



# NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear NHS Staff, Students, and Families:

Thank you all so much for your hard work all year long. I am so proud of our school community for pulling together to support student learning and well-being during such a difficult time. Each one of you – students, staff, and family members – has my deepest respect. I wish you all a restful and peaceful summer. Please read on for a few updates and announcements:

**Juneteenth:** June 19 is the day that our nation celebrates Juneteenth, the holiday recognizing the day that slavery officially ended in the United States. This recognizes the day that all African-Americans enslaved in Texas were informed of their freedom, which happened two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. This is also a day that many of us may not have learned about in our formal schooling. I have attached the following [Teaching Juneteenth](#) resource, which provides detailed background information on the history of this day and additional links to learn more about Juneteenth to foster learning and discussion with our young adults. It is applicable for students, educators, and families. Thank you for participating in these important discussions and learning experiences.

**Student Grades:** Student grades for term four and final grades for the year will be published for students and families on Monday June 21 in the Aspen portal.

**Summer School:** Guidance counselors are in the process of contacting students who require summer school for credit recovery purposes. This year we have two summer school sessions. Session 1 runs in person from June 22-25 – students who receive between a 60-64% in an individual class are eligible. Session 2 is a longer session or students who scored below a 60% and need more extensive credit recovery. This session begins in July and consists of online coursework with in person support available.

**Student Schedules:** Students can expect to receive their course schedule for the 2021-22 school year in August. Prior to the start of the school year, there will be time to work with school counselors as needed to answer any questions regarding course schedules.

**Health and Safety Precautions:** We will continue to monitor updates from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regarding any health and safety precautions or recommendations that may need to be in place during the 2021-22 school year. Right now, things look pretty promising for a very typical start to the school year. The information that DESE has provided to date states that all students will be expected to be in person full time at the start of the school year. Hooray!!!

**Pfizer 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Clinic:** We are pleased to announce through our partnership with Pelmeds Pharmacy the second clinic for the two-dose Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination for our students, staff ages 12, and up.

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Location: Norwood High School dining hall/cafeteria

Appointments can be reserved by utilizing this link: Norwood High

School: <https://calendly.com/pelmedscovid/norwood-high-school?month=2021-06>

Again, I want to reiterate how much I appreciate the patience, flexibility, and dedication of all involved. This year has presented many challenges, and the NHS community has risen to them time and time again.

With Gratitude,

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