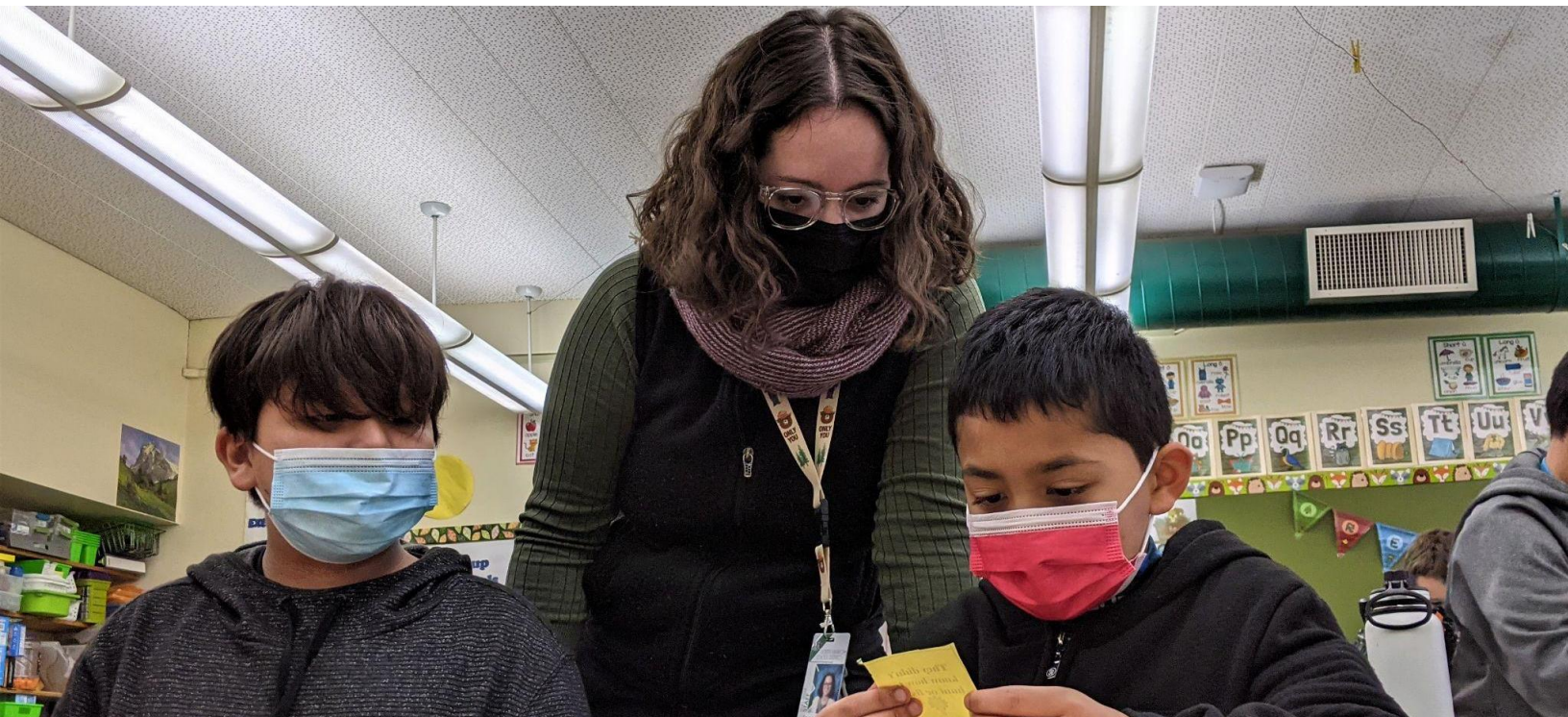


North Marion School District  
**Parent and Family Weekly News**

November 25, 2021

## Changes Are Afoot!



*Third-graders Brian Hernandez Rojas and Gabriel Sanchez work on their cause-and-effect assignment in Jana Giles's class. Photo by Jillian Daley*

### **A Note from the Superintendent**

Dear North Marion Parents and Families,

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced changes to Oregon's COVID-19 prevention measures on Tuesday, November 23, removing the outdoor mask requirement and creating an initiative called test to stay. Read the [five simple steps for parents and families during the test to stay process, the test to stay FAQ, and more.](#)

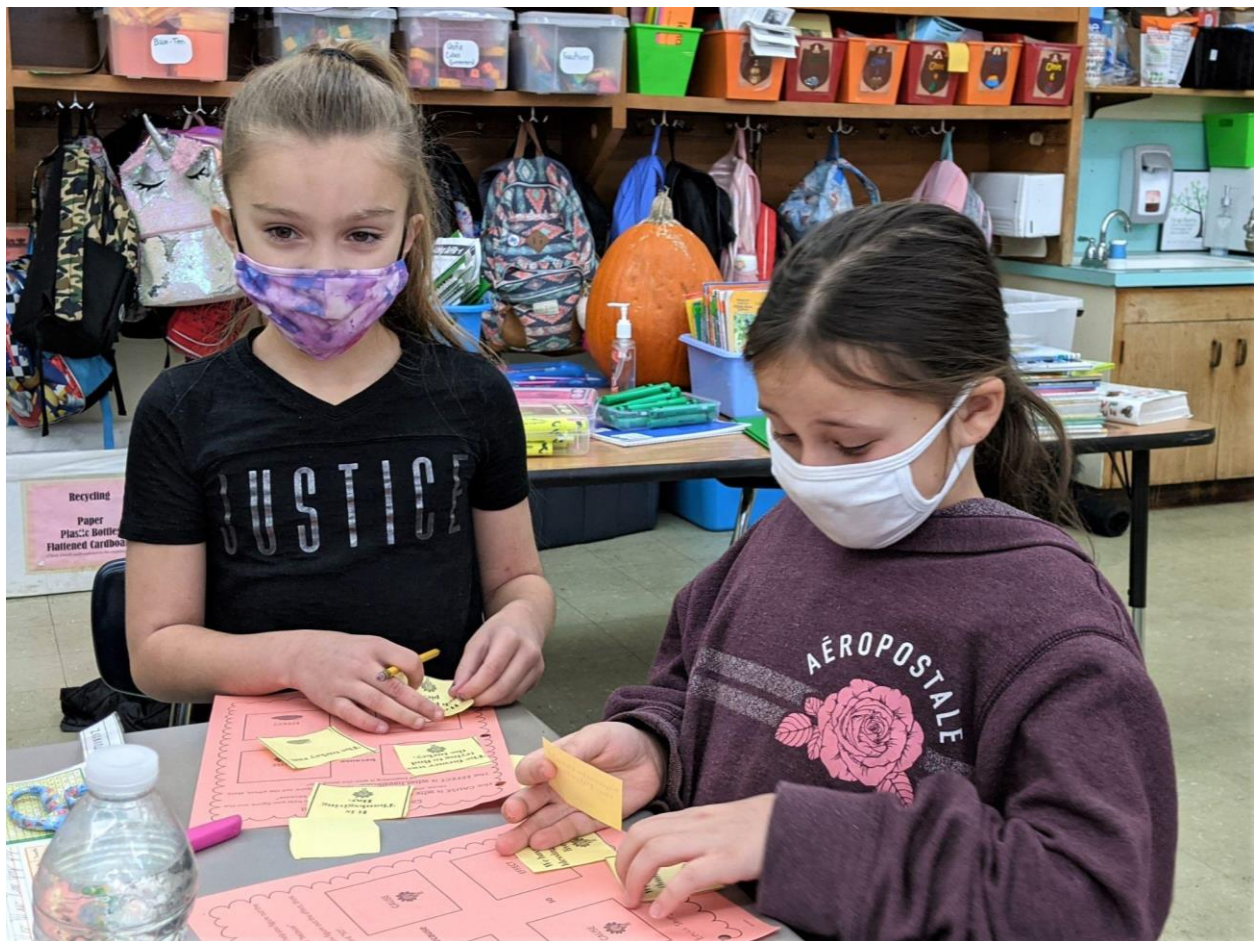
Besides that, this week we are sharing [Part 3 of our In-Person Classroom Series](#), as well as celebrating the success of our soccer program. We're also providing details on scheduling and an update to the High School/Middle School Giving Tree due date!

Read on and enjoy!

Sincerely,

Ginger Redlinger

Superintendent



*Third-graders Gianna Rivera and Emily Snegireff say that the social aspect of the learning experience gets them excited about attending school again. Photo by Jillian Daley*

**In-Person Classroom Series Continues!**



*A Return to In-Person Classrooms is a four-part series during which we will be visiting classrooms all over the North Marion campus: four schools, four classrooms. The series is shining a light on all that is possible now that students have once more returned to the classroom. Check out [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of the series.*

Earlier this week, North Marion Intermediate School Teacher Jana Giles's third-grade students enjoyed a hands-on lesson in cause and effect. Giles began with the cause.

"What happened because we ate too much pumpkin pie?"

"We got sick!" yelled one student. "We don't want to eat it anymore!" said another.

"Diarrhea!" shouted a third.

After Giles explained the concept, she tasked students with cutting out potential causes and effects from a sheet of paper and then pairing them up. Even more than the hands-on task or easier access to teacher or peer support, students said that being a part of a learning community best explained their love of in-person school and also re-ignited their love of learning. Of course, third-grader Gianna Rivera wisely points out that it helps to have a good teacher like Giles. But what makes a good teacher?

"It's about how they treat you: She treats me good," Gianna explains. "She helps me with math. She tells me how to do it, and we go from there."

Read the [full story on the website](#).

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*Image of the 2021 girls soccer team is courtesy of Jonathan Villagomez.*

## **Hooray for Soccer!**

After such a successful season, girls soccer Coach Ben Bonser couldn't help but celebrate with a ceremony on Nov. 22 honoring his players.

"I'm happy to be here tonight to recognize individual players as well as our team," Bonser says. "No one can argue that we didn't have a successful season on the field this year. We finished 8-2 in league, 12-4-1 overall finishing as a semifinalist. We scored 49 goals this year and only allowed 8. We set a North Marion record of 11 shutouts this season. Fourth Academic All State."

Bonser also added that it was important to him to recognize the junior varsity players.

"Not many teams were able to offer a JV game, but these girls worked hard for the few games that they did get to play," he says.

### **JV:**

- Freshman: Riley Sanchez Avendano
- Freshman: Sayuri Madrigal Aguilera

- Freshman: Kaiden Russell
- Freshman: Hannah Jones
- Sophomore: Yaritza Ordonez
- Sophomore: Kira Bonser
- Junior: Esmeralda Pacheco

Varsity:

- Freshman: Isabel Doubrava, 1 assist
- Freshman: Paige McConkey, 2 goals, 1 assist
- Freshman: Chloe Comerford, Most Improved
- Freshman: Fia Swanson, 5 goals, 2 assists
- Freshman: Vanessa Valenzuela, 1 goal 5, assists, Second Team
- Sophomore: Domnikka Lyon, 1 goal
- Sophomore: Yesenia Delgado Mendoza, 1 goal
- Sophomore: Melanie Kirstein, Honorable Mention for Second Team Defensive Player of the Year
- Sophomore: Caile Lader, 6 goals, 8 assists, First Team
- Junior: Sofia Vachter, 1 assist
- Junior: Allyson Coulombe
- Junior: Saylor Swanson, 6 goals, 6 assists
- Junior: Ashley Delgado Sagrero
- Junior: Adrie Lader, 2 assists, Second team
- Senior: Jabnia Samano Gomez, 1 assist
- Senior: Ximena Diaz Lazaro
- Senior: Captain Teagan Welch, 4 goals, 4 assists, First Team (12 goals, 12 assists)
- Senior: Captain Mallory Patzer 1 assist, 51 saves, First team, Most Inspirational
- Senior, Captain, Dominique Huapeo: First Team All League MVP Offensive Player of the Year with 23 goals and 8 assists. She finished her career with 45 goals and 35 assists.

**(This week, we're celebrating the girls team, but we plan to celebrate the boys team next week! Parents and families, please let us know what we should include in that piece! Email Jillian Daley at [jillian.daley@nmarion.k12.or.us](mailto:jillian.daley@nmarion.k12.or.us).)**

## **Teacher of the Year and Education Support Professional of the Year**

If you've been meaning to nominate an amazing educator in your life for Teacher of the Year or Education Support Professional of the Year for 2023, then you've still got lots of

time — but the January 2022 deadline, the same for both types of nomination, is approaching fast.

Teacher of the Year: All 50 states, the U.S. territories, DC, and the Department of Defense Education Activity choose a teacher to recognize and honor as an excellent educator, someone who stands out as exceptionally committed, knowledgeable, and skilled. To be eligible, candidates must be licensed public school educators in grades preK-12. A partnership of the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Lottery, the Oregon Teacher of the Year receives a gift of \$5,000, along with a fund to cover all travel costs for the year. Learn more about the contest, including how to nominate candidates, on the program's website:



[oregonteacheroftheyear.org/nominate/](http://oregonteacheroftheyear.org/nominate/).

Education Support Professional of the Year: What is an Education Support Professionals (ESP)? An ESP is someone who works with teachers and administrators in a wide range of roles “promoting quality education, fostering positive learning environments, offering nutritious meals, providing reliable transportation, and maintaining safe and clean schools for all students,” according to the website. These could be clerical staff, education assistants, maintenance workers, food services workers, technical services, transportation services, skilled trade workers (electricians), security guards and so many others. Learn how to nominate an ESP on the program's website: [oregonteacheroftheyear.org/nominate-esp](http://oregonteacheroftheyear.org/nominate-esp).

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## **School Staff Extend Gift Due Date for the Middle School and High School Giving Tree Program**



North Marion Middle School and High School, in partnership with Love Santa Inc., are extending the donation date for the Giving Tree event to help those in need:



- Shop for gifts suggested on the tag, or buy games, teddy bears, dolls, or other items that you know that kids would enjoy opening on Christmas.
- It's not necessary to wrap presents.
- **Bring the gifts back by Wednesday Dec. 8.**

For information about where the trees are located, drop-off points, or if you would like to make a monetary donation for food boxes, please visit the [NMMS Giving Tree Website](#).

If you have any questions, please email Marie Jones ([marie.jones@nmarion.k12.or.us](mailto:marie.jones@nmarion.k12.or.us)) or Jazelle Terrell ([jazelle.terrell@nmarion.k12.or.us](mailto:jazelle.terrell@nmarion.k12.or.us)) for more details.

*Above is a photo of all of the gifts that generous community members provided to local families in 2019. Photo courtesy of Marie Jones*

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## Here Is a Reminder About Important Events!

The North Marion School District classrooms and offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 24 to Friday, November 26. Classes will resume on Monday, November 29.

The last day of trimester 1 will be Friday, Dec. 3, and the weekend will start sooner than usual with an early release that day! Early release days are from 8 to 11:45 a.m. at the High School and Middle School and from 8:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Primary School and Intermediate School.

The long weekend will continue, as there will also be no school for a grading day on Monday, December 6. The first day of trimester 2 will be Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Winter Break begins on Saturday, Dec. 18, running through Monday, January 3 (a recent change to the [academic calendar](#)). School will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

Also, here is the detailed Finals Week schedule for the High School:

**Thursday, Dec. 2**

	Times	Total Time
Period 1: Test	8 to 9:30 a.m.	90 minutes
Period 2	9:35 to 9:55 a.m.	30 minutes
Period 3: Test	10 to 11:30 a.m.	90 minutes
Lunch/Advisory First lunch: B/D halls Second lunch: A/C halls	First lunch: 11:30 a.m. to noon Advisory: 12:05 to 12:35 p.m. Advisory: 11:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Second lunch: 12:05 to 12:35 p.m.	During advisory, study for finals
Period 4	12:40 to 1:10 p.m.	30 minutes
Period 5: Test	1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	90 minutes

**Friday, Dec. 3: Half Day**

Period 2: Test	8 to 9:30 a.m.	90 minutes
Period 4: Test	9:40 to 11:10 a.m.	90 minutes
Lunch	11:15 to 11:45 a.m.	30 minutes



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