

NOKOMIS REGIONAL HIGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have an especially busy week coming up at Nokomis, and I wanted to be sure you had information about a few of the things we have scheduled. One of the events, the National Student Walkout on March 14, has the attention of many in our country and state.

Nationally, the student-led initiative to participate in a School Walkout on March 14 serves as a call to action to improve school safety. We do have students who plan to walk out as well as students who are interested in participating in a peaceful event to speak out about school safety and hold a moment of silence for the victims in the recent Florida school shooting. In consultation with Superintendent Hammer, we considered three options: prohibit and consequence any student who participates; make this an event organized and run by the school; or allow students who want to participate to do so within certain expectations and without consequence. We decided the most reasonable choice was the final option. Mr. Hammer and I met with a student leader who is organizing the event to discuss how this could happen in a safe, orderly manner with minimal disruption to school.

Below are the parameters for this event on March 14, 2018:

- Newport Police will be on campus
- Open only to Nokomis students, not the general public
- **Discuss this event with your child** so both of you are on the same page and you are fully aware of what your child intends to do.
- Modify the daily schedule so this event happens during our RTI time and not regularly scheduled classes; no class time will be shortened or eliminated.
- Event begins at 10:00 am and ends at 10:17 am
- Hold in a designated area on campus
- Peaceful participation, with the focus on school safety and remembrance of the victims of the most recent school violence incident in Florida
- Nokomis staff will monitor the event

As a school, we value our students; we acknowledge that they are young adults who care about their school and community. Their voices are important, and we know there are a range of opinions on any topic, including this one. Our goal is for all of our students to be treated fairly and respectfully, whether they choose to participate in this event or not.

Other events this week include

- Fine Arts Night on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:00-7:30. *Come see a display of students' visual and performing arts from all grade levels;*
- Early Release day on Thursday, March 15;
- No school on Friday, March 16;
- State Jazz Instrumental Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17. *Stop by and catch some fantastic jazz performed by Maine students as Nokomis hosts this great event!*

Enclosed is the progress report for the 3rd Quarter. Contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions regarding their grades this quarter. I hope this information is helpful. As always, please contact me if you have questions.

Go Warriors!

Sincerely,



Mary Nadeau, Principal

Cc Mike Hammer, Superintendent of Schools, RSU19
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Enclosure