



April 16, 2021

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you are having a restful, enjoyable break. The school is certainly lonely without the staff and students, but Monday is right around the corner - YAY! Just a reminder that in-person learners will attend school in-person, 5 days a week beginning Monday, April 19. Here is our latest news:

**April 19 - April 23:** [HERE](#) is the calendar for the remainder of the year

Monday/April 19: Click [HERE](#) for ODD DAY schedule

Tuesday/April 20: Click [HERE](#) for EVEN DAY/EXTENDED HOMEROOM schedule

Wednesday/April 21: Click [HERE](#) for STRAIGHT 8 in person

Thursday/April 22: Click [HERE](#) for ODD DAY schedule

Friday/April 23: Click [HERE](#) for EVEN DAY schedule

### **UPDATE-COVID VACCINATION for 16+**

Click [HERE](#) for the information sent to families by Dr. Brummett on Tuesday, April 13.

### **GRADUATION UPDATE**

The time for Graduation has been changed to **6:30 pm** (previously 6:00 pm) on Tuesday, June 8, at Dunkin Donuts Park - Home to the Hartford Yard Goats. The rain date has been set for Wednesday, June 9, at 1:00 pm. NHS administration and Dr. Brummett visited the venue this week and we are very excited! Please be on the lookout for an email from Mr. Ficocelli and a mailing regarding information on tickets, etc. I will continue to keep you posted with any further details.

### **SENIOR PROM - May 21, 2021- 6:30 pm -10:30 pm**

Senior prom tickets will be on sale April 26 and April 27 in our library media center. Seniors must complete [THIS FORM](#) prior to purchasing a prom ticket. Please reach out to Mrs. Morello (room 315) or Mr. Hartley (library) with any questions.

## **Junior Picnic - May 14, 2021 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

The Junior Picnic will replace the Junior Prom this year. The Class of 2022 is excited to offer this event which will be held at NHS in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Food trucks, music and more! Please see Ms. Cote (room 212) or Mrs. Fanelli (room 225) with any questions.

### **HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students that were inducted into the following World Language Honor Societies:

**French National Honor Society:** Sara Studzinski

**Italian National Honor Society:** Arianna Bordonaro, Nicole DeBlasio, Emilia McGoldrick, Konstandina Merqina, Marc Pantano, Nicole Parafati, Elena Timmons

**Latin National Honor Society:** Alyse Karanian, Kevin Khuu, Fasiha Mirza, Todd Windish

**Spanish National Honor Society:** Zeina Al Ramahi, Sarah Elizabeth Amaral, Kaitlin Astorino, Morgan Belaski, Olivia Bernier, Michael Bohlke, Anthony Bongiovanni, Ariana Bordonaro, Padraig Brown, Gabriela Caceres, Lucy Campbell, Joshua Chrzanowski, Ryan Claffey, Diego Colon Santos, Abigail Corcoran, Tiana D'Aquila, Danielle Dei, Ella DePase, Henry Dietter, Valerie Egoroff, Melanie Estrada, Hailey Gaydos, Alisa Granovsky, Macy Guion, Oumou Hann, Trisha Iyer, Eli Johnson, Maria Joseph, Sreya Joseph, Treesa Joseph, Julia Kaczynski, Simran Kaur, Michael Kozikowski, Matthew Legace, Angel Ledesma, Michelle Martula, Bryce Mayo, Sashaly Mora, Sejla Osmanovic, Meera Patel, Almira Pehratovic, Brendon Pigott, Rosalia Pouliot, Kylie Ratti, Julia Remiszewski, Natalie Rusczyk, Denise Sanseverino, Keila Sharofi, Stacey Sheno, Jack Stair, Payton Tavares, Justin Tran, Mikayla Vasi, James Vendetti, William Visalga, Nikhil Vishwanath, Serina Wang, Zachary White

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING**

The NHS School Counseling Department invites seniors who are interested in community college or those who are still exploring what their path after high school may look like to join us for Community College Application Day on April 21st. We will have a special guest from Manchester Community College and opportunities for individualized support in completing applications! See your School Counselor for more information and click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

\*Students should be prepared to reference their Social Security Number as it is necessary to complete the community college application.

## **SOME RECURRING INFORMATION:**

**GRADUATION BANNERS:** Newington Public Schools embraces the public display of our school spirit as witnessed by the creative graduation announcement banners. The following guidelines should be observed out of respect for all community members.

- The banners are for High School Seniors Only
- The size of the banner may not to exceed 4'x8'
- Banners may ONLY be hung on the fences at Clem Lemire Recreation Complex on the fence facing Willard Avenue and Mill Pond Park exterior fence facing Willard Avenue.

Banners may be put up beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and must be removed by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Please note if banners are not removed by June 30th, they will be discarded. Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by observing these guidelines. Thank you for your support.

**SENIOR FAMILIES:** If you would like to purchase a GRADUATION BANNER for a senior, click [HERE](#) for more information and click [HERE](#) for the order form. Please reach out to Co-Chairs Jen Ahern [Mrs.J.Ahern@gmail.com](mailto:Mrs.J.Ahern@gmail.com) or Lisa Bacon [GnlBacon@gmail.com](mailto:GnlBacon@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Congratulations to April's Outstanding Student of the Month**

Congratulations to **Briana Batista** who was selected as March's Superintendent's Outstanding Student of the Month. Briana will be honored in a ceremony on Monday, April 26.

### **NHS' APRIL's Students of the Month**

Briana Batista	Elizabeth Doll	Almira Pehratovic
Arianna Bordonaro	Andre Guillotin	Javier Pena
Luke Brown	Alyse Karanian	Kyler Tremaine
Ellia Claffey-Hesseltine	Kyle Mckissick	Zachary White

## **SOME RECURRING INFORMATION (Con't):**

**MASCOT REVEAL:** The BOE approved the Newington High School mascot name to change from Indians to Nor'easters!

Here is a background of the committee's work: In the fall of 2020, a committee was formed to begin the process of changing the mascot for Newington High School. The committee chaired by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Brummett included school Board members, administration, staff, and students as well as alumni and community members who have been meeting for several months. The committee worked with consultant Dr. Glenn Mitoma, Director of the Thomas J. Dodd Center and Assistant Professor of Human Rights at UConn who discussed the importance of this work. Dr. Mitoma has provided consultation with other districts such as Farmington, Guilford and Watertown regarding their mascot changing process. He identified the following Guiding Principles:

- Educational Impact of Mascot: inaccurate history and stereotypes of Native Americans
- Equity: potential negative impact of this mascot on Native students
- Liability: possible peril of not changing mascot knowing that it may have a negative impact on your school community
- Community: how does the mascot connect to your larger community?

The committee sought input from the greater Newington Community regarding the next mascot. They committee set a goal that the new mascot should meet certain criteria. These included: Be unique, relate to Newington or the surrounding area, be gender neutral, be strong, be fun, sound good/catchy, offer various options for logos and/or mascots, keep existing school colors.

The committee would like to thank the entire community for their input. The next steps are to form a mascot design committee, design a logo, and inventory our current items.

**SUMMER CAMP:** Channel 3 Kids Camp Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) for more information or visit [www.channel3kidscamp.org](http://www.channel3kidscamp.org).

**AP EXAMS:** March 12th was the last day for parents/guardians, of students taking an AP exam this year, to notify Mr. Korn that their student(s) were electing to take an AP exam through the digital at-home format. Parent/Guardians would have received a confirmation e-mail from Mr. Korn confirming he had received that request. If you did not receive an e-mail or want to check that Mr. Korn received your request please contact him as soon as possible at [skorn@npsct.org](mailto:skorn@npsct.org)

Mr. Korn will be sending out an exam schedule in the near future for students that registered for an AP exam, along with testing room locations (for in-person testing).

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### **ATTENTION SENIORS AND SENIOR FAMILIES -**

Project graduation committee is asking for pictures of seniors(from the last 4 years- clubs, sports, groups, individual pics) to be used in their slideshow. Please email them to [NHSProjectGrad2021@gmail.com](mailto:NHSProjectGrad2021@gmail.com).

**AMERICAN SIGN-LANGUAGE VIRTUAL CLASS** - Students, ages 5-14, will learn the ASL alphabet and corresponding words. Basic words and phrases such as colors, numbers, family members, etc. Students will be able to sign familiar words and short phrases at the end of the course. Offered: Mondays, March 22 - May 3 (6 classes, no class 4/5) Beginner - 4:30 to 5:15 PM, Code: 1030907. A1 Intermediate - 5:30 to 6:15 PM, Code: 1030907-B1 Fee: \$65 for residents / \$71 for non-residents.

[HERE](#) is the Registration form.

**CHROMEBOOKS** - It is essential students arrive at school with their fully charged Chromebooks. We will be extremely limited in our ability to share devices or issue a loaner to a student. Families may be contacted to bring a device to the school if the student arrives without a device. 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.

**PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS** - Click [HERE](#) for all my Principal Newsletters.

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*

