

**WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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Greetings High School North Students, Parents, and Guardians,

It is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope this communication finds you and your family well and in good spirits. In anticipation of the new school year, we have been preparing for and making arrangements for your return. We are so excited to welcome you back to what will be an amazing year!

As we transition back and get into the full swing of things, it is my hope that collectively we choose kindness in all aspects of our interactions with one another. The administrative team, faculty, and staff are here to support, encourage, and to guide our students. I would ask each of you to support one another academically, socially, and emotionally. None of this work could be done absent of the support and communication from you, parents and students alike.

As we prepare to open the doors and welcome you back, it is my hope that HSN truly feels like a second home. It should feel like a safe place and space for you to continue to grow into amazing young adults.

The first day of school is Thursday, September 7, 2023. This will be a full day of school that begins our letter rotation on the scheduled (A day). You will attend periods 4, 1, 2, 8, 5, and 6.

Our full schedule could be located [here](#). The daily block schedule is below: Please note that we are going back to one lunch.

Full Day Schedule		
Block	Start	End
1	7:40	8:40
2	8:45	9:45
3	9:50	10:50
Lunch	10:55	11:36
4	11:40	12:40
5	12:45	1:45
6	1:50	2:50

**A copy of your 2023-2024 schedule will be available in Genesis Monday, August 28, after 3 p.m.** Transportation information will be posted in Genesis Friday, Aug. 25, after 5 p.m. Encourage all your friends to log in to Genesis to obtain important

information in this fashion. Students are encouraged to bring their 2023-2024 class schedule to school on the first day.

### **Senior Open Campus Privilege**

Lunch: Seniors will again have access to open campus at lunch. In order to participate in "Open Campus Lunch", students must meet the requirements and parents/guardians must complete the Open Campus form in Genesis. This form will be available for completion through September 22. Open Campus privilege, for those with a parent/guardian completed form, will be effective for the first day of school. You will need to exit through the main entrance and return to the school through the main entrance in time for your next block class. You must have your student ID with you to exit the building as well as to enter upon your return.

1st and 6th Block Study Hall: Seniors will again be allowed to have late arrival and early dismissal when their study hall falls on the 1st or last block of the day. In order to participate in this privilege, seniors must meet the requirements and parents/guardians must complete the "Late Arrival/Early Dismissal Seniors Only" form in Genesis. This form will be available for completion through September 22. Seniors must sign in and out in the attendance office.

***\*Special note: If you are a department assistant, you are not eligible for late arrival and/or early dismissal.***

### **Student Parking and Bussing Information**

Seniors who have registered their car using this link: [HSN Student Parking Registration Form](#) may park in the **student parking lot ONLY**. Please enter through door 29 (athletic entrance). Students must also see Mrs. Kocher in the attendance office to receive their North parking permit.

Students should only drive vehicles to school that are registered with the school.

**Hang tags must be displayed from the rearview mirror when cars are parked as well.** This allows us to confirm the vehicles parked on campus should be parked on campus. Your assistance helps us promote a safe environment for students.

Bus drop off and pick up will be at the main entrance. Parents, please refrain from parking along the curb in the front of the building. Parents drop off directions are below. If you are picking your child up from school, please park in a spot.

### **Student Drop-off General Reminders**

- We encourage utilization of District provided transportation to alleviate traffic congestion in and around school during arrival and dismissal times.
- Classes begin at 7:40 a.m. The parking lot gets busier as we get closer to 7:40 a.m.
- Students need to plan their arrival between 7:20-7:30 a.m. This will allow the students time to safely enter the building and get to their classrooms on time.
- If you are being dropped off by your parent or guardian, you should use the student parking lot to enter. Please see the map linked [here](#).
- Watch for pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Do not stop and block the crosswalks.
- Remind your students to use the crosswalk.
- If you allow your child to drive to school with their permit and need to switch seats so that you can then drive after dropping them off at school, upon arrival please park the car in a spot to make this driver switch. Do not stop in the drop off line to switch drivers.
- There is no parent/guardian drop off in front of the building during regular drop off times.
- Students should only exit the car on the right side and against the curb side and may

- enter the building through door 29 or door 46.
- Pull your car down as far as possible, having your student exit the car. This will help move traffic along

### **9th Grade/New Student Orientation**

**9th Grade and New Student Orientation will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.** Please note that this program is for 9th graders and new students **ONLY** and that transportation is provided. Students are asked to be at their bus stop no later than 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Student schedules will be posted in the Genesis Portal on Monday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. and transportation information will be posted in Genesis on Friday, August 25, 2023, after 5 p.m

**Students arriving by car should not be dropped off in front of the building.**

Students arriving by car should be dropped off on the west side of the building, consistent with morning drop off. Students will enter the building through Door #29.

In an effort to limit the number of people in the building, parents are asked not to enter the building with their child. Peer Leaders will be on hand to guide students to their destination within the building.

At the conclusion of 9th Grade/New Student Orientation, students who are being picked up by parents will do so on the west side of the building consistent with afternoon pick up.

### **AM Attendance**

It is important to remember that students are expected to be present in class at the start of the first block (7:40 a.m.) each day. I recognize that traffic and congestion historically exists between 7:20-7:40 a.m. if driving near or on campus. That said, I also recognize that being on time and present during the first block is critical to the learning and instructional experience. To that end, I highly encourage students to take the school bus. I also encourage students who drive to school or are dropped off by a parent/guardian, to take advantage of the fact that school is open to students as early as 7 a.m.

As an educator, I often think of the importance of the work that I do each day. As a school leader it is vital that I ensure the needs of all students are met and work collaboratively with parents and guardians. As I enter my eighteenth year as a school leader, I continue to be extremely impressed with the talent, passion, and fortitude that our students bring each day to our school community.

As I transition as the new principal at North, it is my hope that all of the passion, experience, expertise, compassion, and sincerity that I bring to this work shines through. I can not wait to meet each of you. Please enjoy the remainder of your summer break and I will see you on September 7th!

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