

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

I am excited for our students' return next week. Whether you are in the Blue Group (A- Le; in school Mondays & Thursdays), Gold Group (Li-Z; in school on Tuesdays & Fridays), or Remote Learners (at home), please know that the NHS Staff look forward to partnering with you to ensure your student(s) has a successful school year.

New Daily Schedule

For the 2020-2021 school year, NHS will begin the year in a hybrid schedule with Odd Periods(O)/Even Periods(E) instructional block days. This model allows us to maximize our instructional time with our students, while maintaining a safe school environment. Below is a breakdown of the weekly schedule and the daily bell schedule. **Please see the next page for the ½ day schedule for the first week of school.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes	Odd/Even days vary depending on the week- click here to review calendar				
In-School	Blue (A-Le)	Gold (Li-Z)	N/A	Blue	Gold
Remote learning	Gold (Li-Z)/Remote Learners	Blue (A-Le)/Remote Learners	Blue/Gold/Remote Learners	Gold/Remote Learners	Blue/Remote Learners

ODD (O) Day		
Period	Time	Minutes
1	7:34 - 8:52	78
Advisory	9:00 - 9:18	18
3	9:26 - 10:44	78
5/Lunch	10:52 - 12:46	Lunch: 25 (A, B, or C) Class: 79
7	12:54 - 2:12	78
Staggered Dismissal	2:12 - 2:20	8

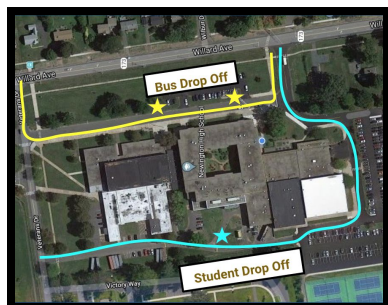
Even (E) Day		
Period	Time	Minutes
2	7:34 - 8:52	78
Advisory	9:00 - 9:18	18
4	9:26 - 10:44	78
6/Lunch	10:52 - 12:46	Lunch: 25 (A, B, or C) Class: 79
8	12:54 - 2:12	78
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First Day of School

The first day of school will follow a ½ day schedule. [Click here to view the NHS ½ Day Schedule](#) for our first three days. Blue students will be attending school in person on the first day while Gold students and full-time remote learners will be participating in class remotely. It is important that our remote learners join class on the first day so that teachers can welcome *all* students back for the start of the school year. By Friday, August 28th at 5:00 pm, all teachers will send an email to their students inviting them to join their Google Classrooms. Students must check their email over the weekend and accept the request to be part of each teacher’s Google Classroom. Once students are in the teacher’s Google Classroom, they will see directions for logging on to the class Google Meet on the first day of school, including the start time for the class. Just like any typical first day of school, we expect that some students will encounter difficulties “arriving” to class on time or even getting to class. Please assure your children that they will not be penalized for technical difficulties during the first week of school as they learn new procedures and routines. Please remember that the first week of school will be ½ days, with dismissal at 12:20pm. [Click here to view the Hybrid School Calendar](#). **Prior to August 28th at 5:00 pm, all students will receive an email from their teachers inviting students to join their Google Classrooms. Directions for logging into the class Google Meet will be included.**

Lunch

NHS will be serving students grab-and-go meals during the first week of school on the half days. After the first week, students will eat lunch in the cafeteria and the small gym. There will be 2 hot lunch choices on premade trays. At this time, there will be no a la carte items (cookies, chips, juice, etc.). Further, all vending machines have also been removed. Students will use their EZ Pay account to pay for lunch, no cash will be accepted. Desks and tables will be in rows spaced 8 feet apart. Once a student is seated, they may remove their mask to eat. Upon getting up from their seat, they must put their mask back on.



Arrival/Departure

Arrival: Drop off location for students will be in the back of the building (previously was the gym entrance). Students arriving by bus will use additional entrances in the front of the building in order to maintain social distancing.

Dismissal: We will have staggered dismissal in an effort to maintain social distancing - Bus, Parent pickup, and Walkers.

Face Masks

All students and staff will be expected to wear face masks (Bandanas will NOT be allowed) throughout the entire school day except whenever social distancing can be achieved: children and staff are outside or eating, playing musical instruments, engaged in physical activity (in physical education class). Face mask “breaks” will be scheduled throughout the day and generally will occur within the classroom when students are seated and 6 feet apart or behind plexiglass.

