

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I encourage you to be aware of the academic progress your child is making. At this time I want to take a moment to remind you of several areas that are critical to student achievement and safety.

**North Web site** - [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs) - The most convenient way to get up-to-date information on what is happening at North is to visit our site regularly. The information is current and includes daily announcements and up-to-date athletic schedules, including directions to visiting schools. We also encourage you to communicate with our staff via e-mail.

**Daily Attendance** - The policy is available for your review on our web site. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students are in school on time, every day, and ready for work. With your support we are confident that our students can achieve at an even higher rate. Any questions on the policy should be directed to the guidance office or Mr. Hahola, Assistant Principal for Instruction.

**Resource Center Time** - Each department has teachers available daily during the regular school day to tutor students who are having academic difficulty. Consult with your child's teacher or counselor to arrange to take advantage of this student service. Schedules are posted in each department chairperson's office and on each departmental web-site.

**Curriculum & Instruction Time** - Students can meet with their classroom teachers to complete make-up work or receive tutorial services on any Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 2:30-3:10. An activities bus is available on these days.

**ID Cards** - Students are to carry ID cards at all times during the school day. **As a result of the numerous and repeated requests for replacement ID's, cards are priced @ \$5.00.** Mrs. Tara Kraatz, Director of Student Activities, can answer any questions concerning ID replacement. Students who fail to carry ID cards face disciplinary action.

**Parking** - Parking on our campus is limited to **seniors only who were selected by lottery.** Students who park on campus without authorization will be subject to disciplinary action including loss of future parking privilege. A lottery to determine senior parking for the second semester will be held in January. Currently all eligible seniors have been provided parking space.

**Visitors** - All visitors to our school should enter and sign in. Visitors to North Hunterdon High School are required to display a visitor ID. Two sign-in locations are the Route 31 entrance and the Regional Road/Theatre lobby entrance. Your support of this regulation is appreciated.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we want to thank you for your continued support and extend to you the warmest wishes for a safe and happy 2008-09 school year.

Sincerely,

*Michael P. Hughes*

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Principal

## Emergency School Closing Process

In the case of actual or predicted inclement weather, the decision to close school, delay an opening or dismiss early is made after the Superintendent confers with various area superintendents, county road officials, police departments and District transportation and maintenance departments, in addition to several weather services.

- If school is cancelled - a decision will usually be made by 5:30 a.m. and posted on the District website. Please see below the various ways in which you can receive information.
  - Please note: when schools are cancelled, all afternoon, evening and athletic activities are cancelled. Possible exceptions are state tournament contests.
- If school is delayed:
  - A decision will usually be made by 5:30 a.m. and posted on the District website.
  - School will begin two hours later at 9:45 a.m.
  - All bus routes will be delayed exactly 2 hours from their original pick-up times.
  - The decision is based upon safe traveling conditions predicted for later in the morning.
- If school is dismissed early:
  - Students will usually be dismissed at 11:55 a.m., if weather conditions call for an early dismissal.
  - The decision will be posted on the District website by 10:45 a.m.
- Please note: when schools are dismissed early, all afternoon, evening and athletic activities are cancelled.
  - The Superintendent contacts our 10 sending district superintendents to inform them of our decision, as well as various area superintendents and the County Superintendent of Schools.

## Emergency School Closing Resources

In addition to the resources below, the district uses an automated calling system called School Messenger to call every parent and staff member to inform them whether school is closed/delayed/dismissing early. Please check our district web page on a daily basis for information regarding delayed openings or cancellations due to the weather. As always, your cooperation is appreciated.

The following resources are available for emergency closing information:

Internet	
The District web page will display information regarding delayed openings or cancellations	
The District's Web Site Home Page	<a href="http://www.nhvweb.net">www.nhvweb.net</a>

Phone	
You can call to the following phone numbers for information regarding delayed opening or cancellations:	
Call North Hunterdon High School	(908) 735-5191 or (908) 713-4199 press option # 9
Call Voorhees High School	(908) 638-6116 or (908) 638-2199 press option # 9

Radio Stations	
The following radio stations are notified if school is closed or there is a delayed opening:	
WRNJ	1510 (AM)
WEST	1400 (AM)
WODE	99.9 (FM) "The Hawk"
WCTO	96.1 (FM) "Cat Country"
WLEV	100.7 (FM) "Soft Rock"
<a href="http://www.wkxw.com">WKXW - NJ</a>	101.5 (FM) website announcement only

Television			
The following television stations are notified if school is closed or there is a delayed opening:			
Television Station	Broadcast Channel	Comcast Cable	Patriot Cable
WCBS (New York)	2	2	2
WNBC (New York)	4	4	4
WABC (New York)	7	7	7
North Hunterdon H.S. - TV		25	
WFMZ (Allentown)	69	18	
News 12 New Jersey		62	

## SAT REVIEW

Students who would like to improve their SAT scores are invited to attend a free SAT Review in Math, taught by certified Math teachers, and/or Critical Reading & Writing, taught by certified English teachers. They will be presented with specific test-taking strategies and given practice exercises for homework. It is expected that registered students will attend every workshop and complete homework assignments.

### SAT Math Review:

Registration will be held from January 15-30, 2009 in the Math Computer Lab (Room 212), or directly with Mr. Schuetz. The review sessions will be held on the following Thursdays: February 5, 12, 19, 26, & March 5 & 12 (make-up) from 3:10-5:00 p.m. in Rooms 153, 154, and 155.

### SAT Critical Reading & Writing Review:

Registration will be held from January 15-30, 2009 in the Reading-Writing Lab (Room 106). The review sessions will be held on the following Mondays: February 2, 9, 23 & March 2, 9, 16 (make-up) from 3:10-5:00 p.m. Location to be announced after registration.

## ATHLETICS

**Spring sports and intramurals physical forms are due by February 20, 2009**

### ImPACT Concussion Management Program

ImPACT is a computer generated program which will be used by the NHHS Athletic Trainers to obtain a neurocognitive baseline on all NHHS Interscholastic athletes. In the event the athlete sustains a head injury, the athlete will once again take the ImPACT test.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT NIGHT

It is once again that time of year when preparations must begin for the upcoming Advanced Placement Exams, which will be given in May. Advance Placement Information Night is December 10th at 7 p.m. in Cafe B.

## SENIORS

Check in the Guidance office for scholarships and also the Gifted & Talented has a link to scholarship sites.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January 2009

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| 5         | Return to School - Happy New Year             |
| 8         | 8th Grade Orientation Parents Night 6:30 p.m. |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Staff In-Service 11:55 a.m. dismissal</b>  |
| 15        | Parent Advisory Meeting 9:30 a.m. Room 114    |
| 15        | Sign-ups for SAT Reviews                      |

## January 2009 - continued

- 19 **Martin Luther King - No School**
- 22-23 **Midterm Exams 12:25 p.m. dismissal**
- 26 **Midterm Exams 12:25 p.m. dismissal**
- 27 **Early Dismissal 11:55 a.m. - Half Day for Students**
- 27 2nd MP Ends
- 28 2nd Semester Begins and 3rd MP Begins -  
Alpha Homerooms, Locker Clean-up
- 30 Last Day to sign-up for SAT Reviews

## February 2009

- 2 English SAT Review
- 4 **Staff In-Service 11:55 a.m. dismissal**
- 4 Juniors & Parents College Night I Theatre
- 9 English SAT Review
- 12 Math SAT Review
- 12 Juniors & Parents College Night II Theatre
- 13 **President's Holiday early dismissal 11:55 a.m.**
- 16 **President's Holiday No School**
- 19 Math SAT Review
- 19 Parent Advisory Meeting Room 114 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Physical forms due for Spring Athletes & Intramurals
- 23 English SAT Review
- 26 Math SAT Review

## March 2009

- 2 English SAT Review
- 2 Progress Reports
- 3 HSPA Math (Calculator)
- 4 HSPA Language Arts
- 5 HSPA Language Arts
- 5 Math SAT Review
- 5-7 Spring Musical Theatre 7:30 p.m.
- 9 English SAT Review
- 10 HSPA Math Make-up Test (calculator)
- 11 HSPA Language Arts Make-up Test
- 11 **Staff In-Service 11:55 dismissal Half Day for Students**
- 12 HSPA Language Arts Make-up Test
- 12 Math SAT Review
- 12 Sophomores & Parents Meeting Theatre 7:00 p.m.
- 16-20 World Language Week
- 19 Parent Advisory Meeting 9:30 a.m. Room 114
- 25 Prism Concert - New Gym 8:00 p.m.