

NHS Summer Newsletter

"I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL LEARN!"

AUGUST 2018

Welcome Back! With my first year as principal behind me, I am eagerly awaiting the start of this school year. As we set off on this journey together, as a Family of Learners, I continue to be deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of your student.

The classrooms are ready, the floors are sparkling, and we are prepared to meet every student's needs. We look forward to challenging your student and sharing in their excitement when they are successful. As you know, we believe that every student should graduate from Newington High School college, career and citizenship ready. We invite and encourage you to work with us to help support your student. We know the importance of community and we will look forward to building this partnership.

If you would like to contact me, my email address is ttigno@npst.org. I can also be reached at 860-666-5611 x1190.

I look forward to working with you and your student.

Sincerely,



Terra A. Tigno

Principal, Newington High School

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If your student is going to be absent for any reason, please remember to call 860-666-5611 x1525 to report the absence. All absences should be followed up with a written notification/email (pfournier@npst.org) upon a student's return to school.

Attendance is tied to credits, so please refer to our Student/Parent Handbook for the full policy.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules are available in Powerschool. Counselors will be available the first 2 weeks of school to address any changes that need to be made. Students will report to homeroom on Wednesday, August 29th and will be handed a copy of their schedule. Schedules are still being adjusted, so changes to schedules are possible.

OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars now

Thursday, September 20th beginning at 6:00 pm. The evening will start with a short program in the auditorium. Policies that will be impacting your student's experience at Newington High School will be discussed.

I encourage you to attend this informative event.

ATTENTION SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

As a reminder, please work on your college applications, essays, and "senior personal reflections" (found on your Naviance account).

Parents/guardians of seniors, please work on the "parent brag sheet" which is also found on your student's Naviance account.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM - CLASS OF 2022

This year's program was another success. 285 freshman filled our auditorium and walked our hallways; having fun and getting to know the building, student leaders, and staff. The day included activities to help with the transition to NHS and ended with a "family" pizza lunch.

GRADING PRACTICES

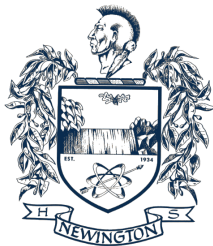
In continuing our efforts to ensure grading practices best match student's understanding, all of our grading practices will be at least 75% Assessments of Learning and 25% Activities for Learning. Students will have many opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate their understanding of standards through a variety of assessments. In addition, students will be able to take advantage of our retake policy (with the exception of AP classes). All teachers will explain their grading practices and retake policy to students and students will be handed a hardcopy of these practices during the first week of school. We encourage you to talk with your student about each of their classroom expectations and reach out to teachers with any questions you may have.

MASTERY-BASED LEARNING

Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd for an informative discussion with administration to learn more about the district's transition to Mastery-Based Learning. Two sessions, at 7:00 am and 6:30 pm, will be open for you to attend and provide you with an opportunity to learn about changes we are making to better support your student's learning at the high school. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

RETAKE!!!

Students will continue to have the opportunity to retake at least their summative end-of-unit assessments. The retake guidelines are available online and will be shared with students during the first week of school.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Mr. Enzo Zocco has been appointed the Principal of Sheehan High School in Wallingford. We are currently in the process of hiring his replacement. Please join me in welcoming a familiar face, Mr. Dave Milardo, who will serve as the Interim Assistant Principal in the Magee House Office until the position is filled. We are looking for parent volunteers to sit on a round robin parent panel on Wednesday, September 5th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. If interested, please email me at ttigno@npsect.org.

COMMUNICATION

Help Us Achieve Our Parent Communication Goal!

77% of you answered favorably to “My child(ren)’s teachers help me understand how I can best support my child(ren)’s learning at home.” Our goal is to greatly improve this parent communication goal.

Stay tuned for opportunities to let us know how we are doing!!!

\$ MONEY \$

You will see this symbol (\$) on your student's Power School account if they have an outstanding balance owed to the school.

By clicking on the \$, you will see the amount owed. Please contact Mrs. Valenti in the Main Office, 860-666-5611 x1198 if you have any questions regarding your student's balance.

TRADING POST

The NHS Trading Post, located in Newington High School, is happy to help you with your spirit needs. Themed shirts for spirit days, hoodies, jackets, and more. How about a small gift, which can include magnets, car stickers, tumblers, sports bottles, or travel mugs? Need a blanket to keep warm or while you watch a game? What about a Newington duffel bag? New items coming in the fall!

Check out the catalog of all currently available items (*quantities may vary*) at bit.ly/tradingpostcatalog or contact Ally Miller at amiller@npsect.org.

The store accepts cash and checks.