

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Dear Grade 6 Parents/Guardians, and Students:

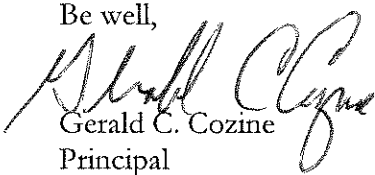
It is a pleasure to write this letter welcoming you back to the 2016-2017 school year. You are now “beginning” your middle school experience. We hope you had a wonderful and enriching summer and are ready for a new school year.

I am looking forward to greeting all of you on opening day as 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Your sixth grade year is designed to be one of increased academic challenges and responsibilities. Along with this, you will have many enjoyable experiences. Supplies need not be brought to school on the first day as lockers will not be issued until a later date. Remember that backpacks, large book bags, cell phones, and non-instructional electronic devices are not permitted during the school day.

Please find attached PDF files that will help you to ensure a smooth transition to NMS.

On behalf of the entire North Middle School family, we welcome you to North Middle. We look forward to working with you in order to ensure that your child has an enriching and rewarding year. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any concerns that you may have.

Be well,



Gerald C. Cozine  
Principal

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The 6th grade counselor is Mrs. Israel

Homeroom assignments will be sent via Parent Link during the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SIXTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST**

**6TH**

1	1" GREEN FLEXIBLE POLY BINDER
1	1" RED FLEXIBLE POLY BINDER
1	1" BLACK FLEXIBLE POLY BINDER
1	1" BLUE FLEXIBLE POLY BINDER
1	1" YELLOW FLEXABLE POLY BINDER
1	1" WHITE POLY BINDER
2	200 CT. WIDE RULE FILLER PAPER
3	5-TAB INDEX DIVIDER
6	BIC BLACK MED. STICK PEN
12	NO. 2 DIXON TICONDEROGA PENCIL
2	NYLON PENCIL BAG, CLEAR TOP W/ GROMIT 7 1/4 X 10
1	SHARPIE ACCENT PEN STYLE HIGHLIGHTER FL. YELLOW
2	100 CT. BLACK MARBLE COMPOSITION BOOK
1	3 X 5 100 CT. RULED INDEX CARDS
1	3X3 ASST. PASTEL POST IT 4/50 CT. PADS
1	6" RULER
1	BOX COLORED PENCILS
1	TI- 30XIIS CALCULATOR
1	USB DRIVE
1	STYLUS FOR IPAD
1	SET OF HEADPHONES/EAR BUDS

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE BRING IN SEPTEMBER \*\*\*\*\***

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

Students should report to their HOMEROOM by 8:15 a.m. on this day. Hall guides will be available to assist new students. Information regarding student schedules, locker assignments, and other important matters will be provided during the homeroom period. The first day will be a full day of classes ending at 2:50 p.m.

**A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL PARENTS**

**MESSAGES:**

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUNGSTERS WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION IS DISRUPTIVE TO TEACHING AND LEARNING. MESSAGES WILL BE DELIVERED TO STUDENTS FOR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ONLY.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION:**

Courtesy Bus Pass Applications for students who have not received a regular bus pass will be available in the Main Office the first day of school. Please complete and return by September 14<sup>TH</sup>. The Courtesy Bus Passes will be issued by September 25<sup>TH</sup>.

**PARKING:**

All parking spaces in the school's parking field are reserved and assigned to staff members and the handicapped. GUESTS SHOULD PARK IN THE PARKWOOD POOL PARKING FIELD ON ARRANDALE AVENUE and walk to the **school's bus platform auditorium entrance** when arriving. This is the **only** entrance that is open between the hours of 8:20 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

**NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL "CONTACT SHEET"**

The entire staff of North Middle School is prepared to assist you while your children are part of our middle school family. During the year, various meetings and newsletters will keep you informed of our school's activities; however there will also be times when you will want additional information. A call to the **Main Office, 441-4500**, or the **Guidance Office, 441-4520**, will usually be most helpful. The following information has been collected to help direct you to the most appropriate staff member in order to provide the quickest and most complete assistance.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING:**

- Student schedules, counselors.....441-4520  
  Appointments with teachers
- Attendance.....441-4515
- Transportation.....441-4060
- Deans.....441-4504/05
- Nurse.....441-4510
- Physical Education.....441-4552

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ATTENDANCE**

- The Attendance Office and the Deans of Students closely monitor student absence and lateness.
- Parent should call the attendance office (441-4515) by 8:30 a.m. when a student will be absent.
- Upon returning to school, an **absent note**, written and signed by a parent or guardian, **is required** and should be given to the homeroom teacher.
- For students arriving after 8:30 a.m. a **late note**, written and signed by a parent or guardian, is required at the time the child signs in at the Main Office.

**DROP-OFF**

- For safety reasons, ALL STUDENTS who are driven to school will be dropped off on Polo Road. There will be **NO** student drop offs in the Parkwood parking lot.

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

- Parents wishing to excuse a youngster from school before the end of the day should send a note in the morning informing the Main Office.
- **PARENTS MUST REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO SIGN OUT AND PICK UP THEIR CHILD.**
- A Permission note **must** be written and signed by the parent if any person other than the parent/guardian is to pick up student.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

- To be kept in student lockers.
- Each student is issued a personal combination lock, no other locks will be accepted.
- Valuable belongings and large amounts of cash should not be brought to school.
- Replacement of locks will cost \$5.00.

**SUPPLIES**

- Supply lists were sent to all students and are posted on the NMS web site. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the year at the bookstore.

We look forward to greeting you on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

PLEASE  
POST!!

**GREAT NECK NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION**  
Striving to Improve Communication in Our School

DON'T  
THROW  
OUT!!



**STUDENTS**

We encourage all students to  
Express their questions & concerns  
directly to the teacher.



**PARENTS**

If you are concerned about an issue involving  
your child's education, classroom experience or  
teacher, go directly to the teacher.

**CONTACT THE TEACHER**

Teachers are available to communicate with students and parents. You can leave a message for the teacher at 441-4500 between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm or e-mail. To access a teacher by e-mail, please go to the NMS web page. In order to respond in a timely manner, indicate times when you can be reached. Please be patient.....the teachers will try to contact you as soon as possible.

In the event that additional clarification is necessary or if you haven't heard from the teacher in a reasonable amount of time, please contact the Department Chair at the appropriate number listed below.

**GUIDANCE COUNSELORS**

If you need to find out about an assignment, need an update on your child's progress, contact a Guidance Counselor for your child's grade.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Israel(x-4519) [misrael@greatneck.k12.ny.us](mailto:misrael@greatneck.k12.ny.us)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Segal(x-4519) [tsegal-nachamie@greatneck.k12.ny.us](mailto:tsegal-nachamie@greatneck.k12.ny.us)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mr. Nelson! (x-4519) [bnelson@greatneck.k12.ny.us](mailto:bnelson@greatneck.k12.ny.us)

Please call: 516-441-4500 to reach a Team Leader.....

**GRADE 6**

TEAM ADVENTURE LEADER Ms. Marks  
TEAM DISCOVERY LEADER MS. Manoff

**GRADE 7**

SWIS I LEADER Ms. Dove  
SWIS II LEADER Ms. DiNatale

**GRADE 8**

TEAM BLUE LEADER Ms. Vitberg  
TEAM ORANGE LEADER Mr. Jablonowski

**PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES**

PSYCHOLOGIST Dr. Bowman 441-4535  
PSYCHOLOGIST Dr. Scott 441-4536  
SOCIAL WORKER Ms. Scholl 441-4537

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRS**

Department Chairs are responsible for the Middle School curriculum. If your concern stems from a classroom practice, grade or a particular book or assignment, **and you have not been able to resolve it with the teacher**, contact the Department Chair.

DEPARTMENT	CHAIRPERSON	PHONE
Art/Technology	Ms. Brendel	441-4540
Computer	Mr. Vigliotti	441-4542
English/Reading	Ms. Serowik	441-4544
Guidance	Ms. Segal	441-4519
Health	Ms. Sicurella	441-4547
Home & Careers	Ms. Carroll	441-4546
Library	Ms. Viggiano	441-4549
LOTE	Dr. Carnevale	441-4548
Mathematics	Mr. Boyt	441-4550
Music	Mr. Trinkwald	441-4500
Physical Education	Mr. Braun	441-4552
Science	Mr. DiPasquale	441-4554
Social Studies	Ms. Crisafulli	441-4555
Special Education	Ms. McCormack	441-4556

**DEANS OF Student Support**

If you have questions or concerns about your child's social interactions, peer conflicts, or overall well being, contact the Deans' Office....Dean Mendoza: 441-4504 Dean Mastrande 441-4505

**ADMINISTRATORS**

If questions or concerns exist after following the above chain of communication, contact the Administrator for your child's grade:

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Mr. Cozine  
441-4500

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Ms. Gunning  
441-4500

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Ms. Andersen  
441-4500

**PRINCIPAL**

If further discussion is necessary, contact the Principal, Mr. Cozine

# The Drop Off Desk

## What gets dropped off?

↳ Please only drop off items in an **emergency situation**.

We ask that there be no “take-out” lunches dropped off and also remind you that no food is to be brought in for celebrations.

If your child forgets his or her lunch, he or she can purchase lunch.

We serve both kosher and non-kosher lunches.

## Ok, it's an emergency, what do I do?

↳ Park in the lower (Parkwood) parking lot and walk over to NMS. You will enter through the visitor's entrance and get cleared through security via LobbyGuard. Then, you will be allowed to enter the main hall and leave the item for your child on the table next to the school monitor desk and log in what exactly you are leaving for your child.

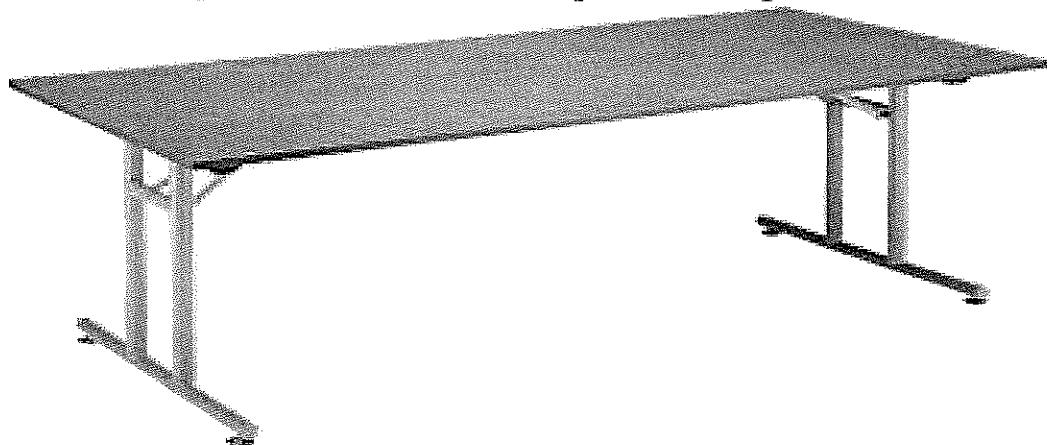
Please clearly mark the item with your child's name.

## What happens then?

↳ Students will not be called down to retrieve their belongings as it is disruptive to the educational process.

If you are leaving something for your child, it is up to the child to know to stop by the table.

Also, keep in mind that items lost or stolen are not the responsibility of the school, so please do not leave expensive or personal items.



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**EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION**

In an emergency such as inclement weather requiring modification of the school day, it might be necessary to send students home early.

Therefore, although buses will be running at an earlier time and student walkers will be on foot earlier, in such an event, if you wish **A DIFFERENT FORM OF DISMISSAL** for your child, please complete and return this form to the Main Office. Every attempt will be made to follow your instructions. Please list **only** the names of those persons who will be available to accommodate your child during these hours.

**REMINDER:**

**ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU WISH AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR YOUR CHILD. *(Please print all information)***

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT BUS RIDER**    Should not take bus but wait for pick up by:

NAME	TELEPHONE#
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**STUDENT WALKER**    Should not walk home but wait for pick up by:

NAME	TELEPHONE#
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**IMPORTANT**  
**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR CHILD IS AWARE OF THESE  
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL THEREFORE,  
AUTOMATICALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO.**