



# Monthly Messenger

## September 2018

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*Whatever It Takes, Our Kids Are Worth It!*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, September 10**  
8th Grade MAP Testing

**Tuesday, September 11**  
8th Grade MAP Testing  
PTO/SIC Nominations Due

**Friday, September 21**  
Interim Reports Issued  
Related Arts Incentive

**Monday, September 24**  
Latino History Night 6:00PM  
SIC/PTO 6:00PM

**Wednesday, September 26**  
Early Release Day (students  
dismiss at 1:00PM.

**Thursday, September 27**  
Middle School Extravaganza  
(Band performs) NHS 5:00PM  
Student Incentive

### A Note from our Principal, Mrs. Hamilton

We are off to a great start, and we will have a wonderful school year! Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated faculty and staff work as a team. A parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement coupled with a teachers' ability to teach what students need to learn. Is a winning combination. Together we will achieve success!

There's a lot of excitement ahead of us: new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times throughout the school year!

### Field Studies

The Camp Kate field study is quickly approaching!

7th Grade- October 1st-3rd

6th Grade- October 3rd-5th

Our 8th graders will travel to Washington, DC, April 24th-26th. Field Trip information packets regarding trip details and fundraisers have been sent home. Contact Mrs. Chaplin or Mrs. Kenley if you have questions.

### Media Center

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here October 25<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. All parents and grandparents are invited to come shop. Please support our NMS library by visiting our fair!

It's time to start saving your Box Tops in preparation for our annual Clemson -Carolina Box Tops competition. It will begin Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and run through Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. The homeroom with the most Box Tops will win a treat from Mrs. Coleman.

Visit our website for the most current information and updates!

**[www.newberrymiddleschool.org](http://www.newberrymiddleschool.org)**

### Character Trait <sup>Of the</sup> Month : Initiative

Initiative means making decisions and taking action on your own without the advice or help from others. People who demonstrate initiative take steps to make things happen. They design a strategy to solve a problem or make a plan to achieve something they desire. In what ways have you shown initiative?

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." -Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

**"Atención familias Hispanas: Si usted necesita traducción de este informativo, por favor comuníquese con el Sr. Nunez al teléfono 803-271-2256."**

### **Band**

The marching band will be starting its competition season. Newberry Middle has 12 8th graders that are marching! Below are the scheduled competitions for the Newberry High School Blue Brigade.

September 22 - Boiling Springs

September 29 - Byrnes

### **Changes in Address/Phone**

Please contact the office immediately if there are changes in your home address (must submit proof of residency), any phone numbers, or emergency contacts.

### **Chorus Fundraiser**

The NMS Tiger Chorus is kicking off their annual Fall Fundraiser and it will run through Friday, September 21st. Their goal for this year is to raise \$1,500 that will be used to purchase new music and new choir mics, as well as to pay transportation costs for upcoming field trips and other events. Students have the option to pay annual chorus fees by selling 5 or more items and prizes will be awarded for top sellers. ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE: designer wrapping paper and other seasonal items, housewares, jewelry, kitchenware, cake, soup and dip mixes, candies, collegiate sports fleece throws, diamond vortex stainless steel tumblers... AND MUCH MORE! Please support the NMS Tiger Chorus and do your holiday shopping with US!"

### **Counselor's Corner**

Mrs. Hallman will be offering a new girl's small group called "Girls Circle". Girls Circle is a model of structured support groups for girls from 9-18 years. It is designed to foster self-esteem, help girls maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community, counter trends toward self-doubt, and allow for genuine self-expression through verbal sharing and creative activity. These groups will meet once a week. If you would like to recommend your student for this group please contact Mrs. Hallman via email: [lnéal@newberry.k12.sc.us](mailto:lnéal@newberry.k12.sc.us) or at school (803)-321-2640.

### **Early Release Day**

Early Release Day is Wednesday, September 26. On this day, students will dismiss from school at 1:00PM.

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### **School Pictures**

School Pictures will be taken on Friday, October 12th. Make-up pictures will be Wednesday, November 7th.

### **Sports Schedules**

#### **Football**

September 13 vs. Clinton Middle @ Clinton 5:30

September 20 vs. Whitmire @ Newberry 5:30

September 27 vs. MC @ Newberry 5:00

#### **Swim**

September 12 vs. BC/AHS/EHS @Newberry YMCA 4:30

September 18 vs. Chapin @ Newberry YMCA 4:30

#### **Volleyball**

September 10 vs. Clinton @ Clinton 5:00

September 17 vs. Edgewood/MC @ NMS 5:30

September 18 vs. MC/Hickory Tavern @ NMS 5:00

September 24 vs. Mid-Carolina @ Mid-Carolina 5:00

September 25 vs. MC/Gray Court @ Mid-Carolina 5:00

September 26 vs. Clinton @ NMS 5:00

### **Yearbook**

Be sure to purchase your yearbook by September 21st to receive it at the discounted rate of \$35!

### **Visitors**

For the protection of our staff and students, all visitors and volunteers must check-in and check-out at the office. While in the building all visitors and volunteers must wear a visitor's sticker from the office. Visitors and volunteers in the building or on the playground will be asked to go to the office for a sticker if one is not visible. Everyone **must have** a valid state issued ID. This is required to sign-in and sign out students and to be a volunteer.

### **From Nurse Tracey**

Just a Reminder that Fall and Winter are prime seasons not only for the flu bug, but for another bug as well-lice. It is important for parents/guardians to be proactive and continue to check their child's head weekly and treat only if live lice are found. If you find your child does in fact have head lice, please contact your school nurse to discuss treatment options. As always, should you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your school nurse. The lice fact sheet can be found on our school website and Facebook.

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