

From the Dean's Desk

Hello NEMS Tiger Families,

As we look back on February and think ahead to Spring there are a few updates for everyone.

First, March will bring us to the end of our second trimester. This means we will be two thirds of the way through the school year and starting to think about finishing strong. Our eighth graders have already picked courses for High School and our sixth and seventh graders have picked encore classes. Keep an eye out for information about Spring Conferences which will be held later this month. If you have concerns moving into the third trimester or have questions about next year, this is a great opportunity to meet with teachers. These are also early release days for students so mark them on your calendars.

We want to congratulate our basketball teams on a successful Winter Sports season. Both teams played hard and we're proud of their accomplishments. Information will be out before you know it about Spring Sports Sign Ups.

In recent weeks, we've been having an uptick in cell phone use throughout the school day. As we move into the Spring, now is a great time to remind students of the cell phone policy and that their phones should be off and away throughout the school day. If students need to reach out to their family during the day, they can use the phone in the office or ask to use their cell phone outside of the instructional space.

Lastly, there are many end of the year activities and field trips that are in the planning stages right now. Students need to be academically and behaviorally eligible to attend these events. Teachers are having conversations with students regularly about how they can remain eligible. We appreciate your support as we plan for a successful and fun end to the school year.

Ms. Cantín



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Parent teacher conferences will be held on March 20th and 21st from 5-7pm. Conferences will be in person and parents will sign up through Parent Square. More information regarding signups will be sent out soon!



Your child is due for a physical exam this year.

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Please send a copy of the physical to the school nurse by June 1st, 2024. If your child has not yet seen the doctor for a physical, please make an appointment BEFORE the end of this school year. All current 6th grade students MUST have a 6th grade physical on file to start the 2024-25 school year.

Attention 6th Grade Parents and Guardians:

Thank you!

Student Shoutouts!



Congratulations to our Green Team ROARS Superstars

The following students were recognized at a breakfast this month for their hard work and dedication in the classroom.



Math-Lillian Hirx
Social Studies-Max Emmert
Science-Bryce Welburn
ELA-Rylinn Ciechoski
PE-Ellie Hudson
Art-Drea Alexander
Spanish-Olivia Gudanek
Band-Joshua Osenkowski
Tech Ed-Antonio Chatfield
Wellness-Chloe Cook



From P2 to the end of T2

Roaring RED Rockstars

Angelly Avila and Dominic Rivera were chosen as Roaring Red Rockstars for the month of February. Dominic and Angelly are role models on our team! They take their academic work seriously, and are kind, helpful and always respectful.

Congratulations!







Notes from the Band Room

March is Music in our Schools Month, and NEMS is celebrating! The band members and I want to express our appreciation for the support our administration provides so that students attending NEMS have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument, become musically literate, and experience playing in an ensemble. Getting to be part of a group that creates music as we learn and being able to share our music-making with our families, friends, and especially the Bristol community, is a profound privilege and a great joy. Making music together brings out the best in us. Thank you for helping us grow!

The month of March will be a busy one for NEMS musicians. Three band students earned the privilege of being part of the Northern Region Band. On March 8th and 9th, Mia Bougie, clarinet, Mason Foertsch, trumpet, and Mattew D'Esopo, trombone, will be traveling to Plainville High School and rehearsing and performing with students from all over the northern part of Connecticut in a very select ensemble. Good luck and congratulations!

Our Wind Ensemble members and 8th grade band students will be participating in a Music in our Schools Month festival on March 18th and 19th. Our students, grade 5 and high school band students, as well as the Chippens Hill band members, will all be rehearsing and performing for each other during the day on March 18th. On the 19th, these musicians will be performing in their individual school ensembles and then together for a huge grand finale. One of the highlights for our musicians every year is combining with the CHMS 8th grade band and the Bristol Eastern High School band. The piece we will be performing together is A Builders Dream by a young composer named Adrian Sims. Our band members will also be performing another exciting piece called Epic Venture by Tyler S. Grant. This is especially fitting for a concert that promises to be EPIC!

Thank you for all you do to support our NEMS Band students. Music in schools really does improve lives.

Mrs. Vocke

