



June 11, 2023  
North Bethesda Middle School  
News and Notes



### **NORTH BETHESDA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, June 12	Regular Schedule Period 2 Phoenix Time
Tuesday, June 13	Regular Schedule Period 3 Phoenix Time
Wednesday, June 14	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field trip to Hershey Park
Thursday, June 15	Regular Schedule Period 4 Phoenix Time
Friday, June 16	<a href="#">Early Dismissal Schedule</a> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS: 8:15 – 3:00 p.m.**

[Regular Schedule](#)

[Extended Phoenix Time Schedule](#)

[Administrators](#)

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[MCPS COVID-19 Reporting Form.](#)

[Bullying and Harassment Form](#)

Dear North Bethesda Families:

This week we welcomed our rising sixth graders with a fun middle school preview pep rally and tours. On Wednesday, the choral and instrumental students performed spectacularly at our spring concert. This coming week will be our final week and our teams have created fun and unique ways for our students to celebrate!

As we close the year, I want to say thank you to our exiting 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and caregivers for all you do to support the school and for entrusting us with your children. Your children will be missed but we know they will do remarkable things in high school and beyond!

**SUMMER MATH AND READING OPPORTUNITIES**

**MATH** On this [Google site](#), you will find the **Optional** summer math assignment along with links to various optional summer math enrichment opportunities . We **highly recommend** all students to also consider completing the **Skills Practice PDF** associated with your **incoming math course**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the Mathematics Content Specialist: [Amy\\_Watkins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Amy_Watkins@mcpsmd.org)

## READING

This summer we ask that you read at least two novels of your own choosing. [Click here](#) for more details on summer reading requirements and for information on the optional summer reading extension which awards up to eight Student Service Learning hours for literature inspired advocacy work!

**NEW** - Summer Reading Postcards! As you enjoy your novels this summer, we would love to hear about your adventures. Choose your favorite book and tell us all about it on the school provided postcard. Then stick on a stamp and mail your note back to school. A physical drop box will also be available for postcards in the main office all summer long. Summer postcards will be passed out through period 1 classes this week!

A good book is the best way to travel without leaving your house! Returned postcards will be included in a wonderful "Welcome Back" display to kick off the new school year. Bon voyage!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Important Dates:**

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Hershey Park

June 16<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion ceremony – because of space restrictions this is a **student staff event**. We will be recording it and a link to a professionally edited package will be distributed to families for their viewing and will serve as a memento with pictures of classmates, speeches, and messages from their teachers.

### **A message from WJ for eighth grade families:**

Congratulations to your eighth graders for finishing middle school!

If your child will be attending Walter Johnson High School in the fall, we encourage you to sign up for the WJ PTSA listserv NOW so that you receive messages over the summer about the start of the school year, including the timing of fall sports try-outs, currently on schedule to begin August 9, 2023, Freshman orientation and more. You do not have to be a PTSA member to be signed up for the listserv, but we encourage you to join the PTSA when the membership drive starts in the summer.

[TO SUBSCRIBE to the WJ PTSA listserv:](#)

Send a blank email to [wjptsa+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:wjptsa+subscribe@groups.io) and you should be added to the group. For more information about the listserv, as well as the WJHS Discussion listserv, please visit the WJ web site PTSA pages:

<https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wjhs/listserv/>

If you student is interested in athletics during any season at WJ, please visit the link below:

[Walter Johnson Information and Registration Guide 2023-2024](#)

While most information will also be posted to the WJ PTSA listserv, the primary mode of communication and announcements for WJ athletics moving forward will be through the website [wjathletics.org](http://wjathletics.org), Twitter [@wjwildcats](https://twitter.com/wjwildcats), and Instagram [@wjwildcatathletics](https://www.instagram.com/wjwildcatathletics), so please join those if you are interested.

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems joining the WJ listserv and Welcome to WJ!

Enjoy your summer and stay healthy! 😊

Thanks,

Debby Orsak

WJHS 2023-2024 PTSA President

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**FROM THE MEDIA CENTER**

There are **450 books that are overdue by NBMS students** from the Media Center. These books need to be returned as soon as possible to the Media Center. Check with your students to see if they have any books at home that need to be returned. Thank you!

**FROM THE REGISTRAR**

Attention eighth grade parents. Please let our Registrar know if your child will **not** be attending Walter Johnson High School next year. She can be reached by email at [Marybeth\\_turska@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Marybeth_turska@mcpsmd.org).

Attention 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Please let our Registrar know if your child will not be returning to North Bethesda next year. She can be reached by email at [Marybeth\\_turska@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Marybeth_turska@mcpsmd.org)!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

Hello!

We are FRC Team 449, a robotics team based at Montgomery Blair High School (you can learn more about us here: <http://robot.mbhs.edu>). We are looking for students to join our FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team! Fill out this application (<https://tinyurl.com/theblairlegoprojectapp23>) by **June 25, 2023**.

FIRST LEGO League (<https://www.firstlegoleague.org>) is a robotics competition aimed at middle schoolers. Students will learn how to build and program a robot (SPIKE Prime) and will design innovative solutions to real-world problems. There are five main categories in FLL: robot game (see last year's game: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILTjo0LHZQA>), robot

design, innovation project, outreach, and core values. Through this experience, they will develop leadership, collaboration, and technical skills!

We will meet on **Wednesdays** from 3:30 to 5:00 AND **Tuesdays** from 3:30 to 6:00 OR **Thursdays** from 3:30 to 6:00 at Montgomery Blair High School (MBHS - 51 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD). Students will need to provide transportation for themselves to get to MBHS. Students will be expected to attend **all** meetings.

If you have any further questions, please email us at [blair.robot@gmail.com](mailto:blair.robot@gmail.com).

Regards,  
FRC Team 449


### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance secretary is Maria Stefanias. The best way to reach her for questions or updates about attendance is to send her an email at [Maria\\_Stefanias@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Maria_Stefanias@mcpsmd.org)

### BUSES

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Transportation Bethesda Bus Depot at **240-740-6588**

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If you have any questions, after reviewing the information above, please send an email to [Carla A Jurewicz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Carla_A_Jurewicz@mcpsmd.org).

Warmly,  
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