



**WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO**  
**HIGH SCHOOL NORTH**  
**"Home of the Northern Knights"**

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Dear Members of the Class of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and Parents/Guardians:

I am truly excited to welcome you to (and back to) West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, for the 2021-22 school year. I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy. The school and District have spent much time this summer preparing for our return to full-day, in-person learning and we are excited to see everyone next month. I recognize the start of this school year will still be unique in many ways but I am looking forward to seeing our Northern Knights returning to campus. While things may still look, feel and be a bit different, I am confident that together, we can ensure a school year filled with fun, challenge and positive growth for students.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that we have faced a lot together through these recent times. While I am optimistic about the upcoming school year, I know there will be much work to be done as individuals and a school community. I would ask each of you to work together to support each other academically, socially and emotionally. I can assure you that the High School North administration, faculty and staff are here to support all of you. We anxiously await your arrival and look forward to working with you over the 2021-2022 school year!

**The first day of school is Wednesday, Sept. 8.** This will be a full day of school (Z Day) where students will attend all of their classes, periods 1-8 in that order. Lunch on the first day will take place before or after 5th block/period (note: this is only for the first day of school which is a Z Day). You will find the Z Day schedule further into this letter, after lunch schedules. **Please remember you must wear your mask, practice social distancing protocols and bring your Chromebook with a full charge.**

**Bell Schedule:**

As we resume full-day, in-person instruction this year, there are some changes to the bell schedule. The largest change we will see is in the lunch schedule where we are moving from the one unit lunch for all students to a two-lunch format where lunch takes place either before or after the fourth block. See below for the bell schedule and then below that for more explanation of the changes to student lunches.

**2021-2022 HS Bell Schedules:**

	Full Day		Delayed Opening		Early Dismissal Day	
Block	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
1	7:40	8:50	9:10	9:55	7:40	8:20
2	8:55	9:50	10:00	10:45	8:25	9:05
3	9:55	10:50	10:50	11:35	9:10	9:50
Early Lunch	10:54	11:35	11:39	12:20	9:55	10:35
4	11:40	12:35	12:25	1:10		
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4	10:55	11:50	11:40	12:25		
Late Lunch	11:54	12:35	12:29	1:10		
5	12:40	1:35	1:15	2:00	10:40	11:20
6	1:40	2:50	2:05	2:50	11:25	12:05

**Lunch Schedules:**

As you may know, in order to safely accommodate all of our returning students during lunch, we have moved away from the traditional unit lunch that North has implemented for a number of years. We have moved to a two-lunch format that can be found below in an effort to allow students more space when eating. Students and staff will eat lunch based on the class they have each day of the rotation during the fourth block. **Students should keep in mind that the time they eat lunch (Early or Late) could change each day as your assigned lunch time is dependent upon what course/subject you have fourth block.** Given the nature of the rotating schedule, your fourth block class on A day will be different than your fourth block class on B day, etc.

While this is something new, I am sure that students and staff will adjust well, keeping in mind this is being done to help keep students and staff safe as we come back to school this year. Seniors who have ‘Open Campus’ privileges may eat off campus during their lunch period.

Please see below for lunch times and what classes/subjects will tentatively eat “Early” lunch (10:54-11:35 a.m.) and “Late” lunch (11:54 a.m.-12:35 p.m.).

Given class scheduling is still subject to change, the following schedule is tentative by class/subject:

**Early Lunch:** Students who attend class in the following content areas on a given day in the ABCD rotation will eat lunch ‘early’ from 10:54-11:35 a.m. with fourth block class taking place after (11:40 a.m.-12:35 p.m.)

**Science, Social Studies, Study Hall, World Language**

\*Typically, study hall takes place in the lower dining hall. If/when a student has a study hall during the fourth block, they should attend this class in the theater given lunches will take place in the dining halls.

**Early Lunch Block Schedule**

<b>Block</b>	<b>A Day</b>	<b>B Day</b>	<b>C Day</b>	<b>D Day</b>
1	Period 4 7:40 - 8:50	Period 3 7:40 - 8:50	Period 2 7:40 - 8:50	Period 1 7:40 - 8:50
2	Period 1 8:55 - 9:50	Period 4 8:55 - 9:50	Period 3 8:55 - 9:50	Period 2 8:55 - 9:50
3	Period 2 9:55 - 10:50	Period 4 9:55 - 10:50	Period 4 9:55 - 10:50	Period 3 9:55 - 10:50
Early Lunch	10:54 - 11:35	10:54 - 11:35	10:54 - 11:35	10:54 - 11:35
4	Period 8 11:40 - 12:35	Period 7 11:40 - 12:35	Period 6 11:40 - 12:35	Period 5 11:40 - 12:35
5	Period 5 12:40 - 1:35	Period 8 12:40 - 1:35	Period 7 12:40 - 1:35	Period 6 12:40 - 1:35
6	Period 6 1:40 - 2:50	Period 5 1:40 - 2:50	Period 8 1:40 - 2:50	Period 7 1:40 - 2:50

**Late Lunch:** Students who attend class in the following content areas on a given day in the ABCD rotation will eat lunch 'late' from **11:54 a.m.-12:35 p.m. with fourth block class taking place prior to lunch (10:55 a.m.-11:50 p.m.)**

**Math, Health/Phys. Ed, Language Arts, Art, Comp Sci, Life Skills**

**\*\*\*The following departments/classes still need to be confirmed for a lunch designation:**

**Engineering, Radio, Journalism, AVID, Music**

**⊕Late Lunch Block Schedule**

<b>Block</b>	<b>A Day</b>	<b>B Day</b>	<b>C Day</b>	<b>D Day</b>
1	Period 4 7:40 - 8:50	Period 3 7:40 - 8:50	Period 2 7:40 - 8:50	Period 1 7:40 - 8:50
2	Period 1 8:55 - 9:50	Period 4 8:55 - 9:50	Period 3 8:55 - 9:50	Period 2 8:55 - 9:50
3	Period 2 9:55 - 10:50	Period 1 9:55 - 10:50	Period 4 9:55 - 10:50	Period 3 9:55 - 10:50
4	Period 8 10:55 - 11:50	Period 7 10:55 - 11:50	Period 6 10:55 - 11:50	Period 5 10:55 - 11:50
Late Lunch	11:54 - 12:35	11:54 - 12:35	11:54 - 12:35	11:54 - 12:35
5	Period 5 12:40 - 1:35	Period 8 12:40 - 1:35	Period 7 12:40 - 1:35	Period 6 12:40 - 1:35
6	Period 6 1:40 - 2:50	Period 5 1:40 - 2:50	Period 8 1:40 - 2:50	Period 7 1:40 - 2:50

	<b>1st Day of School: Z Day</b>	
<b>Pd. 1: 7:40 - 8:24</b>		
<b>Pd. 2: 8:29 - 9:13</b>		
<b>Pd. 3: 9:18 - 10:02</b>		
<b>Pd. 4: 10:06 -10:50</b>		
<b>Pd. 5: 10:54 - 12:24</b>	<p align="center"><b>Early Lunch</b>  <b>If you have Science, Social Studies, Study Hall, World Language during Pd. 5 you eat lunch before class.</b></p>	<b>Pd. 5 Class</b>
	<b>10:54-11:35</b>	<b>11:40-12:24</b>
	<b>Pd. 5 Class</b>	<p align="center"><b>Late Lunch</b>  <b>If you have Math, Health/PE, Lang. Arts, Art, Computer Sci, Life Skills during Pd. 5 you eat lunch after class.</b></p>
	<b>10:54-11:39</b>	<b>11:43-12:24</b>
<b>Pd. 6: 12:29 - 1:13</b>		
<b>Pd. 7: 1:18 - 2:02</b>		
<b>Pd. 8: 2:06 - 2:50</b>		

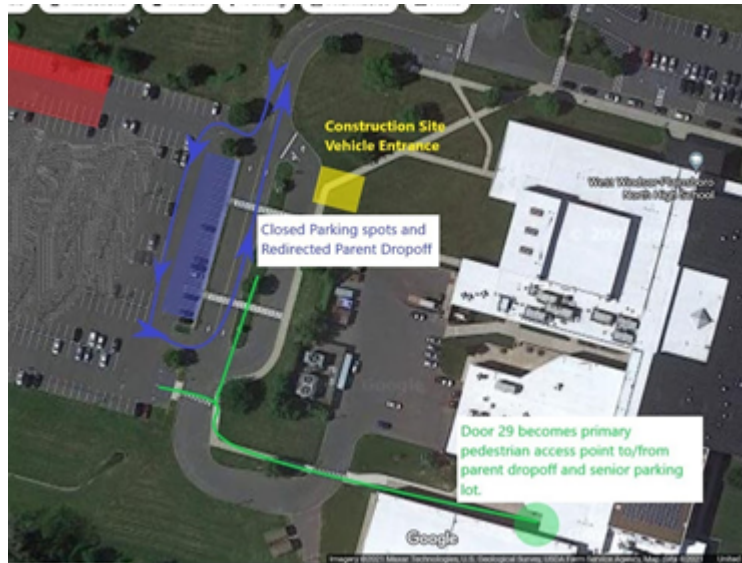
A copy of your 2021-2022 schedules will be available in Genesis on Friday, Sept. 27 after 3 p.m. Encourage all your friends to log in to Genesis to obtain important information in this fashion. I'd recommend students bring your 2021-2022 class schedule to school on the first day.

### **Student Drop Off/Pick Up:**

If you are planning to have your parents drop you off at school in the morning and/or pick you up at dismissal during the school year, please understand we have made some minor changes to the traffic loop on the west side of the building given construction that will be taking place in that area.

The area will be marked with striping, signage and necessary barricades to help parents during arrival and dismissal. Staff will also be on hand to assist. As you can see in the diagram below, the blue lines indicate the traffic flow with cars looping through the student parking lot before returning to the road in order to exit campus.

Please keep in mind that students will enter the building through the athletic entrance doors (# 29) between the main gym and lower dining hall as they did last year. This is indicated with a green line below.



### **Student Parking Reminders:**

We will be using the parking area adjacent to the Project Adventure apparatus for student parking. If you will be driving a personal vehicle and have not previously registered your car, or are obtaining your driver's license during the 2021-2022 school year, **please read the student parking regulations on the district website**. Click on the link below to register your vehicle then pick your parking tag up in the Main Office.

[http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/schools/high\\_school\\_north/general\\_information](http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/schools/high_school_north/general_information)

### **Open House Reminders:**

Given the overwhelming interest of families in attending the upcoming high school open houses, the rising number of COVID-19 cases statewide, and ongoing construction, open houses at High School North will be limited to STUDENTS only.

### **High School North**

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

- 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Grade 9)
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Grade 10)

AND

Monday, Aug. 30, 2021

- 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Grade 11)
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Grade 12)

## **Building Updates:**

### **Entrance into Building:**

Please know that students must enter the building either through the main doors (#1) or the athletic wing doors past the lower dining hall (# 29). These are the only two doors to be used when entering the building. Students arriving to school after 7:40 a.m. should enter through the main doors (#1). Everyone, students and staff, will have their temperature taken through a thermo scanning device at these entrances every day. After arriving, students and staff will be asked to report immediately to their first block class to avoid congregating in the main hallway.

**HVAC:** Ductwork connections inside the building have been finished while ventilation units continue to be installed on North's rooftop. A new fence and gates around the chillers have been installed on the west side of the building as well.

**Dance Studio:** As of today, the construction fencing has been set up and the site for the dance studio on the west side of the building enclosed. Contractors are looking to break ground before the end of August.

**Upgrades to the Culinary Arts Classroom and Library:** These will begin during the summer of 2022.

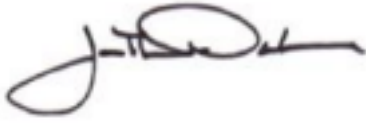
**Main Entrance Security Vestibule:** Although visitors will continue to be limited this year, this vestibule will be where all visitors, parents, students after 7:40 a.m., etc. will enter the building.

I'd like to close this letter to students on a personal note. Each summer, I often take time to reflect on being a high school principal, my time at North and the field of education as a whole. The upcoming year marks my seventh at North, sixteenth as a school principal and twenty-fourth in education. This summer I have been thinking about all of the students that I have been fortunate to cross paths with over the years. Many are now grown with families, careers and independent lives of their own.

To that end, I wanted to say thank you to all of our students. The best part of my work is spending time with you and having the opportunity to be part of your journey. I have been and will continue to be impressed and amazed by the students in our school. If I can help or support you in any way this year, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sept. 8 and I wish you the best during the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan J. Dauber'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a circular flourish.

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Principal