

News From North View

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Cultivating Scholarship, Virtue and Excellence in a Global Community

Principal's Message

Dear North View Parents and Students:

I hope you had a nice summer break and are ready to return to school in September.

Orientation:

Parents and students, please plan to attend student orientation. See the date and time under "Important Dates" on the right of this page and the additional information in this newsletter.

Student ID Badge:

Your child's safety is very important to us. Therefore, we will again require all students to wear their ID badge. Be sure to have your child's picture taken at orientation, even if you don't plan to order copies. The picture is used for student IDs. This year, in addition to displaying IDs to enter the building, students will be required to wear their ID around their neck at all times during the school day.

SchoolView:

This online service will be available again this year. Please read the article in this newsletter for instructions on setting up an account.

Student Access to SchoolView:

This year, student access to SchoolView will be available. During the first month of school, students will be given a SchoolView access key and taught how to sign on to SchoolView. Students will be expected to periodically review their academic progress via SchoolView, which is accessible from any internet connected computer. The student version does not contain all the information that is included on the parent view. Please do not share your access key (password) with your child.

Nuisance articles:

Cell phone, i-Pods, cameras, hand held electronic games, etc. cause a disruption to learning and are therefore not allowed during school hours. Students lose, borrow, loan, and misplace them daily. The volume of lost or stolen electronics has increased dramatically over the past year. The only way to guarantee your child's electronics won't be lost or stolen is if they don't bring them to school. We are not able to investigate their loss. **We ask for your support in encouraging your student to not bring these articles to school.**

We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Peg Vickerman

Important Dates

August

- 20 IB Academy for Incoming 6th Graders (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- 27 6th-7th Grade & NEW 8th & 9th Gr.- 1:00 p.m.
8th Grade -- 2:00 p.m.
9th Grade -- 3:00 p.m.
Make Up -- 4:00 p.m.
(put lunch money in account/student pictures taken/receive schedule/ Immunization Clinic 3:00-6:00 p.m.)

September

- 8 First Day of School
- 10 Picture Retakes
- 15 6th Gr. Band Parent Meeting 4:30 or 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Parent Advisory Group Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.

October

- 7 Mid Tri I Reports Go Home
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. -- Arena
- 9 NO SCHOOL - Licensed Staff Workshop
- 12 Final Picture Retake Day
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. -- Arena
- 15-16 NO SCHOOL - Ed. MN Professional Meetings
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. -- Classroom

November

- 2-11 Explore Tests 8th Grade
- 17 7th Grade Band/Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Orchestras Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 19 8th-9th Grade Band/Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 26-27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 4 NO SCHOOL - Mark Reporting
- 7 Tri II Begins
- 18 Last Day Before Winter Break
- 21-Jan 1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

January

- 4 School Resumes

NVJH Automated Phone System

Dial 763-585-7200 and Select One of the Following

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| For Attendance | - | Press 1 |
| To Leave a Message for a Staff Member | - | Press 2 |
| To Reach Main Office | - | Press 0 |

North View Website: <http://www.district279.org/sec/nvjh/>





6th GRADE IB ACADEMY (Student Orientation)

Thursday, August 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sixth grade students: please join us for orientation on Thursday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. During this informative, fun day, you will have the opportunity to learn about the Middle Years Programme, the Areas of Interaction, and Learner Profile. In addition, you will:

◆ Meet your classmates	◆ Eat lunch in the Knight Cafeteria
◆ Meet the Principal, IB Coordinator, and teachers	◆ Purchase North View spirit wear

Sixth graders and your parents will receive a separate letter inviting you to the 6th Grade IB Academy.

We hope to see you there!

7th - 9th GRADE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 27, 2009



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Student orientation will be held at North View as follows:

◆ 6th - 7th Grade & NEW Students 1:00 p.m.	◆ 9th Grade 3:00 p.m.
◆ 8th Grade 2:00 p.m.	◆ Make Up Orientation 4:00 p.m. (if you are unable to attend the earlier session)

Students, parents and guardians are invited

A short assembly will be held in the South Gym at the beginning of each orientation. Following the assembly students will be able to put money in their lunch account, have their pictures taken, and receive their class schedule.

Students/parents are encouraged to put money into their school lunch account to facilitate a smooth school lunch the first day of school.

- Students who need shots should plan to attend the 4:00 p.m. orientation session.

Immunization Clinic 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*Immunizations provided to District 279 students without private health insurance. Students covered under MA or MN CARE are welcome. Please bring any letters received over the summer regarding shots. **Parents must be present.***

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

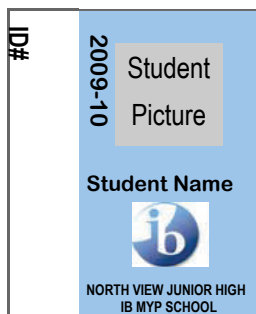
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BRING:

- 2 Combination locks (1 each hall locker & phy ed locker)
- TI-83 Graphing Calculator (7th, 8th and 9th grades)
- Paper/Pens/Pencils/Highlighters/Colored Pencils
- Notebooks and 2 pocket folders for each subject
- Flash Drive
- Mead Composition Book

Please check the NVJH web site for a complete supply list for grade and subject.

- Each student will receive a planner the first week. They will need to keep this planner the **entire** tri. Replacements will need to be purchased from the counseling office.



Students are required to wear their Student ID Badge

Students will be required to display their current year (2009-10) school ID so that it is easily visible to all staff and students. Students will be issued their initial student ID and lanyard at no cost. If a student loses his/her ID and/or lanyard, there will be a cost associated with replacing those items.

* School ID \$3.00 * Lanyard \$1.00

To order lost or stolen IDs students should go to the main office.

**If the original lanyard is lost or stolen students may use any replacement lanyard.*

Students will be required to wear their IDs at all times and they must be easily visible to all staff and students when at school and at specified school events (i.e. school dances).

SCHOOL PICTURES

School portraits will be taken by Lifetouch on the following dates:

- Grades 6-9 - August 27 - Student Orientation
- Picture Retake Day - September 10
- FINAL Picture Retake Day - October 12

Students are required to have their picture taken at orientation in order to pick up their schedule.

Please make sure your child is wearing school appropriate clothing - no low cut shirts or blouses, no head gear.

2009 HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETICS

Registration for fall sports will begin on Monday, August 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and will continue through the first day of practices.

Registration packets (or emergency cards for those athletes who registered for a fall or winter sport) are available in the main lobby of high schools, outside the activities department, at NVJH, or can be found on the web site: www.district279.org/sec/ - go to Sports/Registration.

Fall activities include: Boy/Girls Cross Country Running (7-12), Football (9-12), Musical (9-12), Volleyball (9-12), Girls Tennis (7-12), Girls Swimming & Diving (7-12), Pep Band (9-12), Boys/Girls Soccer (7-12).

All athletic equipment from previous seasons must be turned in and all fines and fees must be paid in order for the athlete to be eligible to begin the season. Incomplete registration materials will not be accepted.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Spring Break 2010

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Students interested in going to DC/ NY for a five day educational field trip over spring break 2010, please see the NV Homepage for the travel information link. We will attend a Broadway Show, go to the United Nations, Ellis Island and more. See your registration packet and online information.

Students may sign up online, via phone, mail or by handing Mrs. Duncan (room 249) your check/money order deposit of \$99.00 the first week of school. We will fundraise in October, and the trip must be paid for by January! Payment arrangements must be made with www.worldstrides.org/Main ASAP.

Students may apply for the many scholarships on the NV Homepage link. Write an essay on why you want to go on the trip if you need financial assistance.



Box Tops for Education & Nickels for School



The Family and Consumer Sciences Department is collecting box tops for education and milk caps from gallon-size bottles of Kemps and Land O'Lakes milk. Please clip and bring/send box top coupons from participating General Mills and Pillsbury products. There is a collection can on the counter in the main office and in the administrative office for box top coupons and milk caps. You can also earn points for our school when you shop online. Start your online shopping trip at Boxtops4education.com and shop through the links found in the Box Top Marketplace. There are over 175 of your favorite stores including JC Penney and Lands' End.

LUNCHES

CASH FREE LUNCHES – MONEY MUST BE IN YOUR ACCOUNT

No Money in Account Means: No Lunch, No Ala Carte, No Extras



You can put money into your account
Every Day at 7:00 A.M. - OR Before Your Students Lunch
(ONCE EACH LUNCH LINE STARTS, MONEY IS NOT ACCEPTED)

Place Checks In The Box On The Wall

Questions, Call Pat or Jayne at 763-585-7246



Osseo Area Schools

Safe and Drug Free Schools Program

2010 Minnesota Student Survey

The MN Department of Health, MN Department of Public Safety and the MN Department of Human Services in partnership with the MN Department of Education will be administering the eighth Minnesota Student Survey in the **early spring of 2010**.

Osseo Area Schools has been participating in this survey since 1992.

The survey is anonymous, confidential and voluntary. **The survey will be given at some point between February and April, 2010.** Parents of 6th, 9th and 12th grade students will receive another notice by mail in late winter and will be given more specific information about the survey, including when it will be given in our schools. Parents will also be allowed to review the survey and be given the opportunity to elect not to allow their child to participate in the survey.

If you have any questions about the upcoming survey, please contact Lorry Day, the District Prevention Specialist at (763) 391-7128 or dayl@district279.org.

HEALTH OFFICE

The health office is extremely busy. If your child has a temperature or is ill, we suggest you keep him or her home.

The health office is open from 7:30-2:30. It is closed from 12 noon to 12:30 for lunch. Serious injuries will be immediately addressed. Students that need medical assistance from noon to 12:30 should report to an administrator if the health office is closed.

Your student should first obtain a pass from their classroom teacher before being seen in the health office. Students may not go to the health office between classes unless they have a pass.

Immunizations such as HBV and Varicella are multiple series vaccinations, and many 7th grade students may need their next shot in the series. Please contact the nurse if you have questions regarding your students shots.

Please inform the nurse if your student has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider for an illness by lab testing or by examination.

Pam Hyde 763-585-7200 ext. 171

ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Many parents have signed up to receive an email alert when your student is absent from class. Please remember to follow the protocol for follow up: first, talk to your student to find out if he or she was late to class. Then, check attendance again the following day. In most cases, the absence will have been changed to a tardy. If the absence is still recorded, call the teacher.

When our attendance clerk is absent, the data necessary to keep accurate records will not be entered into the system until she returns. This may trigger a phone call from our automated system. Again, please first talk with your student to find out if he or she was late. Then, check attendance the following day. If the absence has not been cleared, please call our attendance clerk

SCHOOLVIEW

Osseo Area Schools offers parents/guardians access to SchoolView, an online service that provides parents the opportunity to go online and find information about their child's academic performance, schedule, attendance, and transportation. Users are able to view current academic progress reports and to subscribe to an email alert system that will automatically send an email when your child is absent. In addition, parents may use SchoolView to update their phone numbers and email address.

You can initiate a SchoolView account by picking up registration materials in the Counseling Office. A parent or legal guardian must go to the office and present one of the following forms of personal identification to school personnel:

- A valid driver's license; or
- A valid state identification card; or
- A valid passport

When you pick up your SchoolView registration materials, you will be asked to sign and date an *Acceptable Use Policy* before receiving your SchoolView access key. This access key allows you to set up your SchoolView account so you can gain access to your child's information. Once you activate your account, you will have 24 hour access to attendance, current term schedule, and academic performance. Due to data privacy, we are unable to mail your secure access key.

To access SchoolView registration, use the *SchoolView* drop down menu on the North View IB World School web site.

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If you have questions or would like to sign up for SchoolView, please call the counseling secretary at 585-7215.



New Assessment Coordinator and Procedures at North View IB World School

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kurt Carlson has accepted the new position of IB Assessment Coordinator. Mr. Carlson has been a science teacher at North View for 11 years. International Baccalaureate schools are required to have a school wide assessment procedure. The IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization) has set standards and criteria for each subject. Student grades will be determined using a 1-7 scale. A score of "1" is at the low end of the scale and a "7" is the highest score. Letter grades will be aligned with the 1-7 scale. This school year student grades will be based entirely on *summative* assessments. A summative assessment is one that is determined based on the students' demonstration of what they have learned at the end of a unit of study. Teachers will also report on the process of learning (*formative* assessment) so parents and guardians will be able to determine if students are doing the required practice assignments in each of their classes.

We plan to hold information meetings throughout the school year to provide you with more information to assist you in understanding this method of assessment. Mr. Carlson has a solid background of knowledge and experience in summative assessment, and he is deeply committed to ensuring that all students are assessed on their progress of learning in a fair and equitable manner. If you have questions or concerns, please call Mr. Carlson at 763-585-7200 or email him at carlsonkurt@district279.org.

LOST AND FOUND: If your child has lost an article of clothing, eyeglasses, etc., please have them report the lost item to the Counseling Office. All unclaimed items are donated/recycled after each trimester. Each year, items of exceptional quality are donated because students and parents don't report lost items, or they don't check the lost and found articles.

CONFISCATED ITEMS not picked up within 30 days will be disposed of or donated (CD player/cell phone/i-pod/camera/etc.)

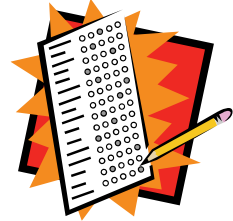


DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

North View Junior High School	585-7200	Guidance Office (Secretary).....	585-7215
Attendance Office (reporting an absence).....	585-7250	Special Education Office	585-7220

News from the Counseling Department

- Anna Wicks - Grades 6 & 7
- Janell Leisen - Grade 8
- Shanna Schroeder - Grade 9



TESTING CALENDAR 2009-2010

Mark your calendars now for important test dates this school year

September 21 – November 25 – MAP/NWEA (6-9, only new students and those who didn't test in the spring)

November 2-11 – EXPLORE test (8)

March 8-19 – TEAE (6-9, ELL and Transition students only)

March 29 – April 21 – MTAS (6-9, some SPED students only)

April 13 – GRAD Written Composition (9) *Passing score required for graduation!*

April 13 – MCA-II Reading (7-8)

April 14-15 – MCA-II Math (6)

April 15 – MCA-II Math (7-8)

April 20-21 – MCA-II Reading (6)

May 3-7 – MCA-II Science (8)

May 10-28 – Spring MAP/NWEA

Information about Upcoming Tests:

Nearly all 8th grade students will be taking the **EXPLORE**[®] test in November via their Humanities class. The EXPLORE program is designed to help 8th grade students explore a broad range of options for their future. EXPLORE prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success.

English	40 items	30 minutes
Mathematics	30 items	30 minutes
Reading	30 items	30 minutes
Science	28 items	30 minutes

- **What is EXPLORE?** Provides helpful information about EXPLORE for students and parents, including practical hints for making a successful transition into high school. (Also available in Spanish) Information will be sent home with students, along with test results, in December/January.
- **UNIACT Interest Inventory** (72 items) Helps students explore personally relevant career options.
- **Needs Assessment** Collects information about students' perceived needs.
- **Plans and Background Information** Gathers information about students' school coursework plans, educational and career plans after high school, and other relevant information.

The content of the EXPLORE tests is closely tied to that of the achievement tests in the [ACT](#), which is broadly used for college entrance and placement decisions. Visit www.act.org/explore or www.actstudent.org/explore for more information.

Attention 9th Grade Parents:

Your child starts high school this school year!

It is important to remember that **each class & grade counts toward high school graduation in 9th grade**. Every final trimester grade is used to calculate your child's G.P.A. (grade point average) for high school. The higher your child's G.P.A. the better chance they have to qualify for college scholarships & other programs. **Any failed classes will result in lost credit toward graduation**. Failures in any core classes (Language A, Math, Science, & Humanities) will require students to do credit recovery after school and/or during the summer. In addition, any failed class in an elective area will result in lost elective credit, which is also required for graduation. *Accumulating lost credits (failed classes) in 9th grade will put your child off-track for graduation in 2013.*

In order to graduate your child needs to pass the MCA-II/GRAD math, reading, & writing tests as well as earn 64 total credits. Your child will take the GRAD writing test in April 2010.

North View has an 8 period day to fulfill the International Baccalaureate requirements. Students take 8 courses each trimester. Credit is awarded equally for each course and adjusted to fit within the district's system.

Osseo Area Schools	
Graduation Credit Requirements Grades 9-12	
English/Language Arts	12 trimesters (4 full years)
Mathematics	9 trimesters (3 full years)
Science	9 trimesters (3 full years)
Social Studies (Humanities)	10 trimesters (3.33 full years)
Physical Education: Life Fitness/Health (grades 10-12)	2 trimesters (.66 of a year)
Arts (theater, visual arts, media arts, dance, music)	3 trimesters (1 full year)
Electives	19 trimesters (6.33 full years)
Grades 9-12 total 64 credits	
Credit in grade 7 through 9 will total 18 credits per year. Each class will receive .75 credits per trimester Completion of 3 trimesters in a subject equals completion of a full year.	
Questions? Contact North View IB World School Counselors at 763-585-7215	

As a 9th grade parent, involvement in your student's high school career is necessary to ensure success. You can support your child by doing the following:

- Sign up for SchoolView & monitor it weekly. (Interested parents should sign up in the NVJH Counseling Office by bringing a picture ID & filling out the paperwork).
- Attend Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Be involved—they need you more than ever! Your child should be working on homework every day.
- Encourage your child to be involved in the school & to attend homework help after school weekly. Colleges are looking for students who volunteer & who are good citizens. Community and Service is also part of our International Baccalaureate requirement.

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FREQUENTLY CALLED PHONE NUMBERS

NVJH Attendance Number:	763-585-7250
Please call this number when reporting your child’s absence from school or late arrival to school.	
NVJH Office	763-585-7200
NVJH Fax.....	763-585-7210
Laidlaw	763-421-5785
District Transportation	763-391-7044
Educational Service Center.....	763-391-7000
Ms. Vickerman – NVJH Principal.....	763-585-7200, ext. 150
Mr. Chance – NVJH Assistant Principal (6th & 7th Grades).....	763-585-7200, ext. 188
Ms. Pellot – NVJH Assistant Principal (Grade 8).....	763-585-7200, ext. 172
Mr. Cress - NVJH Administrative Assistant (Grade 9)	763-585-7200, ext. 187
Ms. Wicks – Counselor - Grades 6 & 7.....	763-585-7213
Ms. Leisen - Counselor - Grade 8.....	763-585-7217
Ms. Schroeder - Counselor - Grade 9	763-585-7214
IB Coordinator – Ms. Howard.....	763-585-7228
Ms. Monson- NVJH Social Worker.....	763-585-7252
Special Education Office – Ms. Johnson (Special Ed Building Coord)	763-585-7221
Health Specialist’s Office – Ms. Hyde.....	763-585-7206
Counseling Office Secretary—Ms. Tiry.....	763-585-7215