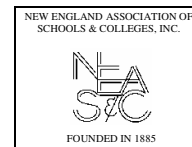




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Charger Express ~ November, 2011

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians:

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first quarter. It is hard to believe November is upon us and our first snow was a stark reminder of the weather events that winter can bring. Thankfully, we retained our electric power and we are able to continue the education of your children without a lengthy interruption.

I am pleased to report that several of our teams have excelled this fall and will continue play toward district and regional championships. The girls and boys soccer teams have both qualified for tournament play. We will find out later this week where and when we will get to play. Our marching band received the gold medal at the MICCA competition on October 23rd. They will travel to Bridgeport, CT on Nov 5 for the USSBA championships and then to Annapolis, MD for the National Championships. Best wishes for success for all our teams.

BMR senior students enjoyed a Halloween costume day on Monday, October 31st. Seniors, in costume, met with early arriving faculty members in the cafeteria for breakfast at 6:45 Halloween morning. Many wore their costumes through the day and watched a video which captured the event on Tuesday afternoon. The costumes were quite creative and thoughtful. The Seniors enjoyed a memorable day.

Grades for the first quarter will close on Wednesday, November 9th. Report cards will be distributed to students the morning of Wednesday, November 16th. This will coincide with parent visits to teachers for conferences on Wednesday, November 16th from 4:30-7:30 and Thursday, November 17th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Parents are reminded that they are strongly encouraged to sign the individual teacher conference time sheet which will be located outside the teacher's classroom for the time they wish to visit with the teacher. The time segments per parent are five minutes. If a parent needs more than five minutes to talk with a particular teacher, they should make a separate appointment with that teacher.

The high school is continuing the canned goods collection for the local food pantry. Donated cans will be collected by National Honor Society members during the parent/teacher conferences. Please bring a can to the conferences and help us help those in need.

I have also been asked to announce a toys for tots collection that the district schools will be participating in. This collection will start after the Thanksgiving break. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

Please read the high school Principal's bi-weekly blog located at <http://rporter1.edublogs.org>

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 9th	Close of the first marking quarter
Wednesday, November 9th	MCAS Math session 1 retest
***Thursday, November 10th	Professional development day moved to Friday, January 13th (School will be in session on November 10th)
Thursday, November 10th	MCAS Math session 2 retest
Friday, November 11th	Veteran's Day No School
Monday, November 14th	MCAS ELA composition retest
Tuesday, November 15th	MCAS ELA session 1 and 2 retest
Wednesday, November 16th	MCAS ELA session 3 retest
Wednesday, November 16th	Report Cards distributed
Wednesday, November 16th	Parent/Teacher conferences 4:30-7:30
Thursday, November 17th	Parent/Teacher conferences 12:00-4:00
Sophomore Job Shadow Day	Friday, December 2
MEFA (College financial information)	Monday, December 5 6:30 H.S. Auditorium
School Pep Rally	Friday, December 23rd

The BMR-SEPAC (Basic Rights in Special Education) group meets the first Monday of each month throughout the academic year in the FWH Middle School Media center starting at 6 p.m. This month there is a special presentation on Thursday, November 17th in Northbridge HS media center from 7-9 p.m.

GUIDANCE

Seniors, watch your deadlines if you are applying to a college or university. Once you have been accepted, please let Guidance know so that we can post your name on the wall of fame!

Please make sure you mark your calendar to attend the college Financial Seminar sponsored by the Guidance Department on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm. The seminar is a must for all parents of seniors planning to attend college.

Parent conferences are soon. Plan on attending. Ask your child for some input in advance. Is there any concern your child has? Jot down some notes and follow through. For instance, if a teacher suggests staying after for additional help, ask your child a few days later if they stayed. Parent conferences are a great way to find out how your child behaves in school. Does your child come to class prepared? Are their assignments completed? Does your child participate? Does your child respect others? Do others respect your child?

Finally, it is never too early to address handling money and credit with your child. Perhaps you may want to introduce your high schooler to a check book or a debit card. Or you may consider a low limit credit card and tell him you will try it for one month at a time. Define what it can be used for. Explain that he should not charge anything on the card he cannot pay for when the bill arrives. You can also teach your child how to manage his account on line. Encourage your child to pay the balance as soon as possible

Sincerely,

Richard Porter,
Principal

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