Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy February!

With midterms recently completed, second semester is in full swing! Soon, underclassmen will begin selecting courses for next school year, and in a few months, seniors will be walking across the graduation stage! Again this spring, 11th graders will sit for the SAT, the CT state test, on March 25th.

I would like to take a moment to remind students and parents of the importance of attendance and, specifically, of being on time. Students who are late to a class without a note will be marked tardy and, eventually, issued a consequence if there is a pattern. Students who come to class after ten minutes will be marked “tardy absent,” which also carries a consequence when the behavior is repetitive. Being in class from the beginning until the end is the only way a student can take full advantage of the learning process and doing so sets a standard of respect for the student, the teacher and fellow classmates. Thank you for your cooperation.

This year’s parent survey, the Panorama Survey, will open Tuesday February 4, and remain open until Friday, April 3. The survey has a new format, which will take under 10 minutes to complete, will give us a more accurate picture of parents’ perspectives. We’d like to have our best year ever for parent participation, so I’ll be sending periodic reminders for the next two months. You may access the survey by going to our website where the link will be prominently displayed under “Community” and “For Parents.”

Please stay as involved as ever in the ensuing months. Whether you attend a parent group, watch your son/daughter on the track, court, or field, or advocate through communication with your child’s teachers and counselors, you help make us successful.

We’re glad you’re here!

Reginald Roberts
Principal, Norwalk High School
(203) 838-4481
Senior Internships
Questions regarding Senior Internship should be sent directly to Dr. Moore: moorel@norwalkps.org
Future News: Senior Survey and Cap/Gown ordering
In the upcoming weeks, students will begin the process of graduation proceedings- ordering cap/gown, completing senior survey, student account payments, etc. Make sure that your students are on our Google Classroom for this important information:
Classroom Code: rkq1wg
Yearbooks
Attention, parents! 2020 yearbooks are for sale online now for $55. Please visit https://yearbookforever.com and purchase your copy of Reminiscentiae today. Want a book from a previous year? Check with Mrs. Barone, Yearbook Adviser, at baronek@norwalkps.org.
Questions regarding Senior Photo orders and yearbook should be directly sent to Mrs. Barone baronek@norwalkps.org

Senior Portraits
The yearbook only uses senior portraits from Prestige Portraits (a division of Lifetouch), so please make your appointment for a sitting today. All appointments will be made and modified on www.prestigeportraits.com. Each student has been issued a unique Confirmation Code for the website, which was sent home via postcard and also emailed to the Yearbook Adviser, Mrs. Barone.

NOTE: NEW CODES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AND ALL UPCOMING DATES SHOULD BE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION.
If students need assistance, they may see Mrs. Barone (214D) or call Prestige Portraits directly at 800-426-9533. Upcoming senior portrait dates are: January 21-24, February 10-12 (these will be in the public forum room). If students need assistance, they may see Mrs. Barone (214D) email at baronek@norwalkps.org or call Prestige Portraits directly at 800-426-9533.
Questions regarding Senior Photo orders and yearbook should be directly sent to Mrs. Barone baronek@norwalkps.org

PGP News
See the attached email from this year's PGP chairs about how you can help them acquire raffle prizes and silent auction items.
Also see order form for Yard Signs that are available for purchase.
Questions regarding PGP should be directly sent to Mrs. Ireland: mire3@optonline.net

Senior Prom
We are in the process of planning Senior Prom! More information to come:
Friday May 29, 2020
Loading Dock, 375 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford CT 06902
7-11pm
Pricing TBD
Class of 2020 Lawn Signs
$20.00 Each
Order Form

Student Name: ________________________ Advisory Room: ________
Address: _____________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________________
Payment: Check#_________________________ Cash: __________
Email Address: _______________________________________

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Return this form and your payment to: Ms. Ireland, Room A215
If you have any questions, contact Vicki at Perezv@optonline.net

Thank you for Supporting the Class of 2020!

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Thank you for Supporting the Class of 2020!
Dear NHS Parents/Guardians

As members of the Post Graduation Party Fundraising Committee- we are reaching out to you- to ask for your assistance in acquiring raffle prizes and silent auction items. Many of you have contacts with businesses, great ideas for items, or had previously been involved in your very successful middle school silent auctions and we would like to tap into the spirit. **If you know of the businesses on our previously targeted list, (listed below) or if you have another business that you frequent- Could you please take a moment and follow up with them about donating to our PGP.**

We are in need of raffle prizes and silent auction items to make our planned fundraising nights a major success. Raising approximately $25,000 to host the Post Graduation Party (PGP) for our seniors is not an easy task, however, if everyone can help just a bit (i.e. a gift card, a basket item, a phone call to someone you know from a business below, etc.), we will have this covered in no time.

Please contact businesses, gather those donations and get back to either myself Maureen Ireland (mire3@optonline.net), Michelle Suda (msuda05@optimum.net) or Susan Lanzarotto (susanlanzarotto@gmail.com). We greatly appreciate your help. **Below is the donation form that can be used to assure proper credit and recognition is given to the donator.**

Sincerely,
Maureen Ireland and Michelle Suda
Co-Chairs  PGP Fundraising Committee- Class of 2020-
Norwalk High School
23 Calving Murphy Drive
Norwalk, CT 06851
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NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL PGP 2020

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Contact Person: ________________________________

Phone #: ___________ Cell #: ___________

Email: _______________________________________

Website address: ______________________________________

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Donation:

Item: ____________________________________________

Value/Amount:____________________________________

Please make checks payable to NHS PGP 2020 and mail all donations to:

Norwalk High School PGP

c/o Michelle Suda

11 Ox Yoke Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851

Or, to have donations picked up, please contact Susan Lanzarotto:

Email: susanlanzarotto@gmail.com

Phone: 203-856-7213
Again this month, the NHS English Department is working on some exciting new things while maintaining the goals set last fall. The grade 9 Capstone exploration project is still underway and will be supported by research completed in social studies classes. Students have been reflecting on their interests and looking for patterns in the images, ideas and activities that tap into their passion(s). Several grade 10 classes are planning a trip to see To Kill a Mockingbird on Broadway in May and the Literary Magazine is accepting submissions throughout second quarter. Grade 11 students have begun discussing their options for Senior electives next year. Teachers have also been busy supporting Juniors in gaining skills that will help them improve their SAT scores this March. Grade 12 students are going to, any day now, start counting the days until graduation. However, there is still plenty of time for Seniors to apply for summer writing programs, enter writing contests, and seek scholarship opportunities.

Many Seniors are already set up in Spring internships as well.

As we enter Black History Month this weekend, students will be reading texts such as To Kill a Mockingbird, The Hate You Give, The Dew breaker, and Othello, among others = giving students much fodder for discussing race and community, politics and society. Read Across America is celebrated on February 28. Students may recall having guest readers join them in elementary school classrooms. In high school, however, we like to take this time to reinforce the value of reading as a lifelong habit and hobby. This year, the Norwalk High community will be pledging “20 for 20” - asking students to reading 20 new books in 2020. For those who want to truly free their minds from technology, Mrs. Strom, the English Dept Head, is challenging students to join her in attempting to read 50 new books in 2020. There is a plan in place to award readers with prizes throughout the duration of the year. Ms. Payton in the Library will also be making regular book recommendations, organizing book clubs and celebrating individual readers.

Any family members who wish to join in the challenge, put your phone down, head to the library and get reading. Maybe consider reading the same books along with your teen.

Post your reading or your recommendations on Instagram using #NHS20for20.
2020 marks the 12-year anniversary of the Norwalk STEM Travelers. We are pleased to announce our Spring 2021 tour destination to Iceland!

Our organization was founded in 2008 to facilitate and support global exploration in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The NST has toured locations such as Ecuador and the Galapagos, Costa Rica, Iceland, Greece, Belize, and South Africa, completing research for further application both in and outside the classroom.

Now included as an extra-curricular option in the Interdisciplinary Global Engagement Pathway, students completing a project along with our tour can be eligible to receive elective credit, work towards the fulfilment of their Capstone requirement, as well as receive a Certificate of Global Engagement from the State of Connecticut.

Our 2021 Iceland Tour informational meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30pm in the NHS Library.

For more information on the NHS STEM Travelers, past or present tours, please visit:

https://sites.google.com/norwalkps.org/thenorwalkstemtravelers/home
or contact Ms. Engle at: englec@norwalkps.org
This tour is open to all incoming 8th graders and NHS students, currently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.
Ms. Delong’s 4 winning students are:
**Sofia Cuevas**, Grade 10, Silver Key Award, Painting, “Impending Remorse”,
**Sanaiah Dickson**, Grade 12, Honorable Mention, Painting, “My Brother, DJ”.
**Eyesly Zuniga**, Grade 11, Gold Key Award, Drawing and Illustration, “Cucumber and Strawberry Salad”
**Eyesly Zuniga**, Grade 11, Honorable Mention, Painting, “Magic Shop”

Mrs. Ellett’s student **James Perez**, Grade 10, won an Honorable Mention award for his Mixed Media work titled “Foreign Love”.

Mr. Franco’s student **Daviann Broadie**, Grade 12, won an Honorable Mention award for her Photograph titled “Comfort In His Arms”.

Ms. Larson’s student **Kyle Peter**, Grade 12, won a Silver Key Award for his Drawing and Illustration titled “Vase and Shadow Study”.

Mr. DeSalvo’s student **Joel Valencia**, Grade 11, won a Silver Key Award for his Digital Art titled “Roaming Moose”.

**Congratulations to our NHS Scholastic Art Award winners!**
The 30th annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards is the largest juried student art exhibition in the state.
The Art Awards exhibit features select work from schools throughout CT in grades 7-12.
It is a high level exhibition and select Gold Key winners are invited to compete in the National Competition. Our Connecticut Regional Celebration Award Ceremony will be held Sunday January 26th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Hartford, Lincoln Theater. The 2020 Scholastic Art Show opens Sunday January 12 at the Hartford Art School, Silpe Gallery, University of Hartford. The show closes Friday January 31st. We are proud of all our students who submitted entries into the 2020 Scholastic Art Awards juried competition!

AND……..

**Congratulations to Ms. Larson’ student**
**Jennise Soto**, Grade 11, for winning a second-place award at the Teen Visions High School Art Competition at Sacred Heart University for her oil pastel drawing.
The judges viewed over 160 artworks from 18 regional high schools before awarding prizes!
This information is from the CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The first case in the United States was announced on January 21, 2020. There are ongoing investigations to learn more. **Novel Coronavirus is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China.**

At this time, it’s unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people.

**Symptoms:** Patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. CDC believes at this time that symptoms of 2019-nCoV may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 after exposure. This is based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of MERS viruses.

**How it Spreads:** Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people and then spread between people such as with MERS and SARS. When person-to-person spread has occurred with MERS and SARS, it is thought to have happened via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts. It’s important to note that how easily a virus spreads person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so. It’s not clear yet how easily 2019-nCoV spreads from person-to-person.

**Prevention:** There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Right now, 2019-nCoV has not been found to be spreading in the United States, so there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public to take. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including: • **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. • **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands. • **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick. • **Stay home** when you are sick. • **Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. • **Clean and disinfect frequently** touched objects and surfaces. CDC does have specific guidance for travelers.

**Treatment:** There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for 2019-nCoV infection.

**These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses.**

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203 899-2815 fax
Kevin M. Eidt Chapter
Norwalk High School National Honor Society

Induction Timeline

- **February 6th**  
  Passes distributed to eligible juniors during advisory for a meeting the following period (3B). Criteria for selection can be found on the Norwalk High School website under Announcements

- **February 10th**  
  Applications available for pick-up

- **February 20th**  
  Application submission deadline (no exceptions)

- **March 12th**  
  Letters sent to accepted applicants and parents

- **March 26th**  
  Induction Rehearsal

- **March 27th**  
  Induction Ceremony

Ms. Todeschini & Mr. Fernandez
Kevin’s Fund Legacy Scholarships

2021 marks the start of the 25th year of the founding of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund, (Kevin's Fund). During 2021, five milestone events will mark Kevin's life and his legacy extended for a quarter century.

To commemorate the Fund's longevity and these milestones, Kevin's Fund will be awarding up to $25,000 of Legacy Scholarships. Legacy Scholarships will be awarded for ideas, adopted by a designated organization, which promote awareness of the 25-year relationship between Kevin's Fund and/or the five milestones. The designated organizations are:

- Boston College Emergency Medical Services
- City of Norwalk
- Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Norwalk High School
- Norwalk High School Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society
- Norwalk High School Marching Band
- Norwalk Public Schools
- St. Jerome Youth Group

The scholarship program timeline follows:

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The individual submitting the best proposal for each designated organization, as determined by the Fund's Selection Committee, and enacted by the designated organization during the 2020-2021 academic year, will receive a $2,500 scholarship. In addition, every other proposal approved by the Selection Committee and implemented by the designated organization, will receive a $1,000 scholarship. In case of duplicate proposals, the one received first is eligible for consideration.

Anyone is eligible to submit one or more suggestions for one or more designated organizations and receive one or more scholarships. A scholarship recipient not in, nor planning to attend a US college, university or graduate school, may transfer the rights to the scholarship to any individual attending or planning to attend a qualified institution, by notifying the Fund in writing.

All scholarships awarded by Kevin's Fund must be made to a US not for profit college, university or graduate school.

Scholarships for one or more designated organizations may not be awarded if the proposals received do not fulfill the purpose intended or the designated organization does not implement the Fund's recommended proposal.

Electronic submissions must be sent to: KevinsFund@aol.com. Hard copy submissions must be mailed to:

Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship
Attn: 25th Legacy Scholarship
7 Bumblebee Lane
Norwalk, CT 06851

To download the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund 25th Legacy Scholarship Proposal Form, please visit the Norwalk High School website under Announcements or see Ms. Todeschini in 305B.
Congratulations to Norwalk High School! Mr. Robert DiPalma, owner of an Exxon Mobil Gas Station, in Norwalk, CT, nominated NHS for the 2019 Educational Alliance Award. Global Companies, LLC, Waltham, MA, of which Exxon, is a subsidiary approved Mr. DiPalma’s application as well as granted Norwalk High $500 to be used for the maintenance and support of Math and/or Science. What a perfect way to begin the New Year!

Many thanks to Mr. DiPalma and Global Companies.
Fact Finder Newsletter - February 2020
Norwalk High Schools' Newsletter for Parents
23 Calvin Murphy Drive, Norwalk, CT 06851
Phone: 203-838-4481, Fax: 203-899-2815
norwalkps.org

If you have news or would like to contribute information for the next newsletter, please send an email to the editor of the newsletter, Mr. Anthony Rodriguez at nhsfactfinder@outlook.com.

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.