

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

October 2, 2020

Dear NHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

Happy October! We have been lucky with the weather and it seems like fall is certainly upon us. I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Here is our latest news:

Next week: Monday - Odd/Blue, Tuesday: Odd/Gold, Thursday Blue/Even and Friday Gold/Even.

BOXES to BOOTS - On Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6, NHS is participating 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 is once again asking for help. Since the collecting of items is difficult during this time, we are asking for a \$1 donation (or more) to support the shipping of items. Blue and Gold students have the opportunity to bring in their donations on Monday or Tuesday (money will be collected during homeroom) and show off their favorite boots. Remote students can drop off money anytime between 7:30 - 3:30, mail it in, or send it in with a friend. They can email pictures of their favorite boots to me at tigno@npsct.org. You do not have to wear boots to participate. We are excited to be able to give back to our military and support this wonderful organization. Click [THIS LINK](#) to learn more.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Matthew Aldrich
Grace Bissoni
Kendall Day
Lindsay Forauer
Eli Johnson
Treesa Joseph
Nicholas Karapanos
Jade Kennedy
Andrew Schilling
Yaroslav Ursulyak
Mia Vendetti
Cody Zimmerman

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.”

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 on 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 should bring with them a #2 pencil and an approved calculator. Students should report to their assigned testing room by 7:34 a.m. 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.

Progress Report Cards - Habits of Work Comment

Progress reports will be ready for viewing in Powerschool tonight. You may notice that there are very few grades at this time due to our efforts to promote social emotional learning, relationships, and routines to promote safety. Students in grades 5-12 are expected to meet the Newington Public Schools Habits of Work in all school settings. The [NPS Habits of Work](#) outline the dispositions, skills, and behaviors that are critical for student success.

Beginning with the first progress report during the 2020-21 school year, you will notice a comment for your student from each of his/her teachers that communicates the level of achievement on the Habits of Work. At Newington High School, students will receive one holistic score (as a comment on the progress report/report card) that will appear as one of the following:

HoW - Consistently meets criteria - 4
HoW - Typically meets criteria - 3
HoW - Sometimes meets criteria - 2
HoW - Rarely meets criteria - 1

Teachers will use the [attached rubric](#) to assess students in Habits of Work.

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/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 last week.

[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 for REMOTE LEARNERS

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.

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,



Terra A. Tigno

Ms. Terra A. Tigno
Principal