



# The Northbridge Public Schools

## Town of Northbridge

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Dear High School Students and Families,

I am very pleased to share an exciting opportunity with you. As some of you may know, we are proud to have our first official class of the Northbridge Career Academy preparing for graduation this year. With over 100 students enrolled, we are always looking to add more opportunities for all students. This fall, we applied to the Department of Education to receive the designation of an “Innovation Pathways” school. This designation will signify that we provide students multiple opportunities to prepare for their future – workforce, career, or college. One of the pathways that we have chosen to develop is that of early college opportunities.

To that point, we are providing an opportunity for the spring. We are partnering with Quinsigamond Community College to provide a three-credit class *free of charge (text book included)* onsite at Northbridge High School.

The course is ***CIS 111 Introduction to Microcomputer Applications - 3 Credits***

*This course focuses on basic working knowledge and hands-on experiences in word processing, spreadsheet processing, database processing, and presentation software. Students acquire an overview of computer concepts, the most common business office operating systems, the Internet, and the World Wide Web.*

The course will run after school in a computer lab at Northbridge High School, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30PM – 4:30PM for 12 weeks, starting January 18- April 12 (excluding February break). Students will receive three, transferable credits and the text book. The course is open to 20 students. Students must be able to attend all sessions. Students are responsible for transportation home after class. First priority will be given to students currently enrolled in the Northbridge Computer Academy, the Communication Academy, and the Business Academy. Should additional seats remain open, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to continue to enhance our offerings this upcoming year with other dual enrollment classes during the school day through QCC and Worcester State University. More information will follow.

Please use this [link](#) to indicate your interest in enrolling in the CIS111 course. We will connect you with the registrar at QCC pending open seats.

If you have any questions, please direct your questions for Dr. Stickney to Kristen Ferrante at [kferrante@nps.org](mailto:kferrante@nps.org) or call (508) 234-8156.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Stickney, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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