

NSU Middle Lab School

Demon Details



September 2016

What are Cornell Notes?

Cornell Notes are an integral part of our school improvement plan, and it is the preferred method of note-taking for NSUM students. Research shows that Cornell Notes are a more effective method of note-taking because the process requires students to revisit the notes multiple times which in turn assists in keeping the information in long-term, rather than short-term, memory. Notes from a lecture or teaching are written in the note-taking column; notes usually consist of the main ideas of the text or lecture. Then students can create questions using Costa's Levels in order to help themselves study their notes. Cornell Notes are easily adaptable to any subject matter, but may look different in each class.

CORNELL NOTE-TAKING

VIDEO:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=jlaZAviZXvM

What's Happening?

September 5: No School

September 8: NSU White Out Game—Wear your White Out Shirt designed by NSUM Student—Seth Archangel

September 9: Concessions

September 13: Football game @ NCHS 6:00

September 16: Interim Grades Sent Home

September 23: Concessions

September 26-30: APHN Historical Walking Tour

September 29: Football game @ Logansport 6:00

School Improvements

We have a new look! We worked hard over the summer to improve our school. New paint in all classrooms makes for an inviting learning environment. A new office window helps Mrs. White with visitors. New banners and name plaques adorn the hallways. New lockers will be arriving soon for the first floor. We love our new look and ask students to help keep it clean.

Monday Schedule

Every Monday NSUM has a alternate schedule to allow for an Advisory time. Advisory is an important component to the middle school experience. It allows students to work with a faculty member in a small group setting to develop a closer connection. Some of the topics we will cover this year include careers, personal responsibility, and character lessons.

Clubs

Student Council and 4-H are before or after school clubs at Middle Lab. A Junior Beta Club will be established after the first nine week grading period has ended. All students with at least a 3.5 GPA as well as no office referrals will be invited to participate.

Middle Lab also hosts club days during the school year. These clubs are open to all students and provide an opportunity for students to pursue their interests or develop new ones. Clubs this year include Builder's Club, Drama, Beat in a Box, Crafting, Board Games, Chess, Golf, Archery, Cooking, Science, Library, FCA, Tobacco Awareness, and Coding. Club selection and the first club meeting will happen this month!

PAC

PAC is off to a fantastic start this year! Our Parent Action Committee is planning lots of new and exciting activities for our students and teachers. Starting this month PAC will have concessions to purchase during recess every other Friday. Dates for September are the 9th and 23rd. This week a poster for students to vote on their favorite snacks will be posted. Voting will be all week and the top voted snacks will be available to purchase on September 9th.

NSUM Mission Statement:

The Northwestern State University Middle Lab School exists to serve the unique academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of students who are in a special and critical period of their lives as they change from childhood to adolescence. The staff of NSUM is committed to creating an expectation of academic excellence in a caring environment. Students are assisted as they develop personal responsibility through dynamic teaching and learning. All aspects of the school's organization, curricular, and co-curricular activities are student-centered so that all may experience life-long success.