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## Wildcat Weekly on the Web, November 13, 2009

### STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK!

Do you need service hours for an organization (such as Jr. Beta or Student Council) or just want to be involved and help out NMS? Student volunteers are needed this week for two important projects...

#### Book Fair Gift Wrapping

The Book Fair will be wrapping purchased books, gifts, etc. at our Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, 11/19, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts that evening and donations of wrapping paper, tape & ribbon would also be appreciated. Donations received from the wrapping service will go to the media center to help supply books for all students to enjoy.

#### Pine Straw Spreading

Student volunteers are needed to help spread pine straw this Wednesday, 11/18 (after being released on our early release day) until 3:00 p.m. Parents should plan to pick up their children promptly at 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail [Donna Savas](mailto:Donna.Savas@nms.edu) and let her know on which project you would like to be involved. Please bring any service sheet that you will need signed on the day you volunteer. If you are a parent and would like to help chaperone either event, please let Donna know as well. Thanks!

### STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

This year each school in the county is required to give a "State of the School Address". Northwestern continues to move forward on our journey toward becoming one of the very best middle schools. Rather than sharing our progress with a limited number of families at a school event, I thought that posting it on our school website would allow a greater proportion of our community to hear of our goals and programs. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with this community of parents and teachers, as we strive to provide the very best education for your kids. As always, I thank you all.

Bruce R. Fraser  
Principal

### 8th GRADE CAREER DAY - SPEAKERS NEEDED

Do you have an interesting career middle school students would like to learn more about? Are you comfortable speaking in front of others? If so, we are looking for speakers to present at our 8th grade Career Day on March 24th from 8:45 to 12:15. If you are interested, please send an email to Janette Hinton at [hintonj@fultonschools.org](mailto:hintonj@fultonschools.org) along with a description of your occupation. Please provide your contact information, and we will get back with you.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Join us for the NMS Scholastic Book Fair beginning November 16th through the 24th, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily in the media center (except for early release day on 11/18 when the media center will close at 1 p.m.).

Back this year by popular demand is the holiday bazaar on Thursday, November 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Local vendors will be selling crafts & gifts for everyone on your list. You can enjoy refreshments while shopping for everyone



#### November

11/18: Early release, 12:55 p.m.

11/25-27: Thanksgiving break, no school

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#### NMS SPORTS

12/8 & 12/9: Basketball tryouts for 7th grade girls

12/10 & 12/11: Basketball tryouts for 7th grade boys

12/15: Tumbling demo at Ridgeview (practice begins 11/6 - see Ms. Epstein for more info)

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#### JR. BETA

[www.nmsjrbeta.weebly.com](http://www.nmsjrbeta.weebly.com)

Please contact [Ms. Pam Paugh](mailto:Pam.Paugh@nms.edu) and/or [Mr. Karl Myrthil](mailto:Karl.Myrthil@nms.edu) with any questions regarding Jr. Beta for the 2009-2010 school year.



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#### COLLEGE CORNER

This week's featured schools are:  
International Culinary School  
Le Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts

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#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Please see [Ms. Wylie](mailto:Wylie@nms.edu) or [Ms. Lana Smith](mailto:Lana.Smith@nms.edu) with any questions.

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on your gift list and we'll even provide free gift-wrapping!

Parent volunteers are still needed for various shifts throughout the bookfair. Please contact Kim Horne if you can help at 770-754-7857 or [mhorne@mindspring.com](mailto:mhorne@mindspring.com).

## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Update on the PE Department's Amazing Race: After 3 weeks, our students are well on their way to running across the United States!! We have run past the SEC schools and are currently on our way through the ACC and Big Ten! Check out our map display (in the main hallway near the cafeteria) and see where we're headed. So far, 6th grade has run 769 total miles; 7th grade has run 792 total miles and 8th grade has run 813 miles. Way to go PE students!

## NMS FOUNDATION CORNER

### Buy holiday gifts on-line this season and help our technology drive!

The NMS Foundation is working hard to raise money to supply our school with new technology; specifically the Wii controlled interactive whiteboards. If you are unsure about how the whiteboards help to support instruction, check out: [www.NMSFoundationonline.org/technology.html](http://www.NMSFoundationonline.org/technology.html) and view the cool You Tube video which demonstrates how they work.

How can YOU help? Support our fundraisers. Currently, just in time for the holiday season, we have a link to online shopping that will raise money for the NMS Foundation and the school. Go to our website, [www.NMSFoundationonline.org](http://www.NMSFoundationonline.org) and click on the link to iFundDrive. It only takes a few minutes to register and then start shopping.

Check out the new [E coupon link](#) for coupons from local businesses. Check out this week's new business - *Cricketzzz Sleeping Bags*. If you are interested in advertising on our E Coupon page, email us at [nmsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nmsfoundation@gmail.com).

Questions? Contact any of the board members listed below:

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## COLLEGE CORNER

This week in the College Corner we will be looking at careers in the culinary field and the programs offered by two schools in the Atlanta area - the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Atlanta and Le Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts in Tucker. Programs offered at these schools range from Baking & Pastry Arts, Restaurant Management, Food and Beverage Management and, of course, Culinary Arts.

*Question of the Week: What is the French term for a "Fish Chef?"*

Please turn in your answers at the College Corner by Wednesday. Winners will be announced on Friday.

To donate college items or learn more, contact [Cindy Laubenstein](#) or [Veronica Buckman](#).

## TEXTBOOK ON-LINE RESOURCES

Interested in on-line resources for your children's textbooks? Go to our school's website and click on the Curriculum link. From that page you can search on-line textbook resources for each of your child's subjects. Please note: textbooks are not available for purchase through Fulton County.

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## QUICK LINKS

[NMS Home Page](#)

[Fulton County Home Page](#)

[NMS PTA Home Page](#)

## FCBOE UPDATES

[School Board Meeting Information](#)

(click on this link for meeting dates, times & locations)

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*At NMS we strive for excellence through the support of our community and business partner relationships. Please visit our business partners listed below and help support our community and students!*

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## GEORGIA ONLINE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The Georgia Online Assessment System (OAS) is now available. The OAS enables students in Georgia's public schools to access tests that consist of the same types of questions as appear on the state's assessments in Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies in the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT), End of Course Tests (EOCT), and the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT). After taking an assessment, students can view reports aligned to the state curriculum that show instructional strengths and needs.

To access the site, go to <https://www.georgiaoas.org/servlet/a2l>. There is also information and a tutorial available for your use. If you wish to access the tutorial, click on the "Training" tab from the home page.

*Students were given stickers during PRIDE with their personal log-in and password information printed on them. The teachers instructed the students to put these stickers on the inside of their agendas. Please have your child see their PRIDE teacher if they were not given a sticker.*

## COUNSELING

### Rising 9th Graders and Parents

Milton 9th grade elective fair, 1/11/10, 7 p.m., Milton HS. All rising 9th graders and parents are highly encouraged to attend this fair to hear important information about the transition process and find out about electives offered at Milton HS.

### Binder Busters

NMS is again offering "Binder Busters" on Mondays for anyone who would like help in getting organized for the week. Please come to the counseling conference room any Monday from 8:15 to 8:45.

### 3rd PARTY INFO

If you need NMS to share info regarding your child with a 3rd party (doctor, private school, etc.) we must have written permission from a parent. Please send forms and requests directly to the guidance office, including a self-addressed stamped envelope as this info is sent directly to the 3rd party.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Each student is required to submit a notarized affidavit in order to attend a Fulton County School. If you are in 6th grade or new to Fulton County schools, proof of residency is required. If you move during the year, please provide the guidance office with updated contact info.

Please contact Gail Ries in the guidance office with any questions: [ries@fultonschools.org](mailto:ries@fultonschools.org) or 770-667-2870, ext. 129.

## LOST & FOUND

All items collected in lost and found (located at the help desk in the guidance office) will be donated to North Fulton Charities periodically throughout the school year on the following dates: 11/24, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30 and 5/21.

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