

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



September 18, 2020

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you all had a wonderful week. It sure feels like we are into fall and this weekend looks like more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Here is the latest from NHS:

Fire Drill: Yesterday, we held our second of two required fire drills during the first month of school; this time for our Blue Group. Staff and students exited the building at 9:06 am and followed our outlined procedures. Staff and students reentered the building at 9:13am.

Next week is another FULL week of school: Monday is Even/Blue in. Tuesday is Odd/Gold in. Thursday is Odd/Blue in and Friday is Even/Gold in.

Virtual Open House

Given the health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, Open House will not be held in person in September 2020. Families will have the opportunity to attend a virtual "Open House" which will run the week of **Monday, September 21-Sunday, September 27**.

The platform for Open House will be a NHS specific Google Site that will be open during this week. Staff members each created and posted a video you can view on the Google Site to learn more about your student's classroom, understand general course and curricular expectations, and understand how to support your student at home throughout the school year. Information and a link to the website will be sent out via School Messenger on **Monday, September 21**.

Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch

In-Person students will complete a Google Meal Form ordering a school lunch in the cafeteria for that day and/or ordering bagged meals for when they are not in school. Students will pick-up the bagged meals in the cafeteria prior to dismissal for the days they will not be in school. Full Distance Learners: Breakfast and lunch meals for the week will be distributed from NHS, 12PM - 1PM on Wednesdays. We may also be able to create a few bus routes to deliver meals. Parents will need to pre-order meals weekly by Tuesday, 8AM for each child for distribution the following day at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kKuJCLcZxwBeW3u5lNQ1iVaP4-ohPErGp0q1sz3uCy0/edit>. Please refer to Dr. Brummett's NPS notify sent on September 17 for more detailed information.

Attendance

Please refer to Dr. Brummett's Parent Notification sent this morning or see below.

[English](#)

[Portuguese](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Vietnamese](#)

A 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.

School Picture Day

Art Rich will be here **THIS** Monday, September 21st (**for Blue students**) and Tuesday, September 22nd (**for Gold students**). Students will be escorted by their English teacher to the event center to have their picture taken. If your student does not have English on the given day, students will receive a pass to attend during homeroom or a study hall. Remote learners will have the option of coming to NHS on Wednesday October 7, from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm for their school picture. **ALL** pictures will be taken in the Event Center. Art Rich will comply with all of our health and safety protocols and will have additional staff on hand for support. Students will adhere to social distancing and remove their mask **only** for their photo. All cleaning protocols will also be enforced. A flyer and order forms with purchasing information were sent home with students this week, however, [here is a digital copy](#) of the form.

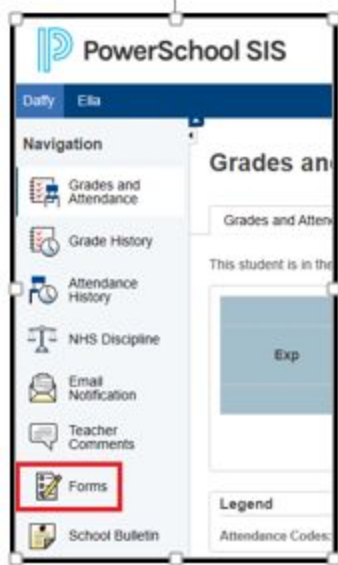
Emergency Contact Form

If you have not already, please log into PowerSchool, using your parent login information (must be the website and not the app) and complete the emergency contact forms. Parents 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.



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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terra A. Tigno'.

Ms. Terra A. Tigno
Principal

Family of Learners

