

## A Knight's Tale | January Newsletter

Dear North Side Community School Friends,

Happy new year! 2020 was certainly a challenging year to say the least, but I am so proud of how our students, faculty and community came together to get through it. We hope things will be simpler and easier in 2021.

This semester we are back to in-person instruction as an option for all grades (virtual learning will continue to be an option). This is the first time this school year our middle school students are on campus. It has been a smooth return for them, thanks to the work of its administrators, Leah Harris and Stephon Greenlee. Below we introduce them to you.

Since its' inception, North Side has placed a heavy emphasis on language development and literacy. These are essential for academic success at all levels. We are pleased to be selected to participate in the state's \$18 million Literacy Development Grant Program. More information and the press release can be found below.

As always, our goal is to meet academic and social-emotional needs of our students. We continue to invest time and resources to ensure those needs are met. We thank you for your continued support to allow us to meet this goal.

Sincerely,  
John Grote  
Executive Director

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### North Side Middle School

Our Middle School is led by Leah Harris, Principal, and Stephon Greenlee, Assistant Principal.

Leah is a first generation college graduate and was drawn to education because of the difference it made in her own life. Leah started her career in teaching in New York City, teaching and leading in middle schools in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn for 10 years.

She moved to Chicago to help open a school on the far south side, and later returned to NYC to help lead an all girls middle school in the south Bronx. We are so pleased to have Leah's expertise and commitment at North Side.

Leah speaks of her time at North Side thusfar, "This is my first year at North Side, and it's been incredibly helpful getting to know the North Side way from teachers

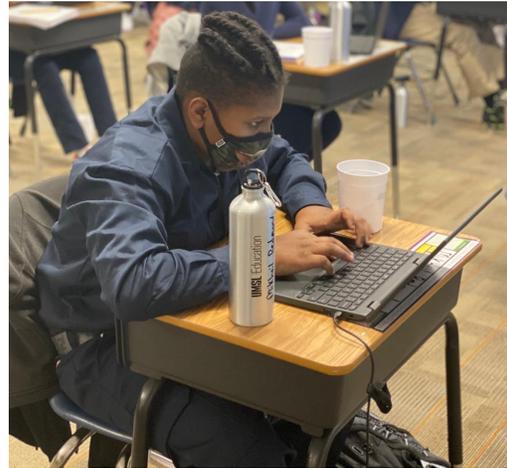


Stephon has been an educator for 13 years, and a teacher at North Side for the last 5 years. This year he began his journey in administration as Assistant Principal.

and staff. I look forward to working with Mr. Greenlee to continue long-standing North Side traditions while creating new ones, as we graduate our first 8th grade class."



Stephon reflects on this school year, "What a way to start my leadership career during this pandemic! However, it has been an honor to problem solve and serve our students academically at North Side. Working with Ms. Harris is a delight as I feel we have worked well together in our efforts this year. "



## North Side Selected to Participate in Comprehensive Literacy State Development Program

North Side is pleased to be one of 32 Local Education Agencies, and one of 80 schools in the state of Missouri to receive services through the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) program to improve literacy efforts at the local level over the next five years. [Click Here](#) for the press release.

## VIRTUAL 50/50 RAFFLE

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<https://stl5050.com/northsidecommunityschool/>

**Deadline: February 18th 8PM**

**Ticket bundles:**

- \$2 = 1 ticket | \$5 = 3 tickets | \$10 = 10 tickets
- \$20 = 50 tickets | \$40 = 150 tickets | \$80 = 500 tickets

*Test your luck and support North Side! \*must be a Missouri resident*

The 50/50 Raffle is a tradition at the annual Young Friends Event - this year we are hosting a virtual raffle!

Ticket prices range from \$2 - \$80, if you win, you receive 50% of the total contributed and North Side will receive the remaining 50%.\*

The Raffle will close Thursday February 18th at 8 PM and the winner will be announced at the Topgolf event that evening at 8:30PM (*you do not need to be present to win*).

*\*Must be a Missouri Resident to participate*

[PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Topgolf Fundraiser!**

You're Invited to a socially distanced gathering hosted by the Young Friends Board.

**Join us on Thursday, February 18th from 6-9pm at Top Golf St. Louis.**

Enjoy a night out for a good cause!

Individual tickets, full-bay and sponsorship opportunities available. All tickets include an open bar, food and 3 hours of play!

Questions? Contact Sara Paracha at [sara.paracha@northsidecommunity.org](mailto:sara.paracha@northsidecommunity.org) or 314-479-1993. [Click here for more information.](#)



*Let's* **PAR-TEE** 

To Support North Side Community School

JOIN US FOR A SOCIALLY DISTANCED GATHERING

Thursday, February 18th 6-9 PM  
TOPGOLF ST. LOUIS

**OPEN BAR | FOOD | PLAY**

**\$75 per person | \$425 per bay**

Sponsorship opportunities available!  
RSVP By Feb. 9th\*

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG FRIENDS BOARD OF NORTH SIDE

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