

# Here's the Buzz...

## DECEMBER 15, 2010

### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

I will be spending two full days every week in classrooms in order to help improve the teaching and learning that happens on a daily basis. This will give me the opportunity to monitor student behavior and improve instruction. Therefore, I may not always be available to speak with you when you drop in or telephone me.

However, I really do value communicating with you.

When you want to speak with me, please contact Miss Abney, Secretary or Mrs. Cook, Office Assistant who will schedule a time for us to talk.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and your patience and understanding as I implement these practices.

\*I greet and meet students and visit classrooms each morning from 7:20 a.m. until 8:20 a.m.

Please do not request to meet with me during this time.

### Coke Rewards and Boxtops

Please remember that we are collecting these. Thank you for supporting NAMS!

Parents, please remember that we return from Winter break on Monday, January 3, 2011 and early Release is Wednesday January 5, 2011.  
**Have a safe holiday!**

### Attendance

Due to excessive classroom interruptions, students will not be allowed to be signed out or called out of class after 2:45 p.m. beginning November 29, 2010.

Those signed out before then will not be marked present for that class. Remember when you are not in school "You are missing out"!

### Safety Concern

Parents, please do not allow your young child/ children to get out of your car and play while you are waiting in the pick up line in the afternoons. This is dangerous and creates safety issues for our staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Christmas Child

The Christmas Child toy drive sponsored by Student Council will begin on Thursday, Dec. 2nd and end on Thursday, Dec. 16th. Some homerooms have adopted children. However, if anyone wants to donate additional toys, clothes, etc. please contact Tracy Maroney at [tmaroney@aiken.k12.sc.us](mailto:tmaroney@aiken.k12.sc.us)

### Attention Parents

It has come to our attention that students are being picked up in the area at the bottom of the entrance to the school. This area, which is an overflow for traffic waiting to turn right into the school, must remain in motion. This is causing a potential safety issue. Please park and wait for your child across the street from the entrance of the school or continue moving until your child arrives at your car. We appreciate your cooperation.

### Running Club

All members should report to the soccer field on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Please be sure your ride is here to pick you up at 4:30 p.m.

Please bring permission forms as soon as possible.



### New prices for admission to games

Basketball - \$4

### North Augusta Idol Show

The seventh annual North Augusta Idol Show will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the North Augusta High School auditorium. Applications can be mailed or turned into the school by December 15, 2010.

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Parent Portal is available to check your students' grades and assignments. Please stop by the main office for your User ID and Password. This must be received in person for security purposes.

**MAP Testing**

All students in grades 6th -8th remember you will have MAP testing through January 13th. Be sure to get a good night's sleep & breakfast prior to your testing so you can come in ready to go with MAP testing!



For more information and parenting tips; visit us on the web at: <http://www.aiken.k12.sc.us/schools/naugm>

Character Word of the Month for December: Sensitivity

**NAMS Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday December 16th- 6:30 p.m. in the gym! School wide concert will be held on December 17th at 9:00 a.m.**



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF.**

**December 2010**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 *Early Release Day *Hat Day	2 *Basketball game at NAMS against Merriweather 5:30 p.m.	3 *Fall Dance 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. * FCA Meeting
6 *Math Club meeting **Basketball game at Leavelle 5:30 p.m.	7	8	9 *Basketball game at NAMS against LBC 5:30 p.m.	10
13 *Math Club meeting *Beta Club Christmas Party **Basketball game at New Ellenton Middle 5:30 p.m.	14 *Semester Exams	15 *Semester Exams	16 *Semester Exams *Student council holiday party	17 *Last day of school *Semester Exams *Last day to buy a NAMS bracelet
20 *Christmas Vacation-NO SCHOOL	21 *Christmas Vacation-NO SCHOOL	22 *Christmas Vacation-NO SCHOOL	23 *Christmas Vacation-NO SCHOOL	24 *Christmas Vacation-NO SCHOOL
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