

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



October 9, 2020

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

We had another successful week here at NHS. Here is our latest news:

NEXT WEEK: Monday - *No School* (Schools & Offices Closed - Columbus Day), Tuesday: Gold/Odd, Wednesday - PSAT (all 10th & 11th graders in person ONLY), Thursday Blue/Odd and Friday Gold/ Even.

LOCKDOWN DRILL: Our first lockdown drills will be held on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16. Staff have reviewed lockdown protocols and procedures with all students.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA WORKERS' DAY and SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DAY: Please join me in a special thank you to all of our school cafeteria workers and school bus drivers for the work they do each day to support our students and our school operations. On Wednesday, October 14, we will celebrate School Cafeteria Workers' and School Bus Drivers' Day.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Our first PAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 15 at 7:30am - 8:00am**. We hope you can make it! See below for the link/phone number to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing you and we thank you for your support!

<https://meet.google.com/idj-ghhv-eby> or Dial-in 1-601-526-1269 PIN: 571 517 725#

BOXES to BOOTS: On Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6, NHS participated in our first KINDNHS act of the year. Formerly, Hero Boxes, in which NHS collected thousands of items to be donated to our military troops, Boxes to Boots campaign asked for help. Since the collecting of items is difficult during this time, we collected \$1 donation (or more) to support the shipping of items. I am so proud of our NHS Family of Learners. We collected \$425.30! Thank you to all who donated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Daniel Whitman who was selected as the "Superintendent's Outstanding Student of the Month" and will represent Newington High School at a virtual ceremony on October 26, 2020.

NHS' OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Matthew Aldrich
Lindsay Forauer
Nicholas Karapanos

Grace Bissoni
Eli Johnson
Jade Kennedy

Kendally Day
Treesa Joseph
Andrew Schilling

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.

PSAT: NHS will be conducting PSAT testing THIS Wednesday, October 14th. Testing will take place in the morning upon arrival to school. All sophomores and juniors should be at their bus stop at regular pick up time. For Testing, students. After testing (approximately 12 p.m.) all students will be dismissed.

Seniors and Freshman do not have to test on Wednesday, October 14th, and should not report to school. Seniors and Freshman will use this day as a remote Wednesday. Please be aware that teachers and staff will not be available during the PSAT testing window as they will be proctoring the assessment.

Student Testing Room Assignments are posted on the NHS Main Page. You may also [Click here for testing room assignments](#).

If you have any questions regarding testing please contact your student's house office at NHS or the main school counseling office at 860-666-5611.

Seniors - Project Graduation

Project Graduation is an all-night, after graduation party at Newington High School that provides a safe, alcohol and drug free environment for the graduates to celebrate with their classmates. More detailed information about project graduation was sent to all senior families in an earlier school messenger. Please refer to that email as well.

The first meeting will be from 7pm to 7:45pm on October 13. Due to Covid-19, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Join the REMIND APP by texting @nhsprojec to 81010 to receive meeting updates. They will be posting meeting log in info for ZOOM on Sunday, Oct 11 evening along with our Agenda for the meeting. Also, on Facebook? Join the Newington Project Grad 2021 to receive other updates as well. You must answer security questions to join. If you know an underclassman parent who would love to help, then spread the word.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Jennifer Ahern at Mrs.J.Ahern@gmail.com or Lisa Bacon at GNLBacon@gmail.com who are Co-Chair

Presidents of the Project Graduation Committee.

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/1kKuJCLcZxwBeW3u5INQ1iVaP4-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 last week.

[English](#)

[Portuguese](#)

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[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.

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,



Ms. Terra A. Tigno



Principal