

Wildcat Roar

A newsletter for the parents and community of Norton Middle School.

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February/March 2018

Dates to Remember

- 2/7 Orchestra Concert
- 2/9 NJHS Valentines Dance
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 2/19 NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day
- 2/20 PTSA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 2/21 Band Concert
- 2/22 Choir Concert
- 2/27 Interim Reports Go Home

- 3/9 Spring SBC Applications Due
- 3/15 Title I Night of Magic
- 3/15 Science Fair
- 3/16 End 3rd Nine Weeks
- 3/19 NO SCHOOL—Professional Day
- 3/20 Begin 4th Nine Weeks
- 3/20 PTSA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 3/20 PTA Reflections Art Awards at PVMS 7:00 p.m.
- 3/21 NJHS Induction Ceremony
- 3/23 Pay-to-Participate Fees Due
- 3/26-4/2 SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL

Title I Night of Magic

Thursday, March 15, 2018
6:00-8:00 p.m.

All NMS students and families are invited

Join us as we explore the magic of reading, writing, and more!

From the Desk of Ms. Davis, Principal...

Improving Test Taking Skills

As we approach testing that will begin on April 16, I want to give student's and parent's strategies for successful test preparation. Test taking skills can be improved by following a few simple yet useful strategies:

Get a good night's sleep: Staying up late watching tv or playing video games takes away from the sleep teenagers need to be successful in school. Be sure to get 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

Eat a healthy breakfast each day: The brain needs fuel to function at full capacity. Eating a healthy breakfast will insure that you have the energy needed to begin the day.

Listen carefully to the directions: Be sure you know what to do; ask if you are not sure. Advocate for yourself!

Relax: Take a deep breath, relax, and dig in. Your teachers have worked hard to prepare you and you know the content. "Show What You Know."

Answer all parts of the question: One area we are working to improve is making certain students breakdown the test questions. We find that students answer the first part of the question, but may not answer all parts of the question. Be sure to practice answering all parts of the question completely.

Mark questions you need to return to: It is ok to go back and check answers to questions. If you are not sure of an answer, return to the question later. Be sure to change wrong answers.

Take all of the time that is given for testing: Monitor your time and do not get hung up on one question for too long. When you think you are finished, go back and check your answers to make sure they are correct.

Attend school every day on time: Daily attendance is essential. When a student shows up late or not at all, they miss the content being taught. With the new attendance laws, daily attendance is essential.

Testing dates:

7th grade	8th Grade
ELA part 1 - 4/16	ELA part 1 - 4/18
ELA part 2 - 4/17	ELA part 2 - 4/19
MA part 1 - 4/30	MA part 1 - 4/26
MA part 2 - 5/1	MA part 2 - 4/27
	SC part 1 - 5/3
	SC part 2 - 5/4

Signs of Suicide (SOS)

NMS will be piloting an important program this spring referred to as SOS. SOS a nationally recognized suicide prevention program. It teaches students, staff and parents that suicide is preventable by promoting the ACT message (Acknowledge there is a serious concern; show the person you Care; Tell a trusted adult). The goal of SOS is to reduce youth suicides by teaching students/staff to recognize signs and symptoms of suicide/depression in themselves and others and to follow the ACT message. Components of the program will include: an all staff training; caregiver training; presenter training; triage training; and classroom training. NMS will pilot the SOS program with approximately 100 students. The program is run in cooperation with and assistance from Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Track Season is Coming

Do you want to be a part of a winning tradition? Then join the Norton track team! No tryouts, no cuts, everyone who comes out is a part of the team. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the Norton track family. Track officially starts on Monday, March 5th. More information will be coming out as we move closer to the start date. Come be a part of the boys' district champion and girls' district runner-up Norton track team. The schedule is:

4/4/18 5:00 p.m. vs Brookpark MS at Westland High School
 4/9/18 5:00 p.m. vs Canal Winchester at Westland High School
 4/12/18 5:00 p.m. At New Albany
 4/18/18 5:00 p.m. At Finland Middle School
 4/21/18 9:00 a.m. At Big Walnut Invitational
 4/25/18 5:30 p.m. At Delaware Dempsey Middle School
 5/2/18 5:00 p.m. vs Pickerington Ridgeview at Westland High School
 5/4/18 5:00 p.m. At Newark Invitational
 5/5/18 10:00 a.m. At Worthington Invitational
 5/8/18 5:00 p.m. vs PVMS @ Westland High School
 5/14/18 5:00 p.m. SWCSD Invitational at Franklin Heights High School

YEARBOOK SALE

Don't miss out on capturing memories from this school year! Order your 2017-2018 yearbook today!

Price is \$29.50. Deadline for name stamp was January 22.

Yearbooks can be ordered by seeing Mrs. Scott in the office or Mrs. Jacobs in room 202 with cash or check made payable to Norton Middle School.

Yearbooks can also be ordered online, until April 20, by visiting:

<http://yearbookordercenter.com/> and entering school code 13776.



Questions? See Mrs. Jacobs or Mrs. Throckmorton.

Parent Teacher Conference Request

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please complete the following information and send to the office with your student or e-mail Dawn Scott at dawn.scott@swcsd.us to request a conference with your student's teacher(s). You will receive a confirmation e-mail concerning your request.

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Time Available to Meet

Parent's Phone Number & Email

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

Conference requests will be filled in the order they are received.

*Sponsored by National
Junior Honor Society
(NJHS)



Norton Middle School students only!

Ticket Sales: February 7-9 during lunch

**Friday February 9th
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

\$3 per Student

This is a semi-formal dance.
All clothing must follow school dress code.

* Tickets must be purchased in
advance. No tickets will be sold
at the door.



Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC) Scholarships for Athletics

Does your child plan to play sports? There is scholarship money made available through the Success Beyond the Classroom Foundation (SBC) to assist in covering the Pay-to-Participate cost. SBC is a non-profit organization that raises funds to provide scholarships to qualified students in the district who wish to participate in athletics and/or their school marching band. SBC members believe that extra-curricular activities help students learn and practice the skills needed for success in all areas of life. To be considered for an SBC scholarship, students must submit and fully complete an application, which is available on the district and school websites. Administrators, Athletic Directors, and/or coaches at each building can help you locate the SBC application. Applications can also be found on the building and district websites. For more information and deadline dates please visit <http://athletics.swcsd.us/SBC> or you may contact the school Athletic Director.



FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Please note that beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Norton Middle School's newsletter became electronic. It is posted on our Web site at <https://sites.google.com/a/swcsd.us/nms/newsletters/current-newsletter>. We will also e-mail the newsletter to parents and guardians. Please make sure the school has your correct e-mail address in Infinite Campus.

NMS Music Department Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 2/7, NMS Orchestra Concert
Wednesday, 2/21, NMS Band Concert
Thursday, 2/22, NMS Choir Concert



In March, students from NMS will join with students from all of the SWCSD middle schools to present the SWCSD Middle School Choral Festival. This festival is an opportunity to showcase the talent and hard-work of our middle school choral musicians. Participants prepare five pieces of music during before- and after-school rehearsals. The Festival will take place at Central Crossing High School on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to this year's invited participants: Tyler Aiden, Samantha Boyes, Liberty Buckalew, Ciera Clark, Tahlia Clay, Alyssa Farias, Zachary Fetherolf, Kyle Hackney, Austin Hunter, Emily Jarrell, Ella King, Trinity King, Maria Koerner, Asha Mohamed, Chloe Morris, Rachel Peshko, Abbie Plate, Alexis Roth, Julie Sandera, Michael Stevens, Kaelyn Toland, Bryan Valdez, Hailey Vokas, and Mackenzie Webb.

PTSA News...

Norton Middle School PTSA would like to congratulate Mr. Dean Harrison, school custodian, on receiving the Helping Hands Award and Mr. Aaron Javorsky, Social Studies teacher, on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award for this school year. Thanks to both for all they do at Norton.

Norton Middle School had four students participate in the PTA Reflections Art Competition this year with three moving on. These students submitted entries in literature, photography, and visual arts. Congratulations and good luck to Charity Austin, Bella Garner and James Thompson.

PTSA continues to collect Box Tops. We have received a check for \$211.00 as of this newsletter. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 annually to donate a scholarship to a graduating senior. Please continue to send in your box tops for your son/daughter's grade. The winning grade will receive CATS Cash at the end of the year.



A Note from the Assistant Principal, Mr. Belk...

Welcome 2018! We welcome this year with enthusiasm. We welcome the successes we will have together as we build our school community and develop lifelong learners. We welcome the challenges we will face together as we use each to enhance our knowledge, determination, and willingness to adapt to change and learn from these experiences.

As educators, we are excited for the many opportunities, lessons, differentiated learning strategies, and growth opportunities that we have prepared for our students in 2018. We have a dedicated staff at Norton Middle School who cares about our students as learners and as productive members of society. We also have dedicated students at Norton Middle School. To watch our staff and students work together and achieve is truly a blessing.

With our staff and student collaboration, we are continuing to incorporate and enhance our school-wide PBIS initiative (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports). We had an excellent 1st quarter event, "NMS Block Party", in which the students could participate in games, art, music, dancing, athletics, or relaxing with friends. Our second quarter event, "Krispy Kreme Cats", where staff members will be serving the students treats and the students will have time to eat and relax with friends. Our third and fourth quarter events are still in the works, but we have some great ideas in mind!

So who gets to attend these PBIS events? These events are set up by meeting certain criteria that align with our core virtues of Respect, Responsibility, and Scholarship. We have a criterion focus of disciplinary occurrences, attendance, grades, and participation in optional PBIS virtue promotions, such as our PBIS Poster Contest. We promote these virtues, as well as our quarterly events, in an attempt to enhance our culture and develop well-rounded students.

In addition to our quarterly events, we have daily interactions and rewards with our students that are promoting our virtues. We believe in our students. We believe in our school culture and community. We believe we are going to have a great 2018!



Drama Club News

Thanks to a really hard-working group of students, the pre-Holiday drama production was "a hit." Many of the Drama Club members stepped out of their comfort zone to bring an enjoyable production to all Norton students and to the general public. The Drama Club truly appreciates all the support and donations of time/funds that made the holiday production a success.

Ms. Hobzek and Dr. Whitehead are in the process of choosing another drama for the spring season. Our first drama meeting for 2018 is Thursday, January 25th, 4-5pm. For any student who likes being on the stage and any student who likes being "behind the scenes," please plan on attending the Drama Club meetings.



NMS Students Put Pen to Paper

Writer's Club meets every Thursday after school in Miss Stewart's room where students can come and work on their writing and media, including poetry, plays, novels of every genre, and more! Two students have written a full play and another student has started a fantasy series that includes a map to a new world. Writers share their work and discuss new things they are adding to their stories or creations. Our students who come are creative, insightful, bright, and we look forward to seeing their work in various publications.

Here are some snippets of our work!

"As I burn, I form an aroma of fresh pine on a lovely winter's day, but have you ever known what it is like to be a candle? No, you have not. My owner, ignites me every night. The thing is I melt...when my owner lights me up I sweat. And you know that when I melt I will be gone, dead, deceased, lifeless... or maybe, I will still live? "
-Cadance Larson, 8th grade

"He lifted his head up from the warm blanket, rubbing his tired eyes. A quiet and chirpy voice came from beyond his door. "Sean dear, breakfast is ready, come on now. You don't wish for it to get cold now do you darling?" His heart sank down to his feet, if not overwhelming joy, then inevitable fear. "Mother," he thought. Whether or not he would admit it he knows he has been yearning for her kind and soft voice. He has been wanting to speak to her just one more time if only to tell his dear mother he should have cherished her presents a bit more. Maybe if he could have told her he loved her, just one more time. But he can even if just a dream maybe it could fill some of the new found void in his heart. Or to stop the constant regret he feels when he thinks back to each and every fight they had over something of unimportance.

-Lea Butcher, 7th Grade



**The following students had
PERFECT ATTENDANCE during the 2nd Nine Weeks**

7th Grade Najmo Abdi, Fardowsa Abdulle, Hamze Abib, Camryn Atkinson, Oscar Ayala Peraza, Ethan Bias, Jennifer Campuzano Jimenez, Avriee Cooper, Verenice Cruz-Martinez, Habert Cung, Heidar Heidar, Ramon Henry, Kaden Hughes, Anthony Jenkins, Vic Keomahavong, Lev Kondrenko, Desirae Littlejohn, Caleb Manwiller, Hawa Mohamed, Salman Mohamud, Chloe Morris, Ahmed Muse, Samantha Nelson, Suha Omar, Anthony Ortuno, Abdulkadir Osman, Alexandra Padilla Pablo, Ceaphus Patterson, William Perez Manrique, Jeremiah Peterson, David Reyes, Rachel Robertson, Kevin Salazar, Kevin Sanchez Garcia, Tre' Shepherd, Claire Singrathsomboun, Alexis Smith, Peyton Smith, Kevin Velasquez Cruz, Hamda Yusuf

8th Grade Abibakar Abib, Ayaan Ali, Lara Al-Naqeeb, Hayley Branscome, Kevin Carrillo-Aguayo, David, Chambers, Daniel De la Fuente, Emerson Emond, Nya Gayle, Mark Hedges, Maira Hurtado, Emily Jarrell, Saikou Kaba, Johnathan Meininger, Virginia Miller, Maryam Mohamed, Shukri Mohamed, David Olesh, Skylar Overton, Alejandro Patino Lopez, Faduma Said, Kowsar Salah, Ivan Sokol, Sergio Soto, Tammy Tran, Bryan Valdez, Brennan Wright

NJHS NEWS

Student Ambassadors are assigned to new NMS students. They help by giving tours of the building, assisting with finding the schedule, introductions, obtaining library access, and generally making students feel welcome at Norton.

NJHS Members will be selling Smoothie King smoothies on January 19, February 14, March 20, and May 4. They are \$3.00 each. Flavors will be announced before the sale.

The **NJHS Induction Ceremony** will be held **Thursday, March 21, in the NMS auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Those students eligible for induction will receive application information soon.

SCIENCE CLUB

The NMS Science Club has begun working hard on science fair projects. We will be holding our Annual Science Fair on Thursday, March 15, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria during the Title I Family Night to display our findings. Please come check out what our students have learned and see their hard work.



Washington, D.C. Trip Parent Meeting to be held

A parent meeting for all current 7th graders interested in going to Washington D.C. will be held soon. You will receive information about the D.C. Trip.

Our last fundraiser for the trip, a popcorn sale, will also be discussed. It is very important that you attend this meeting. Questions—please email Mr. Doran at joshua.doran@swcsd.us.

Cheering Loud At Wildcat Sports (CLAWS) is an after-school group that attends all of the home sporting events. After school and prior to games we participate in service projects, team building activities, homework, dance, and promote school spirit!



Congratulations to the following students for achieving Academic Success during the Second Nine Weeks:

Straight A's

7th Grade Fardowsa Abdulle, Andrew Ackerman, Nancy Angeles Santos, Dialikatou Balde, Hannah Bruno, Miguel Calvillo, Collin Crosier, Verence Cruz-Martinez, Joseph Fiokouna, Melanie Garcia, Sarah Harpold, Isabella Hughes, Zachary Iles, Avery LaBianca, Caleb Manwiller, Alberta Nomo, Najama Osman, William Perez Manrique, Abigale Plate, David Reyes, Rachel Robertson, Said Salah, Nicholas Sciance, Makenzie Self, Alexandria Tewalt, Aziah Toles

8th Grade Connor Allen, Damaris Arriaga, Rylea Bott, Hayley Branscome, Jeremy Canchola, Kevin Carrillo-Aguayo, Mariana Cortes Rivera, Brigitte Covarrubias Nava, Olivia Fernandez, Bella Garner, Nya Gayle, Maira Hurtado, Shukri Mohamed, Delaney Moore, Maddison Napier, Alexis Nguyen, Eliana Rodriguez-DeJesus, Faduma Said, Macie Sellers, Santiago Sierra Arteaga, Jady Sin, Randall Stanford, Tammy Tran, Bryan Valdez, Bradley Weaver

Honor Roll

7th Grade Hodan Abdi, Najmo Abdi, Saeeda Abdullah, Hinda Abdullahi, Fardowsa Abdulle, Andrew Ackerman, Hawo Aden, Amal Ali, Faysal Ali, Hussin Almaleki, Nancy Angeles Santos, Camryn Atkinson, Halima Aweys, Oscar Ayala Peraza, Natasha Baker, Dialikatou Balde, Ethan Bias, Abigail Bowser, Samantha Boyes, Anthony Brown, Hannah Bruno, Nimco Bulle, Jennifer Burgos Lemus, Lea Butcher, Miguel Calvillo, Damian Campuzano, Jennifer Campuzano Jimenez, Skylar Cash, Anna Cer, Ciera Clark, Bianca Clemente Martinez, Dakota Cochran, Avriee Cooper, Hannah Corwin, Collin Crosier, Verence Cruz-Martinez, John Cung, Jason Curillo, Dean Curtiss, Evan DeMatteo, Michael Esposito, Alyssa Farias, Iago Figueroa Luna, Joseph Fiokouna, Hanna Flaten, Ariana Fregozo-Patino, Hayden Gandee, Melanie Garcia, Colleen Glass, Alisha Gonzales-Alvarez, Samantha Gonzalez-Villa, Szuriel Hanks, Hannah Harbin, Sarah Harpold, Jada Harry, Riley Hay, Heidar Heidar, Emilio Hernandez, Isabella Hughes, Zachary Iles, Hibo Jama, Najah Jama, Qamar Jama, Anthony Jenkins, Zoey Joy, Elisa Juarez Santiago, Annitra Kang, Vic Keomahavong, Lev Kondrenko, Avery LaBianca, Vasyl Lavreniuk, Megan Lewis, Daniel Lian, Djiby Lo, Makena Long, Rosalinda Lopez, Kimberly Lovins, Georgia Lyons, Caleb Manwiller, Antonio Marin-Jimenez, Kali Masters, Dionna Mattison, Gabriel McLaughlin, Natalie Means, David Medina, Hawa Mohamed, Salma Mohzar, Martin Morales-Chavez, Chloe Morris, Samuel Moskvych, Aaliah Narciso Vigil, Alberta Nomo, Caleb Oliver, Andrew Orahood, Sergio Ornelas-Rodriguez, Najama Osman, Jarect Pablo Martinez, Emiliano Paramo-Hernandez, JaNya Parnell, Saawan Patel, Ceaphus Patterson, Gabriela Paucar Guncay, Yansel Perez Guerrero, William Perez Manrique, Jeremiah Peterson, Kimberly Pillcorema Yadaicela, Abigale Plate, Ireland Plott, Kyuana Pugh, Angel Quintanilla Hernandez, Francheska Ramirez Lara, Vanessa Ramirez-Sanchez, David Reyes, Rachel Robertson, Alycia Rodriguez, Natalia Ruelas, Said Salah, Chloe Sanchez, Julie Sandera, Jessica Santiago-Dexiga, Cassandra Schneelock, Reagan Schumacher, Nicholas Sciance, Makenzie Self, Alanna Shainberg, Yara Shehata, Claire Singrathsomboun, Alexis Smith, Peyton Smith, Devin Spires, Alexandria Tewalt, Kaelyn Toland, Aziah Toles, Melisha Torres, Kevin Velasquez Cruz, Valeria Vidal Jimenez, Hailey Vokas, Leea Walker, Mariza Whiteside, Hamda Yusuf

8th Grade Maryan Abdi, Abibakar Abib, Ahlan Aden, Hassan Aden, Precious Adeyemo, Ayaan Ali, Connor Allen, Lara Al-Naqeeb, Emma Amspaugh, Abigail Arikat, Damaris Arriaga, Olivia Aurand, Charity Austin, Brandon Babbert, Chakya Bailey, Katelyn Barnhill, Samantha Beltran-Salinas, Rylea Bott, Hayley Branscome, Liberty Buckalew, Jaelyn Cahill, Trisha Caldwell, Jeremy Canchola, Alexandra Carlton, Kevin Carrillo-Aguayo, Emily Castro, Melani Chavarria, Katherine Christian, Miles Compton, Bella Corona, Mariana Cortes Rivera, Brigitte Covarrubias Nava, William Creasap, Ted Davis, Daniel De la Fuente, Emilee Downey, Morgan Edwards, Emerson Emond, Faith Evans, La'Maya Fells, Olivia Fernandez, Benjamin Galvan Badillo, Christopher Garcia, Diego Garcia, Lidia Garcia, Bryan Garcia Bustamante, Miriam Garcia Garcia, Bella Garner, Nya Gayle, Stephanie Gonzalez Tinajero, Brady Gray, Emily Grover, Katelyn Halter, Jacob Hammond, Sanai Hanks, Mark Hedges, Jakob Hurley, Maira Hurtado, Emily Jarrell, Diana Jinenez, Calvillo, Henry Jones, Trent Jude, Saikou Kaba, Cadance Larson, Hannah Legg, Nathan Lian, Melvin Lopez Ramirez, Jasmine Ly Cumberlander, No-E Martinez, Gracie McCann, Sohn McGee, David Medina, Mallory Merth, Asha-Idil Mohamed, Maryam Mohamed, Shukri Mohamed, Yahana Montero-Caballero, Delaney Moore, Maddison Napier, Makayla Ne , Alexis Nguyen, Emily Nunez, Anisa Nur, David Olesh, Paris Orsbone, Guillermo Pablo Martinez, Kariah Pace, Drew Panning, Alejandro Patino Lopez, Rachel Peshko, Yaritza Plascencia Garcia, MaChi Proby, Chloe Rains, Adrian Rivera Lopez, Lisvet Rizo-Alvarado, Nathaly Rodriguez, Jesmar Rodriguez Lopez, Eliana Rodriguez-DeJesus, Leslie Rojas, Logan Ruede, Amari Rumph, Brenna Ruzicka, Faduma Said, Kowsar Salah, Mindy Sanchez, Gabriel Schirtzinger, Macie Sellers, Santiago Sierra Arteaga, Jady Sin, Timothy Smith, Sergio Soto, Randall Stanford, Michael Stevens, Tyler Stinedurf, Zakaria Suleiman, Connor Sullivan, James Thompson, Kaion Thong, Maxwell Tolliver, Tammy Tran, Chyna Trois, Van Bawi Uk, Katherine Ulloa, Shawn Underwood, Bryan Valdez, Ashley Vandivier, Anthony Waddle, Bradley Weaver, Landen Whitt, Brianna Woods, Brennan Wright, Percy Yankson, Farhan Yasin, Kashmala Zahoor