

DECEMBER 2023

MILLER MATTERS

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Middle School

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East MS Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the first semester and winter break! Our last day with students in the building is Friday, December 22nd. Many classes have end of unit or end of semester assessments on the last few days of the semester, so please make sure your student is in attendance if at all possible.

Semester grades will be finalized over break and virtual report cards will be sent to families during the week of January 8th, 2024. Be on the lookout for an email that will include a link to the report card for your student.

Please make special note of the new option for attendance reporting for late arrival/early dismissal notifications that we are starting next week. The School Dismissal Manager (SDM) information is included below. Even though we will still accept phone calls and notes from home, the SDM system will be an additional option for parents to inform the school about student attendance.

As a reminder, Monday, January 8th is teacher work day. Students will not be in the building that day.

Students will be back in the building on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024.

Dr. Miller
Principal, East MS





WHEN

December 4th

WHERE

On a computer or phone near you

FEATURING

- 🍏 Use your computer or phone to send dismissal instructions to the school
- 🍏 **Make changes any time until 2:45 PM**
- 🍏 Report absences or early dismissals
- 🍏 Use our iPhone and Android apps or mobile web by phone
- 🍏 Makes dismissal safe and smooth

WHEN TO START

We sent families an email with your login credentials the morning of Friday, December 1st.

DEFAULT DISMISSAL

This is what your child does on most days.

EXCEPTION

Using SDM to set exceptions lets us know when your child will do something other than the default dismissal.

SAFE

You are in charge of your child's dismissal.

SECURE

Information is protected by world-class security protocols.

PROVEN

With over 10 years' experience, we are now processing more than 2.5 million exceptions annually.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS AN APPOINTMENT DURING THE DAY AND I NEED TO PICK UP MY CHILD?

Important Upcoming Dates

November 1st to December 8th - NEMS Canned Food Drive

Monday, December 4th - CPR Wellness class begins

7th & 8th Winter Choir Concert @ NHS 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 5th - 6th and Boys Winter Choir Concert @ NHS 7:30 PM

NWEA testing begins

Wednesday, Dec 6th - Late Arrival

Honors Orchestra Concert @ 7 PM

Wednesday, December 13th - Late Arrival

Week of December 18th - Winter Festival Spirit Week

Friday, December 22nd - End of 2nd Quarter

Monday, December 25th to Monday, January 8th - WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 9th - First Student Day of Second Semester

Don't forget to check out the NEMS ParentSquare Calendar to stay up to date with all club and athletic events!



District News

Background Check Updates

Noblesville Schools requires comprehensive background checks for all volunteers and visitors in our buildings and has recently made some updates to our background check process. We encourage family members to take an active role in our school community. Please go [here](#) for more information on background checks.

Help4HamiltonCounty

"Help is [here](#)...and it's at your fingertips. Help4HamiltonCounty is a collaborative group of nonprofits serving our community in the areas of youth, housing, poverty, food insecurity, aging, and mental health. Explore the [New Hamilton County Resource Site](#) and get the right help, at the right time."



On Monday, April 8, 2024 Hamilton County will experience its first total solar eclipse in over 800 years. While [Noblesville Schools will not be in session that day](#), we're excited to share that all students and staff will be receiving eclipse safety glasses courtesy of the [Noblesville Schools Education Foundation](#). As the big event nears, we will also be sharing learning resources and local event information with your family. Look for more about the eclipse to be shared later this school year.

Counselors Corner

Parents & Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

8th grade students will participate in a classroom presentation with high school counselors this December. The presentation will discuss information about scheduling, a typical high school day and other important information to assist with the 8th to 9th grade transition. The presentation slides will be shared with parents in an incoming newsletter for 8th grade parents the week of December 4th. Below are the dates that 8th grade teams will have their presentations.

Monday, Dec 4: Team Northwestern

Friday, Dec 8: Team Ball State

Tuesday, Dec 12: Team Wake Forest



In addition, please save the date for an **8th Grade Parent Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 6PM** where we will go over items to prepare your student for high school. Detailed information on this parent night will be sent mid December.



Current 8th grade families: The 21st Century Scholars Program provides income-eligible students an opportunity to earn a scholarship that could pay up to four years of college tuition and fees! Current 8th grade students must **enroll by June 30th** of their 8th grade year.

You can apply online at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/enroll/> or complete the paper application & turn it into our school counselor. If you have already applied, please log back into your Scholar Track account to ensure the status of your application- please make sure you hit submit on the application! Completing the application does not guarantee the scholarship, but you will be notified if you qualify once the application has been submitted.

Check out this video about the program:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqtLkTX_-ww (English)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jashk6jMg1E&feature=youtu.be> (Spanish)

Extracurriculars at Noblesville Schools

Is your child interested in joining an NEMS athletics team during the 2023-2024 school year? Check out our [Athletics page](#)!

Make sure you have created a [Final Forms](#) account for your child. They will also need a current [IHSA physical](#) (dated after April 1, 2023) to participate in school sports the 2023-2024 school year.

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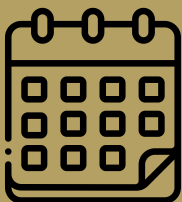
[2023 to 2024 Clubs and Activities](#)

"Coach Keever is excited to announce the 8th annual [Miller Baseball Middle School Prospect Camp](#)! The NHS, NEMS & NWMS coaching staff will be working with each camper teaching the fundamentals & philosophy of the "Miller Way!"

...and in the Community

"[Registration](#) for Noblesville Learn to Swim Winter Lessons is now open!"

PTO News



PTO Meeting Thursday, December 14th
@ 5 PM in the LGI

[Monthly Munchie Sign Up LINK](#)

Check out [NEMS PTO FaceBook page](#)

NEMS PTO NEEDS YOU!

Open positions:

Treasurer:

- Prepares deposits and withdrawals
- Does a monthly reconciliation
- Keeps the books current with what has been spent
- Create a yearly budget based on income and the schools needs
- Reports at meetings

Vice President:

- Assist the President
- Work together with the board in order to run Miller Gold. At the conclusion with teams in order to get their earned prizes)
- Attend approx 6 PTO meetings per school year and take action when required.



Committee chair members needed
Monthly Munchies/Staff appreciation
Dine to Donate
8th Grade Picnic

If you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact us!
nemsmillerspto@gmail.com

