

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

Another beautiful week of weather and learning. Although exhausted, staff and students continue to report excitement around being back to a routine. I continue to be impressed with our staff and students as they demonstrate flexibility, patience and a high level of awareness around our safety protocols.

Today marked the 19th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon Building, and the crash of United Flight #93. An announcement was made and we honored the victims and families in a moment of silence.

Fire Drill: Today we held our first of two required fire drills during the first month of school. Staff and students exited the building at 9:08 am and followed our outlined procedures. Staff and students reentered the building at 9:15am.

Next week is our first 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 will each post 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 and posted in an upcoming newsletter.

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.

School Picture Day

Art Rich will be here on 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 with purchasing information will be sent home with students one week prior to the sessions.

Order forms will be handed out on Monday and Tuesday, however, [here is a digital copy](#) of the form.

A Message from School Counseling

The last Last Day to Add/Drop and exclude courses from GPA for Semester 1 & Full-year classes is Tuesday, September 15th.

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

