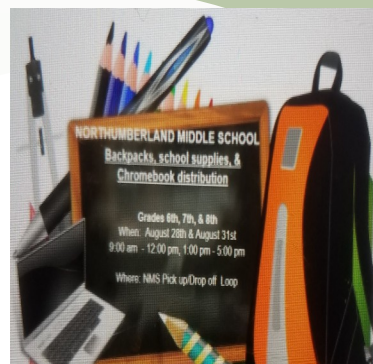
Teachers are working hard to make sure that students are getting the information they need in order to be successful in their course.

Don't forget you can check your student's grades and progress through the parent and student portal in PowerSchool. Contact our counseling department if you need login information. We want all of our NMS students to be successful!

Thank you for your continued support of Northumberland Middle, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or feedback. My door is always open to you.

Patrick H. Simmons

Principal



NMS TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION

NMS had drive-through stations set up to distribute student's information packet which included their PowerSchool schedule, virtual schedule, virtual learning information, and a welcome letter from the former principal (Mrs. Ashton). They also received a science workbook and/or art kit and/or FACs sewing kit and/or band instrument. The envelope was also tagged with the student's name and ID number to be shown at the next station where Chromebooks was checked out and backpacks with school supplies was placed in the trunk area or designated area of their vehicle.



NMS AGAINST BULLYING



Report urgent student concerns quickly to school officials



NMS will be taking a better stand against bullying and cyberbullying. We will all respect our peers and the staff at NMS. Our school wants each and every one of the students to remember to be polite to one another, respect teachers, students and other staff members, show integrity, and always show excellence in all the work you do. We would like to remind everyone that they can make a difference in anything, and if they see bullying they should stand up.



NMS P.R.I.D.E.



Together we can achieve more! Throughout the school year, students are taught how to behave according to the five expectations. Acknowledging and reinforcing positive behavior is one of the best ways to change inappropriate behavior and encourage appropriate behavior. You should always show your Northumberland PRIDE. You can earn a PRIDE postcard that is mailed, letting you and your family know that you had demonstrated NMS PRIDE.

Our school has an Anonymously Alert system to combat bullying and negative activity. It empowers students to come forward to help themselves, others, and our school in reducing negative behavior. Students or parents can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to the school administrators. They need to describe the incident and provide the date, time specific location, victim(s) and person(s) involved. NMS staff will be sure to handle the issue.

report bullying or cyberbullying

help your friends report depression

be assertive

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Submit your reports anonymously

report threats against schools

report drug or alcohol use

report strange behavior

To send a report online
www.anonymouslyalerts.com/northumberlandcountypublicschools

FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

- Download the Anonymously Alerts® app
- Start the App & Enter:
LOGIN **ncp** & PASSWORD **ncp**
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

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INTRODUCING THE NMS PHOTOJOURNALISM TEAM

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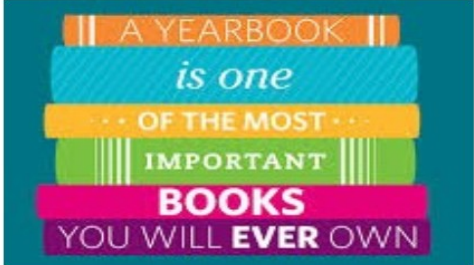
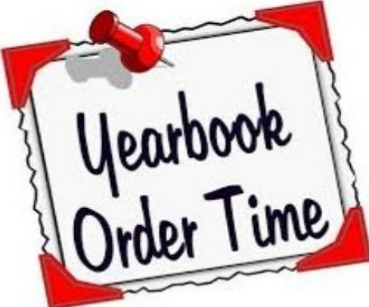
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Northumberland Middle School



2021 Yearbook

2 Ways to Order

 Order online at yearbookforever.com to pay with credit card, debit card or PayPal.

 Order at school by taking the order form to Room 105 to pay with cash, check or money order. Please make payment out to NMS.

NMS ACADEMICS

TAG STUDENTS BUILDING UNDERWATER ROBOTS

NMS 6th, 7th & 8th grade TAG students is working on building an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs). Kits and instructions were provided by the SeaPerch program sponsored by the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) which equips the students and Mrs. Shauna McCraine, the instructor with resources to teach engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork, and technical applications. The SeaPerch's ROV kits are made up of readily available parts and its curriculum covers many aspects of science and engineering. Building a SeaPerch ROV teaches skills useful for ship and submarine design, and encourages students to become familiar with the basics of both naval architecture and marine and ocean engineering. While informing students about the many career opportunities, it also teaches technical procedures and instills the principles of tool safety.



Lyryce Bea



Shrade Knowlton



Eliza Leo



Eliza Leo



Isaac Faulkner



Lyryce Bea



Shrade Knowlton



Chloe Brann



Ally Biddlecomb



Isaac Faulkner

Not shown with their SeaPerch project are: Nathaniel Barnes, Abby Bates, Braylin Beauchamp, Isaac Faulkner, Chloe Ricks, Luke Sisk, Landon Nance, Charlie Hapgood and Olivia Metsala.

Teachers—Who's New?



Mr. Edward Cockrell



Miss Sarah Coyle



Mr. Jared Dawson



Ms. Kennedy Jenkins



Mrs. Anita McEntire



Mrs. Julie White

Mr. Cockrell is the 7th grade History teacher. He graduated from Lancaster High School but he lived in Miskimon on the Lancaster-Northumberland border. He earned an Associates degree from Chowan College and a Bachelor's degree from Radford University. He taught social studies at Leonardtown High School in MD for 31 years before returning back home, where he taught US History and US Government at NHS for several years. He is happy to be back home.

Miss Coyle is the 6th grade English teacher. She received a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, and spent most of her life in Leesburg, VA. She is excited to work at NMS.

Mr. Jared Dawson is the 6th grade Science teacher. He graduated from Lancaster High School. He received a Bachelor's degree from Full Sail University in Winter Park, FL. He is excited to work at NMS.

Ms. Jenkins is the 6th grade U.S. History teacher. She went to the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She enjoys reading and traveling to the beach or the mountains. She is excited to join the NMS family.

Mrs. Anita McEntire is the 6th grade Math teacher. She is a native of Charlottesville, VA where she attended University of Virginia where she received her Bachelor's degree in math. She taught math at W&L High School in Westmoreland County for 8 years before teaching Geometry at NHS for several years.

Mrs. Julie White is the 8th grade Math teacher. She joined Northumberland County Public Schools as a substitute in 2008 and has worked as a paraprofessional since 2017 facilitating online learning classes and collaborating in Algebra classes providing small group instruction at NHS. She received her Bachelor's degree from Western Governors University.

New Principals

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Patrick Smmons is our new Principal. Mr. Simmons is a native of the Norther Neck, living and growing up in Westmoreland County and attending Colonial Beach Schools. He has a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies and Elementary Education with a minor in Biology from Longwood College in Farmville, VA. He received his Master's degree from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. He also completed his Post-Masters Certificate in Educational Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). In addition to his academic training, Mr. Simmons completed the National Registry Paramedic Certification through VCU. He has been a Volunteer EMS provider in Virginia since 1998 and currently an active provider at a local rescue squad.



Mr. Simmons and his wife Thabita are enjoying a new addition to their family, as they recently welcomed Patrick William this past summer. Mr. Simmons is excited to lead a school with a rich history of academic success. He will work hard to continue the tradition of success that has been established at NMS by building strong and meaningful relationship with students, parents, and community partners. He is dedicated to his job and he enjoys helping others achieve their goals, whether that be teachers or students.

Mr. Simmons believes that Dr. Maya Angelou was right when she said "Just do right". His goal is to "do right" by the students and staff at Northumberland Middle School.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Dawn Conley-Taylor is our new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Taylor is a native of Northumberland County. She has an undergraduate degree from Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg, VA, and have two Masters' degrees from Averett University, Danville, VA. Mrs. Taylor has been an educator in Northumberland for over 25 years. She enjoy the enthusiasm and the energy that is throughout NMS.

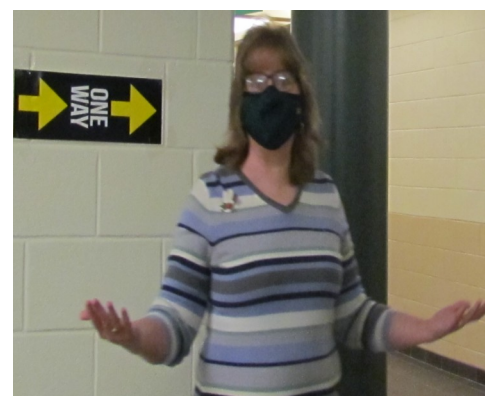
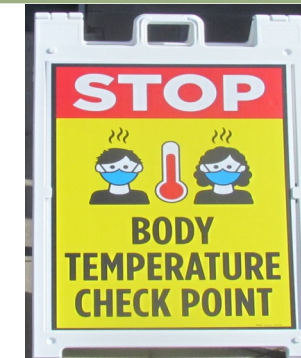


Mrs. Taylor has always enjoyed working with children and watching them develop their talents and skills that characterized their path in life. She like helping students navigate through the changes that occur as they transition from middle to high school.

Mrs. Taylor enjoys reading, singing, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends and her church family. She enjoy the great outdoors and camping every chance she can get. Mrs. Taylor said, "we stay busy traveling, her husband, Jamerson and her spoiled dog, Kody".

Mrs. Taylor motto is "Each One Teach On". She believe if we take the time to just teach or share what we know to one child or person we can be part of someone's success.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY



The New Normal

FOOD SERVICES



NCPS School Nutrition Team supports our school aged students during this unprecedented time. This school year has been quite different than any year we have seen. The mission of the School Nutrition Team is to make sure that all students are provided with healthy breakfast and lunch meals to help in their learning. Parents and Guardians can sign up at any time for breakfast and lunch meal delivery for students. Meal delivery is on Wednesdays and due to the uncertainty of the school year plans may change and decisions are based on protecting the health and safety of the students and employees at all times. The students who are in school is offered breakfast and lunch in the classrooms. Mrs. Saunee Hamlett, Director of School Nutrition said "on a weekly basis about 450 meal bags are delivered for students of all grade levels". She also said "everyone in both cafeterias help to put the bags together, but specially on Wednesday morning everyone comes together". Special acknowledgement goes out to Romes Giles—Manager at NES, Sandra Lopez-Patrick—Manager at NMS/NHS, Phyllis Coleman, Donna Kimball, Tunisia Taylor, Gui Hua Holmes and Krystle Sisson who help to put the meals together.

AED Automated External Defibrillator



NMS has recently received a donation of an new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) provided by the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad. An AED is a portable, life saving device designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. So when seconds matter, having an AED readily available is the fastest way to provide life-saving treatment. This is the third AED now visible and available for staff and students to use in an Emergency. Heartfelt thanks goes out to the Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad for looking out for our school. A fourth AED is located in the nurses office.

Remind Support Hotline

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Nights & Weekends! Family Support Hotline Starting February 8th

Monday -Friday: 6-8 pm
 Saturdays: 11 am-1 pm

Send a message... Receive a Call

	USE THE REMIND APP	USE TEXT MESSAGING
NES	rmd.at/ceff84	Text the message @ceff84 to the number 81010.
NMS	rmd.at/8bacf8	Text the message @8bacf8 to the number 81010.
NHS	rmd.at/2k3hh8	Text the message @2k3hh8 to the number 81010.

without showing personal contact information and Remind automatically documents the date and time of all calls. Remind is now the official communication platform for NCPS. Staff that are assigned to provide support to families at NES are Michele Jennings, Mary Jones, Rebecca Jones, Heather Klein, Shelia McGlothlin, and Pam Woolard; at NMS are Jared Dawson, Beverly Follin, and Shelia King; and at NHS are Rachel Edwards, Michelle Gordon, and Genia Powell. The Educational Technology Team believe that the support hotline will be a benefit to families and the community.

NCPS Educational Technology Team has implemented a family support hotline for families and the community outside of regular school hours. Staff members from all three schools are assigned and available to receive requests from families. Upon receipt of the request, a staff member will call the family using Remind Voice calls to provide assistance. Mrs. Javornda Ashton, Director of Educational Technology said "Remind is already a great communication tool and now it will be even better". Remind allows for sending of messages via SMS, in-app notifications, email or phone calls

The New Normal

HOLIDAY FUN

The week of December 14 - 18, 2020 was the beginning of virtual holiday cheer and fun. The students, teachers, and staff had fun during virtual holiday activities.

During virtual learning, we participated in the Holiday Spirit week Dress up.

- Monday - Holiday Neck and Headwear (Santa Hat, Antlers, Elf Hat, Scarf or Headband)
- Tuesday - Winter is Coming!!! (Favorite Warm Sweater or Fuzzy Socks)
- Thursday - Holiday Cheer (Favorite Christmas Sweater, Vest, Shirts, Socks or Accessories)



Taliaferro Pearson



Cason Rogers



Grace Jett

VIRTUAL WINTER SOCIAL

The socials activities were organized by Mrs. Follin for each grade level. The students wore their favorite winter holiday attire. They played games such as snack toss, gift boxes guessing games, Guess the Song, drawing Frosty with paper on top of their heads. Names were drawn to win the door prizes (Dairy Queen gift cards). Two students from each grade level won a Dairy Queen gift card. The winners of the gift cards were Isabelle de Rosa Fries, Braylin Beauchamp, Madison Jones, Eric Veney, James Dyke and Chase Brooks.

