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**Our best. Your best.**

Dear Parent/Guardian and Northview High School Student:

We are truly excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at Northview High School. Whether you are new to the district, new to the high school or longtime resident, we are looking forward to another successful school year. We have much to be thankful for in regards to our perseverance, community support, outstanding staff, students and families. Our school district includes families and residents that span the continuum as it relates to differences in socio-economics, ethnicity, gender, political beliefs, etc. Please know that we welcome, value and respect all of our students and families. We appreciate that you trust us with your most valuable gifts... your children. We take that responsibility very seriously and will try our best every day to offer them guidance, support, encouragement, and compassionate accountability in a safe environment.

We also need your help as parents/guardians and the assistance of our students when it comes to partnering together to make our school as safe and successful as possible. Just like in all families, there will undoubtedly be obstacles, challenges and differences of opinions at times. It is inevitable with roughly 1200 teenagers, 150 staff members and a few thousand parents and guardians. That is why it is so important for our school staff and parents to presume positive intentions as best as possible in order to better understand other perspectives in the process of mediating differences and finding shared solutions.

This newsletter contains a myriad of informational items to hopefully assist you in successfully preparing for the upcoming school year. Please take the time to read the information and share key dates and material with your student. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via phone at 616-363-4857 or visit the high school website at <https://nvps.net/high-school/> for additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Thomas  
Principal

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**MON, AUG. 28TH**

School hours:

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**

**7:25am-2:30pm**

**WEDNESDAY (delayed start)**

**8:25am-2:30pm**

Click here [2023-2024 District-Calendar](#)

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**WED., AUG. 30TH - 7:00-8:00PM**

Additional details will be emailed closer to the date.

## **FRESHMAN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**TUE., AUG. 22ND - 10:00AM-1:00PM**

Freshman and new student orientation is optional for students to attend. The high school will be open for students to drop by anytime to walk around, find their classes and lockers. Northview students and staff will be available to assist students. Various clubs and organizations will also have information in the cafeteria. **Student schedules will be available to view on Sun., Aug. 20th on their *StudentVue* account.** If needed, schedules can be printed. There will not be a formal presentation on this day. School pictures will take place during school on **Tue., Sep. 19th.**

## **SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS**

Student schedules have very little flexibility for changes. In order for students to adjust their schedule for any reason, they **MUST** complete the [Schedule Adjustment Form 2023-24](#) beginning on **Mon., Aug. 28th.** Counselors will contact students to facilitate the schedule process and make changes starting on **Mon., Aug. 28th.** The Schedule Adjustment Period and the form will close at the end of the school day on **Thu. Sep. 1.**

Students may request a schedule change for only the following reasons:

- Inappropriate placement (incorrect grade level of class)
- Incomplete schedule: missing a class/hour (do not have 6 hours)
- Course(s) completed during summer school
- Seniors missing a graduation requirement
- Work Experience
- Dual Enrollment
- Online course for in person students (MVU)

**There will be no schedule changes to request teachers or lunch.**

## **FRESHMAN STUDENT-PARENT HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION MEETING**

**TUE., SEP. 12TH - 6:00PM, NHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)**

This meeting will include orientation to the high school, Michigan Merit Curriculum, Northview graduation requirements, clubs and activities, plus other information for a successful high school career.

## **SENIOR STUDENT/PARENT WORKSHOP**

**TUE., SEP. 12TH - 7:00PM, NHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)**

This Workshop will include topics on post-secondary options and opportunities, along with an overview of the application process. The goal of the meeting is to help students transition successfully to post high school education. Workforce Certifications, 2 year, and 4 year college options and application processes will be discussed. Workshop will start in the Performing Arts Center. Additional details will be emailed at a later date.

## **PARENTVUE & STUDENTVUE**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*ALL STUDENT RECORDS must be reviewed digitally through *ParentVue*.**

This will include updating student or family information, signing our annual concussion form and signing the technology agreement. Click [HERE](#) for instructions and details on how to complete your students' information. For additional questions, please email [techsupport@nvps.net](mailto:techsupport@nvps.net)

## **CANVAS**

Northview Public Schools will continue to use Canvas as our learning platform.

## **CHROMEBOOK DEVICE PROTECTION**

We are happy to continue our partnership with SCHOOL DEVICE COVERAGE for all students in grades 3-12 to help protect accidental damage, loss, or theft to school issued devices. The cost is \$26. To sign up and/or learn more about this program, please click [here](#).

## **BAND BOOSTERS**

### **FIRST MEETING - TUE., AUG. 15TH - 7:00PM, High School Band Room**

The Boosters work to keep our instrumental music programs strong and vital. **Northview is one of the only non-pay to play state qualifying marching bands in the state.** Although there is not a fee, there still is a tremendous cost to raise in order for this to continue. This is where you can come into play! At the high school level, we support the band with equipment, staff, clinicians, scholarships and people power. **Please take some time to look around our website**, <https://www.northviewbandboosters.net/> and our Facebook page. You will find concert information, marching band forms/permission slips, meeting dates and Patron Drive information and forms. Donating to our Patron Drive at the family level is one important way you can be involved with the band. Please come to our first meeting of the school year on **Tue., Aug. 15th at 7:00pm** in the high school band room to hear about other ways to become involved. We need everyone's help to maintain our excellent music programs! "Like" us on Facebook as well to keep up on all the latest band info.

## **VOCAL MUSIC NEWS**

A new year of music-making is nearly upon us and the Northview Vocal Music program is excited for energy-filled concerts, musical connection, and lifelong memories! We have four main concerts throughout the year with various other performances sprinkled throughout. If you're singing in one of our choirs this year, please block off these dates as *required* performances. If you're an audience member, we would love you to come and enjoy our music!

### **This year's performances in the Max Colley Jr. PAC:**

**Coffee Concert** - Sun., Oct. 22nd @ 3:00pm

**Holiday Concert** - Sat., Dec. 16th @ 3:00pm

**Festival of Music** - Tue., Feb. 20th @ 7:30pm

**Pops Concert** - Tue., May 7th *and* Wed., May 8th @ 7:30pm

In order to keep our concerts at the caliber that Northview has come to expect, the growing Vocal Music program has a lot of expenses. The district provides \$2,000 each year to fund the sheet music for the choirs, but there are *thousands* of extra dollars needed for our accompanist, Diane, our other hired instrumentalists, clinicians, travel, uniforms, registration fees, choreographers, and so much more. If you'd like to help with some of these expenses, please consider being a patron of our program. Even the smallest donations can go a long way and your contribution will go directly to our Vocal Boosters whose only goal is to provide opportunities for our singing students. **Please send donations to the "Northview Vocal Music Boosters" at 4451 Hunsberger Ave. NE or visit our website, [northviewvocalmusic.com](http://northviewvocalmusic.com) for more information.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact director Jack Phillipson at [jphillipson@nvps.net](mailto:jphillipson@nvps.net). We look forward to sharing our music with you!

## **YEARBOOK**

**Purchase Options-** Order a book online and pay with a credit card at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Simply search for Northview High School in Grand Rapids, MI. Pay with credit card. Hard copy forms for check/cash payment will be available at the high school main office or directly from Mr. Howe. The books are sold at ten dollar discount for the first few months of the school year. The sooner you order, the cheaper the expense!

**Senior Photos-** ALL seniors are offered the opportunity to have a self chosen portrait picture of themselves placed in the yearbook. Senior photos are due **Oct. 31st**. Pictures can be emailed to [seniorpics@nvps.net](mailto:seniorpics@nvps.net) or hard copy delivered directly to Mr. Howe. If seniors choose not to send in a photo, make sure to show up for a school picture on picture day! We will use the school picture. If a senior hands in no photo and has no school photo, they risk not being placed in their senior yearbook.

-Vertically (portrait) oriented senior pictures only please.

-A simple head and shoulders face shot always looks best in the yearbook. Cars/pets/precious other things should be left out of the photo. The picture size in the yearbook is too small to capture the quality of even a full body shot. Picture head size (from hair to chin) looks best when it is about the size of a quarter.

-If you submit a horizontal (landscape) oriented photo, it will be cropped and will look different than the original in the yearbook.

-Professional studios usually have a turn around time of 1 month or more, so plan accordingly.

-Do not submit pictures with a student name or graduation year printed on the photo.

-Digital photos may be submitted on a USB flash drive or by attachment to an email. **ALL DIGITAL PHOTO'S SHOULD BE .JPG FORMAT IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY/RESOLUTION POSSIBLE.**

-Print the student's name on the back of the photo. If sent via email attachment, or on CD/DVD, USB flash drive please put the name in the message part of the email or on the CD/DVD, USB flash drive itself.

**Senior Quotes** - All seniors should email a quote they are particularly fond of, along with who created it, if not original, to [seniorquotes@nvps.net](mailto:seniorquotes@nvps.net) by Halloween, **Oct. 31st**.

**Senior "PARENT DISPLAY OF AFFECTION ADS" (PDA'S)-** Senior parents have the opportunity to create a tribute post to their graduating senior to be placed in the back of their senior yearbook for all to see! We count on the financial support from these PDA ads to help publish the yearbook. You can pay and create it online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Search Northview High School and then follow the links to "senior tribute ad." It will allow you to access easy to use publishing software where you can upload pictures of your graduating senior and type them a text message. Ads come in business card, ¼, ½, and full page sizes. Sizes/Prices/Examples are listed on the website. If you know which size you want, you can also create a "PDA" ad manually by sending text, pictures and payment directly to Mr. Howe via email and/or in person. PDA's are due **Jan. 15th**.

## **CLASS of 2026 SOPHOMORE and 2027 FRESHMAN FUNDRAISER**

Hello families of future 2026 and 2027 graduates! Our names are Megan Porter (freshman faculty advisor) and Tanya Lockwood (sophomore faculty advisor) and we have the privilege of being your student's Class Advisors. In lieu of doing a handful of traditional fundraisers like we've all done in the past, the Freshman and Sophomore Fundraiser are going to be FAST with NO hassle on your part. There are only so many chocolate boxes we can consume in a year ;)

**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** In order to be able to secure the necessary funds for your

student's class (like prom!!), **please send in cash or a check of \$30.00** (less than \$10 for each year). Please send your fundraiser payment by **Sep. 30th** with checks **payable to: Northview Public Schools, Attn: Megan Porter (freshmen) OR Attn: Tanya Lockwood (sophomores)**

That's it! Then you are **DONE** for the rest of your student's high school tenure. Thank you in advance for your contribution and support. It's going to be a fantastic next few years!

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

The following list will help you prepare for the following school year.

- Composition book or spiral notebook for each core class (English, social studies, science, and math)
- Pocket folders for each class or a 3-ring binder with section dividers
- Pencils, pens

Optional but helpful items:

- Highlighters
- Sticky notes
- Colored pencils
- 3 x 5 lined index cards
- Whiteboard markers (red, blue, green, black)

Calculator Information

- All high school students will need a calculator for classroom use. Students enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry will need a scientific calculator (TI-36xX Pro is NOT allowed). Students enrolled in all other math classes will need a TI-83, TI-83+, TI-84 or TI-84+. (TI-89 and TI-92 are NOT allowed).

### **MEDICATION FORM**

This form is only required for students taking medication during school hours. All medication must be held in the main office. Please complete the [Medication Form](#) and return to the high school main office to have it on file.

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM**

Northview High School has numbered parking stickers that will be displayed in the lower left portion of the windshield or lower left of the rear window. This sticker will allow school officials quick access to vehicle owner/driver information and help with the security of our parking areas. The stickers will be provided FREE of charge from Northview Public Schools. Students need to complete the form at [Vehicle Registration Form](#) before receiving their parking sticker.

### **FOOD SERVICE**

Information is available at [Northview Food Service](#). Please note that there are regulations from the USDA that affect our ability to extend credit on student accounts. Please help us by monitoring your child's account at <https://www.familyportal.cloud> to ensure they keep a positive balance.

### **NORTHVIEW RESIDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION**

All students planning to ride the bus must be registered before school begins. Information is available at [Northview Transportation](#) (click on *2023-24 Registration* in the red box). The Transportation Department will send out an email (newsletter) the week of Aug. 14th with important details and finalized times. Including KCTC transportation information.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **PARENT/ATHLETE MEETING**

**MON., AUG. 14TH - 6:00PM - High School Performing Arts Center**

Parents/guardians and students should plan to attend the Parent/Athlete meeting on **Mon., Aug. 14th at 6:00pm** in the high school PAC. ***NOTE: This meeting is for all students and parents who plan on playing a fall, winter or spring sport.***

## **August 7th Practice Schedule**

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Boys CC	V	7-Aug	8:00-9:30 am	Front of NHS	J. Wojciakowski	jwojciakowski@nvps.net
Boys Soccer	V, JV	7-Aug	3:00-4:30 pm	Wildcat Stadium	TJ Vanslooten	vanslotj@umich.edu
Boys Tennis	V, JV	7-Aug	9:00-11:15 am	NHS tennis courts	Seth Howe	showe@nvps.net
Cheer	V	7-Aug	3:00-5:00 pm	NHS Café	Nikki Van Timmeren	nikkivantimmeren@gmail.com
	JV	7-Aug	3:30-5:30	NHS Track	Neala Jakobson-Dicks	neala2004@yahoo.com
Football	V, JV, F	7-Aug	8:00-2:00 pm	NHS Athletic Wing	Ryan Oshnock	roshnock@nvps.net
Football				Bring a lunch		
Girls CC	V	7-Aug	8:00-9:30 am	Front of NHS	Holly Chapin	hchapin@nvps.net
		7-Aug			Emily Coscarelli	ecoscarelli@nvps.net
Girls Golf	V, JV	7-Aug	7:30-11:00 am	Boulder Creek	Jim Haveman	jhaveman@nvps.net
Girls Swim/Dive	V	7-Aug	8:00-10:30 am	NHS Pool	Rob Damuth	rdamuth@nvps.net
Volleyball	V, JV	7-Aug	4:30-7:30 pm	NHS Main Gym	Taylor Rich	trich@nvps.net
	9	7-Aug	2:00-4:00 pm	NHS Main Gym	Joylynn Kelly	jkelly@nvps.net

## **ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

### **FIRST MEETING - MON., AUG. 21ST - 7:00PM, High School PE classroom**

The Athletic Boosters is looking for new Booster members for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a great way to get involved in getting to know coaches, other parents, and helping to improve uniforms, equipment, and other athletics-related items around the Northview community.

Northview is one of the few non-pay-to-play districts in Michigan, therefore the Athletic Boosters play an integral part in helping with supplement funds to keep all sports programs thriving. Join us at our next meeting on **Mon., Aug. 21st at 7:00pm in the High School PE classroom**

(located next to the Fitness Center) to see what we are all about. Email

[northviewathleticboosters@gmail.com](mailto:northviewathleticboosters@gmail.com) with any questions. See you at the concession stand!