From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Holidays are upon us and the mid year mark is creeping up on us steadily. I would like to take a moment to remind you that it is more important than ever to check your child's Powerschool Portal regularly to make sure they are receiving satisfactory marks in their classes, taking special note that single semester classes will conclude at mid year.

Our seniors are in the second year of the “Seniors Choose” curriculum, a departure from the year-long survey course, now offering students a choice of two half-year genre based elective English courses. The offerings are meant to teach the same reading and writing skills needed for 21st century college and career readiness, only now building these skills within a more engaging and accessible format.

Our long running winter concert, Candlelight, presented by the Norwalk High School Music Department, will take place with performances December 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:30 p.m. with additional performances for High School and Middle School students. Candlelight is the oldest high school winter concert in New England. It began in Norwalk in the 1930’s and has been performed every year, with the exception of two years during World War II, when lights-out-regulations prevented it from being performed. Candlelight includes performances from all 600+ Norwalk High School music students. Tickets are $7 and can be purchased at Norwalk High School’s Main Office or at the door.

As always we, the Faculty of Norwalk High School, would like to thank you for the opportunity for another year of growth and learning with your children. On to 2020!

We’re glad you’re here!

Sincerely,

Reginald Roberts
Principal, Norwalk High School
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The Norwalk Marching band has won another National Championship title for the third consecutive year. The dedication and their perseverance has put the Marching Band at the top once again. They have one all captions which include: Best Percussion, Best Guard, Best Effect and Best Overall Performance in Group VI Open.

Mr. Rivera’s comradery with his Marching Band students was shown by their performance and dedication at the National Championships at MetLife stadium. His devotion to the NHS marching band is evident with his students responding to his philosophy of hard work brings worth wild results.

Starting now we have Candlelight rehearsals and performances get your tickets early. We also have Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Winter Guard and Winter Percussion.

Details to follow...
NHS WATER BOTTLE SALE!

Buy one in Ms. DeMatteo’s Room 204S

$12

Cell Phone Wallets - $5

Buy both for a total of $15!
Class of 2021 Gift Card Fundraiser

Purchase digital gift cards, good for use at all 8 Garden Catering locations, in any denomination using the link below!

https://www.giftrocker.com/secure/Order/?h=c60b8faa

Use code **NHS2021** at checkout and Garden Catering will donate 25% of the sale to the Class of 2021!!

**Fundraising Window:** 12/9/19 - 1/3/20

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Ramen Wednesdays

$1.00/cup - Sold in the Main Lobby at the end of the day

All sales benefit the Class of 2021
Spirit Week!
December 16 - December 20

MON 12/16
Candy Cane Day
Wear Stripes!

TUES 12/17
Blizzard Out
Wear Only White!

WED 12/18
PJ Day
Wear Your Favorite PJs, Flannels, Or Fuzzy Socks!

THURS 12/19
Ugly Sweater Day
Wear Your Ugliest Sweater!

FRI 12/20
Green & White Day
Dress Up In Green And White!
Class of 2020

Keep Calm and Pay Your Dues

Final day to turn in dues is
Friday December 20th
All four years ($200) need to be paid in order to receive reduced rates on prom and free cap/gown

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Service Week
12/16-12/20

We are collecting the following items:

- Canned goods
- Books
- Toys (unwrapped)

Items are to be dropped off in the grade level shopping carts in front of the main office.

Items can be donated on any day.

Dollar Days - every day during lunch - we are collecting donations for charity - give what you can in order to choose which administrator should be pied in the face
From the Art Department

The NHS art department has 3 upcoming art exhibits and juried competitions.

Our first exhibit will be the Art Show at Candlelight. The Candlelight Art Show runs from December 9th through 20th, 2019. The Candlelight Art Show will be open during school hours and Candlelight performances.

NHS art students are submitting work to the 2020 CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards. The due date is December 12th. The juried art show competition is held at the Hartford Art School, Silpe Gallery.

In January, NHS art students will be invited to submit artwork to the Teen Visions Regional art competition, hosted by Sacred Heart University’s Department of Art & Design and sponsored by Jerry’s Artarama in Norwalk. The Opening Reception will be held Sunday January 31st at Sacred Heart University.

We wish our future award-winning students good luck!

Happy Holidays to all our NHS Families and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year from the Art Department!
From the Nurses Office

Flu Season is here!

Flu season has begun and you want to reduce the risk of coming down with the Flu.

To prevent the flu:
1 Get your flu vaccine.
2 Wash your hands (often and properly)
3 Cover your cough and sneeze
4 Avoid close contact with sick people
5 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a flu shot every year!
You cannot get the flu from the flu shot however, side effects sometimes mimic flu and other respiratory illnesses mimic flu. It takes 2 weeks to build up antibodies.
The strains are not always a match and effectiveness varies. Even though it's effectiveness varies, getting the vaccine is still the best way to protect yourself. You can get vaccinated later in the season and still see benefits. CDC does not recommend one type of vaccine over the other. Flu shots are usually covered by insurance whether you get them at your doctor or Norwalk Health Department. The Norwalk Health Department has flu clinics every Tuesday, from 1 pm - 3 pm.

AP Environment

The AP Environmental Students are involved in a recycling project.
They are collecting ANY used markers which we will send to Crayola to be recycled.
If you have any used markers that no longer work, we would be happy to take them off your hands!
Drop them off at Mr. Foldeak’s Room 101S.

https://www.crayola.com/colordesign.aspx
Norwalk High School Debating Bears

What's new with the Debate Team?

Coach Anthony Rodriguez of the Norwalk High School English Department lead the NHS Debating Bears to The Connecticut Debate Associations November Tournament, hosted at Wilton High School on November 16th and we had some impressive wins!

**Junior Varsity**

**Varsity**
Senior Catherine Sheehan placed 12th overall in points out of 178 total Varsity Debaters and the team of Catherine Sheehan and Julia Dufort defeated Staples in their first Varsity round of the day.

Our next opportunity to compete will be at the Connecticut Debate Associations January 11th Tournament at Fairfield Warde High School.
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If you want your name added to the email reminder list, please send an email to nhsfactfinder@outlook.com. Your comments and contributions are appreciated.

Core Values and Beliefs

Norwalk High School, a community of students, teachers, administrators and families, embraces its diversity and encourages intellectual curiosity.

We value a safe, accepting culture rooted in a rigorous, relevant curriculum rich with technology and artistic expression.

We must challenge students to become knowledgeable, ethical citizens capable of making independent and collaborative decisions in real-world settings.

We must prepare students for the social, civic, and technological demands of the 21st century in order to effectively participate in an ever-changing global society.