



Nippersink Middle School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER – 2009

Next PTO Meeting is:
Monday, Sept. 21st
7 PM in the NMS Library

**Please join us!!
We NEED your ideas!
2009-10 PTO Board**

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Visit the school website
for all the latest
information regarding
school functions, PTO,
Booster news and events,
Market Day dates, etc.

nippersinkmiddleschool.org

FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access is a program, which lets parents access their child's information through their computer. Families can check on their child's schedules, grades, missing assignments, attendance and discipline all through Family Access. Password cards were given out at registration in your blue folder. If you lose your card you may email through Family Access and your password will be emailed back to you. www.nippersinkmiddleschool.org link on Family Access.



PROGRESS REPORTS

Mid quarter progress reports go home with your child on September 25th. All future reports cards and progress reports will be given to students to bring home. Remember, you can always go to Family Access to see your child's report card and progress reports.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

The assignment notebook is a very important tool in the daily life of our students. Our homework website is www.nippersinkmiddleschool.org and it has a homework link that lists each teacher's lesson plans for the week. Your student's assignment notebook however is the best resource for up to date information on what is being assigned in your child's classes. Please review the assignment notebook with your child on a daily basis.

PHONE USAGE

NMS office is experiencing a high volume of phone calls. If you are calling to simply remind your student of something, **please take care of this in the morning before the child leaves for school.** We are trying to limit the number of classroom interruptions. Students will need to use the pay phone when making calls.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 18-10:50 Dismissal – SIP day	Nov. 6-No School Teacher Institute Day
Sept. 25-Progress Reports go home w/student	Nov. 20-Middle of 2 nd Quarter
Oct. 12-No School Columbus Day	Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 23-10:50 dismissal – SIP day	Nov. 26-Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 4-10:50 Dismissal-P/T Conf. 4:00-8:00	Nov. 26-Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 5-No School- P/T Conf. 12:30-8:00 pm	

HOMEWORK REQUEST

NMS only collects homework when a student has been sick for two or more days. Parents need to make prior arrangements with other students if they are taking your child's homework home. We do not send the books home with another child. Remember you can always go to website to check on any homework. If your child is going on vacation it is your child's responsibility to get all of his/her work.

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM

Your primary phone number, which you gave us at registration, will be used when the emergency automated phone system is used.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Don't forget to put money on your child's lunch account by Monday morning. Please make sure your email address is current on Skyward, as Skyward will email you, if you request it, when your child's lunch account is low.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will start on September 8, 2009. Students wanting assistance with homework need to see Mrs. Hay or Mr. Augustyn to sign up. Homework Help will be every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:00 in the NMS library.

7th GRADE FIELDTRIP

The entire 7th grade class will have the opportunity to participate in a two day/one night outdoor education fieldtrip to Camp Henry Horner in Ingleside, IL on October 1 & 2. The trip will focus on outdoor education and experiential learning.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will hold their student speeches and elections in September. The new officers will be announced at our first dance on Friday, September 25th. Parents, please remember a few things when picking up your child after a dance.

- 8th grade gets picked up in the back parking lot
- 6th/7th grade gets picked up in the front parking lot

The dance is over at 8:30 p.m. The first dance is Friday, September 25th from 6:30-8:30.

PARKING

Parking is available in front of the building at all time, **except from 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:00 p.m.** For the safety of our students please be aware of these no parking times, as our buses will be picking up or dropping off students during these time frames. This is very important for different awards assemblies that occur towards the end of the

school day, if busses cannot get into the parking lot, they must wait on Route 12 until the cars can be moved. This delays the buses getting to the elementary school as well.

REGISTRATION FEES

Just a reminder that if you have not paid your registration fees please stop by our office or payments can be made through the district website at www.nippersinkdistrict2.org.

DRESS CODE

Please remember the dress code policy which states that shoulder straps on shirts must be 3 fingers in width, and the bottom of the shirt must extend past the waistband of a student's pants so no midriff is visible. Shorts and skirts should be as long as the student's fingertip when the arm is placed along the side of the student. Jeans with holes above the knee either in the front or back are not allowed.

INTRAMURALS

We will be running intramural sports throughout the course of the year depending on interest and participation. The cost to participate is \$50.00 per sport. The following intramurals will be an option:

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Basketball

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

If your child is planning on participating in extra-curricular athletic events; **they must have a current physical to start practice or participate in tryouts.** Physicals are not necessary for intramural sports.

SPORTS

Cross Country and Volleyball teams are off to a good start. Cross Country has some young and talented runners to keep an eye on in the years to come. Our volleyball teams are working hard and showing improvement each week.

MEIJER STORES

Please keep using your Meijer card. If you haven't sent in your enrollment yet, please do so. We receive a 1% profit on all purchases over \$100.00. Send in those applications!

