NN HIGH SCHOOL – NATIONALLY RANKED SCHOOL

We are very proud that, once again, Norwood-Norfolk has been ranked as one of the top schools nationally and in NYS by US News & World Report. We're proud of our teachers, students, and community. Well done! #FlyerPride

WE ARE FLYERS!

We’re so very proud of children and our school. There is much to celebrate each year and students will enter this year to some very exciting physical changes. This year our high school will reinforce some very important character traits. These traits were identified by the students themselves! Last year, our students were asked what it meant to them to be a Flyer. The results were astounding, so we decided to reinforce these character traits on the wall of the cafeteria as well as the stairs in the High School lobby. Below are pictures of these important traits.

The students at the high school identified these are character traits of Flyers: Pride, Compassion, Unity, Kindness, Hardworking, Respectful, Sportsmanship, Successful, Competitive, Honorable, Creative.

These nicely complement our Character Themes at the elementary school: Responsibility, Hard Work/Enthusiasm, Gratitude, Self-Control, Respect, Friendship, Honesty, Determination/Grit, Teamwork, Goal Setting & Reflection.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Board of Education recently took action to approve a change to the Code of Conduct. This change was specifically relating to our elementary school. You can see the elementary Code of Conduct by clicking HERE. You can access the entire Code of Conduct for NNCS on our website or by clicking HERE.

YEARS OF SERVICE

We recently celebrated many of our employees with their dedicated years of service to the Norwood-Norfolk community. Incremental years of 10, 20, and 30 were recognized.

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NEW FLYER FACULTY & STAFF

With the coming of each new school year a fresh crop of new professionals come into our ranks. This year we welcome many new faces. Please help me in welcoming them.

Bill Lint – Middle School Principal
Gino Bisceglia – PE
Joe Bullock – Technology/Agriculture
Emily Cambridge – Social Studies
Tessa Fields – 5th grade
Brittany Godreau – 5th grade
Nichole Hartigan – 8th grade Math
Megan Lane – 8th grade Science
Kaitlin McNulty – Chemistry
Jonathan Pabis – Instrumental Music
Matoaka Riedl – 5th grade
Dillon Chichester – Shared BOCES PE
Joanna Frego – Shared BOCES Math AIS
Akaycia Colbert – Instructional Aide
Sara Lamica – Instructional Aide
Jessica Newtown – Instructional Aide

Pictured here are our new teachers. Please welcome our new Flyers!
IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TAXPAYERS

There is a NEW location for Norwood-Norfolk Central School residents to pay your 2018 school taxes. There are two ways to pay your taxes.

1) You can pay IN PERSON at the Norwood Village Hall, 15 South Main Street, Norwood, NY 13668.
2) Or, you can pay BY MAIL and send to Norwood-Norfolk Central School Tax Collector C/O Village of Norwood PO Box 182 Norwood, NY 13668

Checks made payable to NNCS Tax Collector.

ACCOUNTABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY IN A DIGITAL WORLD PRESENTATION

A world renowned expert in social media safety is speaking at Colton-Pierrepont CSD on September 17th. Here’s a short Ted Talk Youtube video on Paul Davis. You’re all welcome to attend this excellent presentation with your children. A flyer advertising this event was attached to last week’s email.

SCHOOL BUSES

It’s that time of year, again. School buses will be on the roads. Please stop when you see a school bus with their flashers on. Our buses carry our most precious resource: children. Please take a minute to watch this video.

LUNCH & BREAKFAST

Lunch prices this year for students will be very affordable. Breakfast is $1.00. Lunch for elementary and middle school students will be $2.40 and $2.50 for high school students. Of course, if you believe your children qualify for either free or reduced prices, then please

We also have adopted a new Meal Charging Policy, which can be found on our website HERE. You can see what’s going on in Food Service on our website or by clicking HERE. You can also find information on the free & reduced lunch program.

HIGHLY TRAINED FACULTY

This past week our professionals received a lot of professional development. Here in this picture, 3rd grade teacher is leading a session on iReady.

Our teachers are getting ready to great their new students on Tuesday. We’re so excited!
PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

For almost twenty years the Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC) has conducted a student survey every two years. Given to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade children this survey identifies risk areas of our children. Last spring our children, once again, took this survey and recently the administration sat with the Director of the SVPC to discuss an analysis of this survey. The measured risk and protective factors, uncovered by the survey, have been shown to influence the likelihood of academic success, school dropout, substance abuse, violence, and delinquency among youth. Knowing the risk factors allows us to target specific behaviors in an effort to reduce them and allow our children a stronger possibility of success.

The main risk factors (behaviors) that our children engage in is the use of alcohol, energy drinks, E-cigarettes, and marijuana. While marijuana and alcohol have been targeted by programs both in and out of school for the past decade, energy drinks and E-cigarettes are rather new to this list and their effects are not known by the majority of us parents.

Here’s an interesting article from CNN about the effects of energy drinks on your body. And here’s an article from the US Department of Health and Human Services warning of the consumption of energy drinks by our youth. Please be informed – energy drinks are not for children.

E-cigarettes and vaping is relatively new, coming on the market about ten years ago, as an alternative to cigarettes. With marketing targeted towards youth, offering appealing flavors that children would like, has enabled this industry to grow. While not as harmful as cigarettes, it’s still harmful. With E-cigarettes showing up in this survey as a risk factor, we need to keep these out of our children’s hands. Here’s an article from Live Science that touches on the dangers of vaping. Please don’t allow our children to be a new generation addicted to nicotine.

This survey also uncovered protective factors with our children. Protective factors exert a positive influence or buffer against the negative influence of risk, thus reducing the likelihood that adolescents will engage in problem behaviors. Overall, our students level of protective factors are higher than the national average (that’s really good) with opportunities for prosocial involvement at school and rewards for prosocial involvement at school being significant. Additionally, opportunities for prosocial involvement with families and a belief in a moral order (telling right from wrong) was highly ranked. We are very pleased that our school and family were listed as strong protective factors for our children.

FLYER ATHLETICS

Fall sports for our interscholastic athletes (grades 7-12) are underway. Varsity, JV, and Modified programs are all underway. Click HERE for up-to-the-minute game schedule. You can also find this on our website.

THE FLYER

The end-of-summer edition of our District Newsletter is available on our website or by clicking HERE. We will also attempt to place copies of this newsletter in local establishments. If you’d be willing to have a few copies available in your local business, then please reach out to us.

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SETTING GOOD HABITS – SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that chronic absence in 9th grade is a better predictor than 8th grade test scores that a student may drop out of high school, and students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read proficiently by the time they finish third grade then students who are not chronically absent?

Find parent resources HERE to support you getting your children to school every day from Every Student Present.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE MUSICALLY TALENTED

I recently received an email from Chris Paige, director of the North Country Community Chorus. She’s offering people of all ages an opportunity to be involved. Her message follows:

**North Country Community Chorus Wants You!**

**FOLKS OF ALL AGES MAKING MUSIC JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT**

sign up at our new website at northcountrycommunitychorus.org

**SIGN UP TODAY TO ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR MAILING LIST!**

**CURRENTLY, WE PERFORM TWICE A YEAR.**

You can choose to participate in one or both events. No audition required.

1) **OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS AN ECUMENICAL GROUP.**

This year our rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings at the Norwood United Methodist Church as follows:

Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct. 21, Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 11, Nov 18,
Nov 25, Dec 2 and Dec. 9

Dress rehearsal Friday, December 14 at 6 pm (mandatory)

You must attend a minimum of 8 out of the 11 rehearsals in addition to the dress rehearsal, and will be asked to complete a form listing the rehearsals you plan to attend.

Performances: Saturday, December 15 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm. (Locations TBA)

2) **OUR KIDS’ CHORUS INCLUDES kids in Kindergarten through grade 12.**

They rehearse from 5:45 - 6:30.

Our full chorus meets from 6:30 - 8:15. Kids ages 10 and up are also invited to join this group.

All participants are provided with a CD with their voice part enhanced, to practice with between rehearsals. Music reading is not a requirement, although you’ll undoubtedly learn the basics if you join us.

2) **OUR 2ND PERFORMANCE TAKES PLACE IN LATE APRIL or EARLY MAY. All ages are invited to participate.**

We sponsor a themed variety/talent show where young people compete for prizes. Our chorus rehearses only 6 times to prepare 3 tunes from the era being featured. Next year’s theme will be the 50’s.

Contact Chris Paige (director) via email mu64mi52@yahoo.com or text (315) 244-7787 to join or visit our new website at northcountrycommunitychorus.org

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