



February 5, 2021

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

This week seemed to fly by. We are already heading into our second week of February! Our winter sports season has begun, students continue to demonstrate acts of kindness, and staff enjoy another themed Wednesday: Fantastic Fanatic Fan, as we prepare for Superbowl LV.

Here is our latest news:

February 8 - 19:

Monday/February 8: Blue/Odd
Tuesday/February 9: Gold/Even
Wednesday/February 10 Remote Schedule
Thursday/February 11: Blue/Even
Friday/February 12: Gold/Odd
Monday/February 15: No School, Presidents' Day
Tuesday/February 16: No School, Vacation Day
Wednesday/February 17: Remote Schedule
Thursday/February 18: Blue/Even
Friday/February 19: Gold/Odd

Project Graduation

Looking for a night off from cooking while also looking to support the Class of 2021, then look no further! This Monday, February 8, 2021 from 3:00pm - close, Puerto Vallarta has partnered up with project grad. Print [THIS FLYER](#), bring it with you, and enjoy!

The next Project Graduation meeting is Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The link will be posted Monday night on Facebook and sent via the Remind app. Please contact Co-Chairs Jen Ahern Mrs.J.Ahern@gmail.com or Lisa Bacon GnlBacon@gmail.com with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS To Superintendent's Outstanding Student of the

Month for February: Andre Guillotin

Andre will be honored at the Superintendent’s reception on February 25, 2021. Way to go Andre!

CONGRATULATIONS to NHS’ February’s Students of the Month:

Luke Brown	Kalya Del Rosario	Elizabeth Doll
Maeve Ingram	Madison Massaro-Cook	Alexander Pushkar
Abigail Riggins	Christopher Samarotto	Mikayla Vasi
Colleen Whitman	Matthew Wozniak	

MASCOT Update: The mascot committee continues to meet monthly. We received over 100 submissions for mascot ideas. The committee is down to 24 and hopes to narrow that down to 5 or so at the next meeting on February 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Message from School Counseling

The course registration portal for the 2021- 2022 school year will open next week on February 1st and will remain open through February 10th. Course registration will take place on-line through student's [PowerSchool](#) page. The instructions for course registration can be found online in the [Program of Studies](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact your school counselor.

Course Selection Videos

Class of 2022 ONLY - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNicHlgm9B8&feature=youtu.be>

Class of 2023+ - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQ1VBf7qb-0&feature=youtu.be>

Report Cards

NHS continues to no longer print report cards. You can find your student’s final quarter 2 and semester 1 grades in the PowerSchool Student and Parent Website (not on the PowerSchool app). Once on the website, click on student reports and you can choose the report card (after February 10) you would like. If you would like us to print your copy, please contact the main school counseling office at 860-666-5611 x 1636 or 1637.

SOME RECURRING INFORMATION:

Senior class meetings

Administration met with each house office to review important information regarding graduation. Graduation is set for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and will NOT move. (YAY!!!) We look forward to celebrating our seniors!!!! Seniors were reminded to fill out a form that has them write how they want their name to appear on their diploma, as well as information for their cap and gown. Additionally, seniors were reminded of the many supports we have in the building to get them through these last 5 months. This is not the time for procrastination. Please reach out to counselors or building administration for any support.

*WEDNESDAY'S REMOTE SCHEDULE

*Time	Period
7:30 - 8:20	Get ready to start your day. Set up your home workspace for learning. Organize your learning materials (chromebook, notebook, pen, calculator) and try to be free from distraction.
8:25 - 8:45	Period 1
8:50 - 9:10	Period 2
9:15 - 9:35	Period 3
9:40 - 10:00	Period 4
10:05 - 10:25	Period 5
10:30 - 10:50	Period 6
10:55 - 11:15	Period 7
11:20 - 11:40	Period 8
11:40	Google meets are done for today! If you have any remaining work to complete, first take a break and have lunch before completing assignments.
1:45 - 2:40	Extra Help: Teachers have open office hours. Use the Google Meet code or link provided by your teacher to reach out for extra help. If you know in advance that you need extra help, reach out to your teacher in advance to schedule a specific time to meet.

ACADEMIC UPDATE: Our second quarter at Newington High School is underway and our faculty, staff, and administration continue to express pride in our students for their adherence to safety guidelines and their flexibility to adapt to our different models of instruction. The purpose of this communication is to share information about midterm and final exams and our retake practice.

Midterms and Final Exams:

For the 2020-21 school year, both midterm and final exams will be eliminated. After soliciting feedback and input from students, teachers and support staff, and Board of Education members, the school administration believes it is in the best interest of students to not prepare or sit for exams. Both teachers and students face several challenges at this time including high stress levels, ensuring security of exams in a remote setting, and the need for as much instructional time as possible. Students enrolled in *some* UCONN/ECE and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classes are required to complete midterm or final exams based on the requirements of the course. Teachers will plan to administer these assessments during the regular school day.

Retakes:

Retakes have been a practice at Newington High School since the 2017-18 school year. The purpose of retakes is to allow students a second opportunity to relearn and reassess to demonstrate mastery. The following are guidelines for retakes at Newington High School, which will be updated on December 7, 2020:

- Students may request a retake for all end-of-unit summative assessments. However, this practice is not applicable in AP, UConn/ECE classes, some assessments where testing conditions cannot be replicated (for example, in a culinary class).
- Retakes are only available when a student has not demonstrated mastery of standards-based concepts and skills. Mastery is defined as an “87” or a “3” on most rubrics. Teachers will communicate to students if all or only portions of an assessment are eligible for a retake.
- The higher grade of two assessments will prevail however, the highest grade that will be entered into PowerSchool for the retake is an 87.
- Students must complete a retake request form. These forms are available from all teachers and are department-specific. Students can expect variability for retake eligibility based on the department and course.
- Updated guidelines (effective December 7, 2020) are posted on our website and can be found [here](#).

Work Expectations:

We understand that this school year continues to be challenging for all students. However, we maintain high expectations for all students to complete work, meet deadlines, and put forth their best effort in all academic areas. Students are encouraged to always reach out to their teachers if there are extenuating circumstances that prevent them from meeting expectations and/or deadlines.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT GOAL: Help us help you. Our goal this year is to increase the percentage of parents who indicate “My child(ren)’s teachers help me understand how I can best support my child(ren)’s learning at home.” Click [HERE](#) for more information on how you can help your child.

Remember - your student’s camera should be on at all times. Please make sure all household members are aware of this. Students become easily distracted when others are around, so please ensure they have a quiet space, away from distractions.

ATTENDANCE: Please refer to Dr. Brummett’s Parent Notification.

[English](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Vietnamese](#)

Message From the Health Office

A reminder to all parents. If your child is out sick, you **MUST** get clearance from the school nurse **PRIOR** to sending your child back to school. Your child will need to see the school nurse prior to going to their first class upon reentry to school following an illness.

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

Additionally, parents/guardians or students can not decide to Temporarily Remote their child/self for any reason. If a student chooses to log into a google meet, but is supposed to be in-person, they will be marked absent, but can remain in the meet to get their work. Parents/guardians should contact the school nurse should they feel their child should be temporarily remote.

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.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and support. Please feel free to contact the main office during regular operating hours (7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Terra A. Tigno

Ms. Terra A. Tigno
Principal

Family of Learners

