



Dear NHS Students and Families,

We are so excited to welcome all of our students to NHS Wednesday September 6 to kick off the school year. At this point, student schedules are in excellent shape and we are ready to rock. I wanted to provide a few important updates and reminders in advance of the first day for you.

School Hours: School hours for the school year are 8:15 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Students may report any time after 7:50 a.m. Any student arriving to first block after 8:15 a.m. must enter through the main entrance and check into the main office.

Student Pick Up/Drop Off: In the morning, students may enter the building from the main entrance (Door #1) or from door #17 in the rear of the building. If you are dropping off or picking up your student, please remember to either use the drop off lane behind the building up to door 17, or the drop off lane on Nichols St. Please pull up as far as possible. Please do not drop off directly in the bus lane in front of the school, or in the staff or visitor lots at any point in time.

First Day Schedule: Students will follow their typical Wednesday schedule on the first day of school. Students should look at the first block of their Wednesday order of classes, and report to that room before 8:15 a.m.

Bus Information: Please visit the Norwood Public Schools website for updated information all information regarding bus transportation, including bus stop information and pick up/drop off times.

Back To School/Meet the Teachers Night: Please save the date for the annual NHS Meet the Teachers Night on Thursday September 21 from 6-8 PM. During this time, parents/guardians can follow their student's schedule and hear a brief overview from the teacher about each class.

Food Services: Across the state of Massachusetts, breakfast and lunch will once again be free to all students this school year. NHS students will enter their school ID number at the register when picking up breakfast or lunch. Please thank a school food services worker and your custodians for all of their hard work when you see them.

Attendance Reminders: Consistent student attendance is critical for academic success. Unexcused absences (even from a single class due to being tardy or dismissed) and tardies can hinder progress. As unexcused absences accumulate, they can result in loss of academic credit, retention, or even court involvement depending on a student's age. If a student needs to be out due to illness, a family emergency, or an extenuating circumstance, please submit the proper documentation that will allow the school to excuse the absence. If a dismissal is needed, please send a note at the beginning of the day or come into the school in person to dismiss your student. Phone calls for dismissal are reserved for emergencies only.

Chromebook Reminder: This is a general reminder that as part of our 1-1 technology program and user agreement, only school issued Chromebooks may be used in Norwood Public Schools. Outside devices (tablets, laptops) are not allowed in school. Each day, students should bring a fully charged NPS issued Chromebook in its protective case.

That's all for now. I will follow up before next week with another update. We look forward to welcoming you back. See you soon!

Best,

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