

# NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



October 30, 2020

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

This week ended a bit stormy, but the learning has been beautiful. It is hard to believe it is the last school day in October. Here is our latest news:

**NEXT WEEK - November 2nd - 6th :** Monday: Blue/Even, Tuesday: Elections Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Don't forget to vote) Wednesday: New Remote Schedule for ALL (see below)\* Thursday: Blue/Odd and Friday: Gold/ Even.

*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	<b>Extra Help</b> 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.

**PARENT SURVEY:** We are looking to gather information about how you feel your student is doing. Please complete [THIS](#) survey by Friday, November 6, 2020.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November Parent Conferences** will be held on **Wednesday, November 11 (5:00 - 8:00), Thursday, November 12 (12:40 - 2:40)**. Conferences will be held virtually through Google

Meet with your child’s teacher. [HERE](#) is the information on how to sign up for conferences. Please do so by Monday, November 9, 2020.

Students will follow our current REMOTE WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (see the schedule above)

Students will follow this schedule (in person for Blue Cohort) on Thursday, November 12, 2020:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Time length</u>
P2	7:34 - 8:28	54 minutes
Passing	8:28 - 8:38	10 minutes
Homeroom	8:38 - 8:53	15 minutes
Passing	8:53 - 9:03	10 minutes
P4	9:03 - 9:57	54 minutes
Passing	9:57 - 10:07	10 minutes
P6	10:07 - 11:01	54 minutes
Passing	11:01 - 11:11	10 minutes
P8	11:11 - 12:05 *Students leave at 12:05 to get lunch in cafe *12:10 - busers *12:15 - walkers	54* minutes + dismissal times

**CONNect Virtual College Fairs: Sunday, November 1 at 1pm-2pm**  
Use this link to sign up: [www.connectfairs.eventbrite.com](http://www.connectfairs.eventbrite.com).

We invite your students to join us for a unique opportunity to get to know all of Connecticut's public universities at a one-stop shop event: CONNect Virtual College Fairs. This will allow them to learn what makes each institution special and have all their questions answered without having to schedule five different Zoom meetings! Each event will be hosted by representatives from the four state universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and the University of Connecticut. Students will be able to do anything they may be wondering about, such as internship opportunities for their major, what there is to do on campus, and what the food is *really* like!

### **RECURRING INFORMATION:**

**End of Marking Quarter 1:** Quarter 1 grades will be closing on **Thursday, November 5**. Please encourage your student to make sure all missing work is turned in by that date. We will no longer be issuing paper report cards as grades are accessible in Powerschool. A school messenger will be sent out to families when grades are finalized for quarter 1 in Powerschool.

**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.

**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.

[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.

**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,



Ms. Terra A. Tigno  
Principal

