

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

What a fantastic week! Staff and students reported excitement of being back and seeing friends both in class and remotely. The administrative team would like to thank our staff for the countless hours spent preparing our school and classrooms. Additionally, I would like to thank our parents/guardians and entire community for their support as we continue to learn together. I am extremely proud of our students, as they followed all our safety and social distancing protocol and have been patient as we navigate this new normal together.

Monday, September 7 - In observance of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no school for staff or students on Monday, September 7. School offices will also be closed. Enjoy the long weekend!

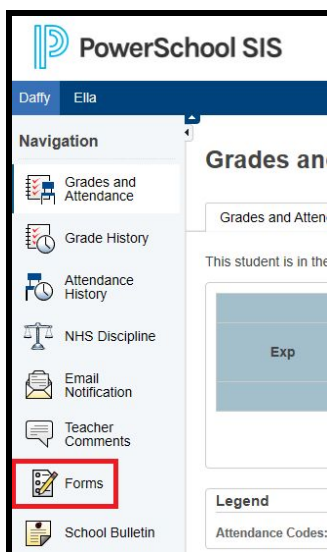
Friday, September 11 - Marks the 19th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon Building, and the crash of United Flight #93. Please keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Emergency Contact Forms: Parents/Guardians will now be able to log into Powerschool (must be the website and not the app) and complete emergency contact forms and other required forms online. You must use your Parent/Guardian account, not your student account. Parents/Guardians must complete one form for each child. Once the form is submitted, our school will approve the form. Please take the time to fill out the form and list at least two Emergency contacts. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Below is a visual of the screen you will see in Powerschool:

Step 1. Log into PS and click Forms on the left.

Step 2. Click a form, change any information and submit it.



Attendance Reminder

Attendance is expected and will be taken in all classes, everyday, except Wednesdays. All students are expected to attend class in person or virtually *with their cohort* according to the bell schedule. When at home, students will be required to have their cameras on, unless otherwise instructed by their teacher. Students are expected to attend homeroom/advisory period. We will still follow our attendance policy/credit withdrawal, with the understanding that there may be exceptions.

Any student with study halls at the beginning or end of the day *may* arrive late/leave early with the permission of their parent/guardian. Students should turn in the yellow “permission” form to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

All absences, regardless of the reason, must be reported to the school as well as through this Google Form [Student/Parent Survey Form](#). If you are unable to fill out the survey form, please contact the school nurse at 860-666-5611 x1163 or x1164.

A Message From the Health Office

Please welcome our two new high school nurses – Callie Veach and Heather Cios! They are both experienced Registered Nurses who are excited to work with staff, students and families. We are very fortunate to have them on our nursing team!

A reminder: **Please do NOT send your child to school sick.** It is a disruption to both your child and the children in the classroom. If your child shows any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, while at school, **your child will be required to be picked up immediately.** This includes cough, runny nose, sore throat, headache, fever (100.0F or higher), chills, fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle or body aches, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. **Please be sure to update your daytime contact information along with TWO emergency contacts on the emergency form (who would be able to pick up your child if we are unable to get a hold of you). (see instructions above)**

Here is the [Student Guideline](#) for you to follow if your child is sick.

Parents of current 11th graders who are online remote – if you received notification that your child has a State mandated delinquent physical, you are required to still submit the physical even though your child is currently doing remote learning. If you change your mind and want your child to be in school learning, you will not be able to do so without the necessary physical.

Stay safe and healthy,

Mercy Hetherington, RN

Senior Nurse Administrator

2020-2021 NHS HANDBOOK

[HERE](#) is the link to our handbook. Please complete the Digital Awareness form on the first page.

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.

	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			Even (E) Day		
Period	Time	Minutes	Period	Time	Minutes
1	7:34- 8:52	78	2	7:34- 8:52	78
Advisory	9:00 - 9:18	18	Advisory	9:00 - 9:18	18
3	9:26 - 10:44	78	4	9:26 - 10:44	78
5/Lunch	10:52 - 12:46	Lunch: 25 (A, B, or C) Class: 79	6/Lunch	10:52 - 12:46	Lunch: 25 (A, B, or C) Class: 79
7	12:54 - 2:12	78	8	12:54 - 2:12	78
Staggered Dismissal	2:12 - 2:20	8	Staggered Dismissal	2:12 - 2:20	8

Lunch

NHS will be serving lunch during Periods 5 or 6 moving forward. Students will have the choice of two hot lunches 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. 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.

Chromebooks

Students should bring their charged Chromebooks and chargers to school. If you students are in school and have an issue with their Chromebook, they may report to the library. Otherwise, [HERE](#) is the form to complete.

Main Entrance/Visitors

Visitors will not be allowed to enter the building (unless previously notified). If you need to drop off something to your student, please enter by the flagpole entrance and follow the instructions on the door. Our main entrance is under construction and will not be available until further notice. Students exiting a bus will enter the building via a side entrance or the flagpole. Both entrances will be staffed so students will be fully aware of where they need to go.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and support.

Sincerely,



Ms. Terra A. Tigno
Principal

Family of Learners

