

In the News with NMS Jets

"Parent Engagement First Edition"



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Friday marks the beginning of Fall... the changing of the leaves, the changing of the weather, the season of bonfires and football, sweater and boot weather. Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff, let's all work together to ruffle our leaves and be the **BEST** we can be... Happy Fall Ya'll! -Mrs. Goggins, NMS PFEC

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wed	9/27/17	8 th Grade Parent Science Day (Make-up day due to weather)
Thurs & Fri	9/28 & 9/29	8 th Grade Field Trip to Career Academy & CGTC
Fri	10/6/17	NMS P.E. Team Meeting @ 11:00 am
Fri	10/6/17	Student Holiday
Mon-Fri	10/9/17 to 10/13/17	Fall Break
Thurs	10/19/17	Parent Literacy Day (See handouts & social media for details)
Fri	11/3/17	NMS P.E. Team Meeting @ 11:00 am
Fri	11/3/17	NMS Fall Festival
Wed	11/8/17	Next Progress Reports sent home

To see Athletics Schedule go to www.nms.hcbe.net

How Do I Become Involved In My Child's School and Education?

While opportunities for parent engagement change at the middle school level, your involvement in your child's education is still very important to his or her achievement and success. Check out the ideas below for some ways to help you stay an integral part of your child's educational journey.

- **Visit your school's parent/student organization such as the NMS P.E. Team (Parent Engagement Team).** Go see Mrs. Goggins, the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator to find out how you can join and get involved. Contact your child's school to learn of meeting dates and times.
 - **Keep a family calendar.** Ask for a copy of the upcoming year's school calendar and put important dates, such as open houses, parent conferences, and holidays, on your family's calendar. Encourage your child to add items, such as tests, project due dates, and extracurricular activities as well. Make it a point to check it daily.
 - **Attend school activities.** Go to school functions, such as a curriculum and career night, a sporting event, or student performance. While there, learn about school expectations and get to know other parents and school staff. Call the school and ask to speak with the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator or School Counselor to discover when these activities are held.
 - **Volunteer at home or at school.** Participate by mentoring students, helping out in the media center or computer lab, or serving as an advisor for an extracurricular activity or club. If you cannot get to the school during the day, let the school know what special talents you have and what you are willing to do from home. It could be collecting recyclables for class projects or reaching out to community and business organizations for school support. Volunteering is a way to meet your child's classmates, network, and understand your school community.
 - **Share your ideas.** Find out which school committees seek to include parent representation, such as Title I, School Council, and Family Engagement. Talk to the principal and other parents about getting involved in decision-making processes.
 - **Be an informed parent.** Carefully read information sent home from the school on school policies, procedures, curriculum, and meetings. Check out newsletters, websites, and other resources. Utilize the school's parent portal so you can monitor your child's progress daily. Consider visiting the Khan Academy website (www.khanacademy.org) to find resources to help your child learn.
 - **Show your child that you care.** Ask your child about his or her school day. Monitor your child's academic, social, and developmental performance. Get to know their interests and what truly motivates them to do better. Support them in those endeavors.
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- **Like** us on *Facebook* and **Follow** us on *Instagram*
- To volunteer or join the **NMS P.E. Team** (Parent Engagement Team) please contact Melissa Goggins, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator at 478-929-7845 ext 42777
- Check our website www.nms.hcbe.net for Up-To-Date Information and Athletic schedules
- E-mail teachers or administration as needed from the **NMS website**