

NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear NHS Families:

Welcome—or welcome back!

Amid so many changes in our world, we are still committed to making this year a successful learning experience for all students and we've put in place a variety of health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of all our families and staff.

Relative to learning and safety, students will be able to access instruction in either a remote model or in a hybrid model. Students who've chosen the remote model will access instruction from their laptops, which we provide, every day. Students who've chosen the hybrid model will come to NHS on two days and then learn from home for two days (and then the rotation repeats); we've organized these students into two groups, an A group and a B group, with no more than 14 students in a classroom. For example, the first two weeks of school will look like this:

Labor Day	Tues., Sept. 8	Wed., Sept. 9	Thurs., Sept. 10	Fri., Sept. 11
No school	A group in school	A group in school	B group in school	B group in school
Mon., Sept. 14	Tues., Sept. 15	Wed., Sept. 16	Thurs., Sept. 17	Rosh Hashanah
A group in school	A group in school	B group in school	B group in school	No School

A group: Students with last names A – Lopez
B group: Students with last names Lorrius – Z

Start time, day, and busing:

This year, high schools start at 8:30 am and end at 3 pm.
The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 8th.
Bus information will be mailed directly to families.

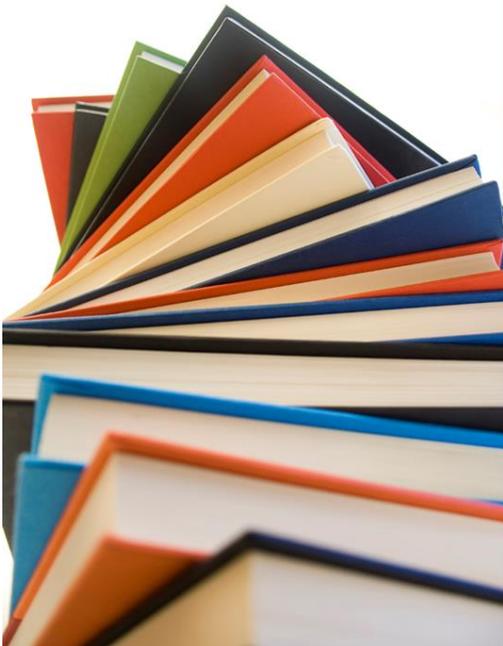
Schedules:

On Sept.4, PowerSchool will be open so that students can see their schedules and their Advisory rooms. On Sept. 8, students attending NHS in person will report to their Advisory rooms at 8:30 am. Schedule changes will only be accommodated if the schedule is incorrect, if there is a course prerequisite or credit deficiency, or if there is a conflict.

Freshman Orientation:

Our in-person Freshman Orientation for students choosing the hybrid model is next Tuesday, Sept. 1. For students who are remote or unable to attend, the video link of the information session will be forthcoming. The link referenced in the graphic below is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48ADA92EA3FB6-freshmen>



WELCOME Class of 2024

Freshmen Orientation

When: Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Where: Norwalk High School (Main Entrance)
Who's Invited: 1st Year, 9th Grade Students (**Hybrid Students Only**)

Please join us for a 45 minute, in-person, orientation and tour of Norwalk High School. Come and learn all about your new school and the overall high school experience; the Norwalk High School way! During your informational session, you will learn about our traditions, become familiar with the campus and you will even have the chance to meet teachers, counselors and administrators during your exploration. This event is open to the first 100 1st Year, 9th Grade Students who sign-up. Please follow the link to reserve your spot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f48a8af2aa1f94-freshman>

*This experience is for students only.

Masks, screening, and seating:

- Students must wear masks at all times. I've attached a *PDF* showing which masks are allowed and which are prohibited. When they arrive at school, students will be directed to several entrances where there will be a screening table with NHS staff.
- At the screening table, students will hand us the health screener you've completed. I've attached the screener in *PDF* form, and we will provide copies of the health screener for you to complete at home.
- Students will then be directed to their first period classrooms, to several seating areas for breakfast, and to several hallway seating areas. All desks in classrooms as well as in the seating areas are spaced six feet apart.

Cleaning:

Custodians will perform a sanitizing cleaning every day and clean all restrooms and high-touch areas several times each day on a schedule.

Every room has hand sanitizer on the wall.

Every classroom room has a UV HEPA filter in it.

Movement:

Transitions between classes will be announced over the intercom with sections of the building being released one at a time.

Dismissal at the end of the day will be announced over the intercom by bus number.

Hallways and stairwells go in one direction; signage will show students the direction to go.

Parking:

Students who park on campus are required to register their cars in B House. Please see attached *PDF*.

Involvement:

I encourage all parents to participate in any of our parent organizations.

Parents Club: NHSpaentsclub.org: Attn: Ms. Carpio or Ms. Nuzzo (info@nhspaentsclub.org)

Marching Bears, Inc. (MBI): nhsband.com: Attn: Mr. Remson (presidentmbi@gmail.com)

African American Parents Outreach: Attn: Ms. Haynie (haynies@norwalkps.org)

Hispanic Parents' Group: Attn: Ms. Berrios (berriosy@norwalkps.org)

School Governance Council: Attn: Reginald Roberts (robertsr@norwalkps.org)

Communication:

You will receive an email every Thursday from the NHS Main office/Ms. Scicchitano (scicchitanom@norwalkps.org). These emails are sent to the email address of the primary guardian for your children.

You will receive messages from me through PowerSchool Messenger and pertinent information will be posted on the NHS homepage.

Again this year, you will have access to real-time grades/attendance through the PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal. Please use it! When you have questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact the school.

We welcome the following new staff to NHS:

Jenna Albano: Health and Physical Education dept.

Emily Banks: EL dept.

Christina Brattoli Speech and Language Pathologist

Maria Diaz: Social Studies dept.

Jose Irias: EL dept.

Rashmi Joshi: Science dept.

Caroline Kobierowski: Science dept.

Wellesley Purcell: English dept.
Samantha Latulippe: English dept.
Nicholas Pelzer: EL dept.
Robert Romano: Special Education dept.
Naomi Salemea: Special Education dept.
Sara Sicono: Art dept.

I hope you've enjoyed this most unusual summer and are as eager as I am to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Reginald Roberts,
Principal