

TIGER NEWS

Happy Holidays from NMMS

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Christmas Wish

“No more lives torn
 apart
 That wars would never
 start
 And time would heal
 all hearts
 And everyone would
 have a friend
 And right would al-
 ways win
 And love would never
 end...”

Thompson & Foster



May this holiday season be full of surprises and cheers, happiness and peace. And may this season of love be the beginning of a blessed and peaceful year ahead.



North Miami Middle Christmas Wish



Holidays to me is when your family is together and we eat and talk. *Anakly*

What this holiday means to me is about giving and not getting but I hope everybody will give to each other. *Curtis*

My hope for the holiday is that I can go to another country and visit a new place.

Jonathan

This Christmas I expect to have more presents and to have as much fun as I can have. Also, I want to spend more time with my family. *Wendy*

One thing I wish for Christmas is I want my family to come together and celebrate Jesus. *Disney*

This Holiday Season I hope for more blessings to come to my friends and family.

Danesha



The holiday season means to have happiness and be thankful for family. It also means to be in the Christmas Spirit. *Nahida*



“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

Albert Einstein



The Winter Extravaganza was once again a success. Parents, students and staff had a great time watching students showcasing their talents. Way to go tigers!



Resurgent Tiger Volleyball Program Brings Home Trophies



Almost everywhere in North Miami Middle School, students and teachers can find trophies from victories of the days of yore scattered about the building. From the library to the glass display cases in the hallways, championship trophies and plaques documenting NMMS excellence are just about everywhere. This past week, a gutsy group of Tigers brought home even more hardware to The School Beautiful.

Both the Girls and Boys Junior Varsity volleyball teams were crowned Miami-Dade County North Champions with an impressive string of victories on the hardwood and asphalt courts of the district.

"I'm so proud of this group of girls, they came to everyday practice wanting to get better and they made so many improvements," beamed Head Girls Coach, Ms. Louissaint after the Lady Tigers JV team lost to perennial champion Rockway in the District Finals. "We took a loss this year but will be back next year."

The Boys JV team were also District Runners-up but their coach, Mr. Friday, was also very proud of the squad. "Despite coming in 2nd place in the District, our students are still champions." Mr. Friday points out that the NMMS volleyball program was long dormant until he resurrected it just six years ago. Thus, as far as he is concerned, the Boys JV team "won first place in my eyes because they were able to compete and win against programs that have existing well over 10 years." Ms. Louissaint saluted Mr. Friday because he "helped the boys who never played volleyball learn the sport." The inexperienced boys were eager learners as they finished the regular season undefeated thus securing their berth in the playoffs.

The girls varsity volleyball team was also superlative, finishing the season 7-1 with its only loss coming to Sunny Isles Middle in the semifinals. Such strong showings by an enthusiastic group of 6th and 7th graders bodes well for even more success. When asked about his outlook for the next season, Coach Friday said, "I'm excited that we went this far, I'm already looking forward to next season."

In other words, it might be time to build a permanent trophy case at North Miami Middle School.

Mr. Perez

NMM Literacy Open House



Last week, North Miami Middle School hosted Literacy Open house. Modeled on the traditionally-successful parent engagement model of Back to School Night, the Literacy Open House drew 129 parents plus other important adults in the lives of NMMS' students.

The event began with a general session for all caregivers and students in attendance. After opening remarks by Principal Ms. Stewart, the session's hosts - Assistant Principal Ms. Robles and Reading Coach Ms. Jean-Pierre - explained the purpose and scope of the evening as attendees enjoyed a complimentary dinner of pasta and salad.

The second and closing session was a grade-level breakout session where families got a chance to meet with their students' language arts, reading, and social studies teachers.

Parents also received helpful information and were able to sign up for or update their login information to access the parent portal.

The event was a huge success and it has teachers and administrators looking forward to the upcoming Math and Science Open Houses which will be held after the upcoming winter recess.

Mr. Perez

Hispanic Culture Week



Students learn the 'word of the week' in Spanish by applying foreign language strategies, such as prior knowledge and cognates. Then, they build up sentences in the target language. ¡Muy bien, estudiantes!

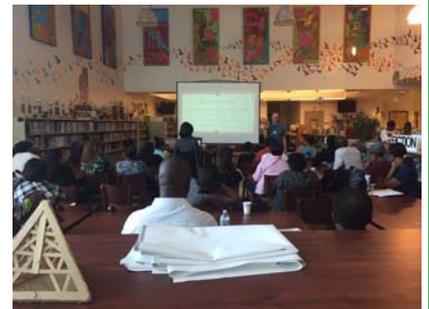


IB Parent Night



Parents who attended the first IB meeting learned about the comprehensive multi-disciplinary academic program, which offers experiential learning and critical thinking skills within a rigorous academic program.

IB students are encouraged to think large and project everything in a global context. They are able to see the interconnected nature of our world. The IB learner is provided with skills needed to succeed academically and beyond.



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Mr. Gould's students never stop to amaze us with their culinary talent. These holiday cookies look yummy! I bet Santa will ask for more milk.



Social Awareness

At NMMS, students are sensitive and more accepting of those in their school who might be without a home. Talking about homelessness prepares students to deal with important social problems instead of sheltering them from the concern of our society.

NMMS BAND & TIGERETTES



As usual, North Miami Middle School was well represented for the Thanksgiving Parade. The band, under the direction of the Famous Ms. Harris, teased the crowd until their next performance in 2019.

The Tigerettes were not willing to be out-staged by the Band! Their performance gave the crowd something to talk about until next year.

Dr. Denis

Red Ribbons Week

NMMS students continue their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in the nation. Speakers educate our youths and encourage them to take part in drug prevention activities.



Magnet Fair

As usual, Magnet Fair was a success. Participants had the chance to talk to representatives who were ready to answer questions about the application process, deadlines, requirements and more. Thanks to all those who made it a success!



Health and Nutrition

Fitness Coach Shuichi taught the students about the importance of good nutrition and healthy habits. Thank you Ms. Nadege for making this possible!