

# North Hunterdon High School

## August Calendar

- 24 Freshman First Day and Orientation, 9:45 a.m. Theatre  
Transfer Student Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. Media Center  
Activities Fair for Freshmen, 2:30 p.m.-3:10 p.m. Main Gym  
Freshmen and Parents Program hosted by the Guidance Department, 3:15 p.m. Theatre
- 25 All Students Report to School, 7:45 a.m.  
Academic Achievement, School Counts, and Community Service Awards Night, 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 26 Student Council Freshman Mixer, 7:00 p.m. Cafe B
- 31 Fall Sports Pictures

## September Calendar

- 1 Back to School Night I, Last names A-K, 6:30 p.m. New Gym
- 2 Summer Reading Tests
- 5 Labor Day, No School
- 7 Back to School Night II, Last names L-Z, 6:30 p.m. New Gym
- 8 Alive at 25 Program for senior parents who did not attend in the spring, 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 14 Seniors and Parents Night, 7:00 p.m. Theatre
- 15 Parent Advisory meeting, 9:30 a.m. Theatre
- 10 PTSA Movie Night, 7:00 p.m. Singly Field
- 21 College Fair, 6:00-8:30 p.m. New Gym  
Deadline for PSAT registration



**Attendance  
Update**

Click [here](#) for the updated Attendance Policy.

# Principal's Newsletter

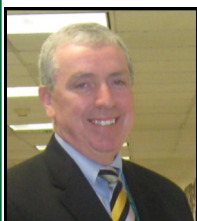


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## Back to School Edition

### New School Year 2011-12



*Michael P. Hughes,  
Principal*

#### Welcome Class of 2015!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the students and parents of the Class of 2015.

Email links were sent home to all freshmen and their parents. A letter detailed Freshman Orientation and highlighted other pertinent information for incoming ninth graders.

#### All Students...

When students arrive at the high school on August 25,

they should follow instructions posted in the hallways and go to Alpha homeroom. Student guides will be available to assist incoming freshmen.

Students and parents should check our school's website [www.nhvweb.net](http://www.nhvweb.net) for the most up-to-date information regarding school announcements, events and policy reference.

Also browse through the Parent Student handbook on the school's website. Click for a direct [link](#) for your convenience.

I would like to remind you that a school is more than a building filled with classrooms, just as education is more than a

mark on a report card. School is also about people and opportunities. Your education expands with all the experiences you encounter in your school career. I would like to draw your attention to the fine array of clubs, athletic teams, and co-curricular activities that are available to you. Take advantage of the many opportunities our school has to offer, and you will look back on your school days with fond memories.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, as it is filled with important information that will be beneficial to you.

Best wishes to you for a safe and rewarding school year.

## Academic Excellence at North

#### Advanced Placement

The 2011 Advanced Placement scores were recently released. A total of 446 North Hunterdon students took AP exams in May. 920 tests were administered. A total of 1,115 courses were attended by these students in various subjects.

We are proud to report that 77.9% of our students scored 3, 4 or 5 on these exams. A minimum score of 3 is considered a passing grade.

#### Project Acceleration

Project Acceleration is a concurrent enrollment program within the College of Arts and

Sciences at Seton Hall University. It has allowed high school students in New Jersey and New York to get a head start on their university careers.

During the 2010-2011 school year, 80 NHHS students participated in 140 course selections. 529 Seton Hall credits were awarded.

## Fall Sports Information

Click [here](#) for the fall sports start dates.

Click [here](#) for athletic paperwork and concussion testing.

Click [here](#) for information on how to place an ad in the Booster Club's Fall Sports Program Guide.



## School Messenger



Our district uses this notification system to alert parents of school closings, delayed openings, emergencies, and also to email timely information.

Please take a moment to check your contact information in School Messenger. Parents of incoming freshman will receive a separate letter regarding how to sign-up for School Messenger.

Provide the phone number and email address where you can best be contacted in the event of your child's absence or school emergency. Also, we will use your email address for most school communications in an effort to 'go green'.

To sign-in and verify your contact information, click [here](#). If you change your contact information, send to our registrar, Sue Gutwillig, at [sgutwillig@nhvweb.net](mailto:sgutwillig@nhvweb.net). Information entered in Messenger does not automatically update into our student database.

## Back to School Nights

This year, we will have two scheduled Back to School Nights. Parents of students whose last names begin with (A-K) are invited to attend on **Thursday, September 1.**

Parents of students (L-Z) are invited to attend on **Wednesday, September 7.**

The program on both evenings will begin in the New Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are reminded to bring a copy of their students' schedules to this popular year-opening event.

## Traffic Patterns at North Hunterdon High School



More than 2,200 people are attempting to enter the facility between 7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m. This traffic is comprised of senior drivers, staff members, school buses, and parents/guardians.

Please enter campus from Route 31 after 7:15 a.m, when doors will be opened for students. Make a right and proceed to the Administrative Lot at the north side of the building, traveling to the end. Turn left toward the front of the building and then make the right toward the Route 31 Entrance. Proceed to the furthest drop-off location. All cars must exit onto Route 31 south. An employee will be directing traffic in front of the building. Clinton Township police will be assisting as well. Remember that the speed limit on campus is 5 miles per hour.



Cars using the Regional Road entrance prior to 7:15 a.m. must drop off students at the District Office parking lot. Drivers should then proceed out the Regional Road exit. The campus traffic circle is to remain clear for school buses. Crosswalks have been laid out to remind motorists

that pedestrians always have the right of way.

**All vehicles while on campus must yield to pedestrians and school buses.**



Students who arrive prior to 7:15 a.m. must report to the New Gym via the Regional Road entrance. Students may enter the New Gym at 7:00 a.m.

Doors will be opened for students at 7:15 a.m. Students may enter through the Route 31 or Regional Road entrance. Students should not be dropped off at the Route 31 entrance prior to 7:15 a.m.

To avoid a potential disaster, only buses will be allowed to exit through the Regional Road exit from 2:25 to 2:35 p.m. Senior drivers will be dismissed after all buses have exited campus. From 2:25 to 2:35 p.m. parents may only pick up students on the Route 31 side of the building. No cars should be standing around the circle on the Regional Road side. Parking in any fire lanes is prohibited. Parking in the District parking lot is prohibited.

## Volunteerism



Get involved with your community and earn [community service hours](#).

Contact Ms. Amy Dalgewicz for more information. Community Service Awards take place on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre.

## Lunch



Click [here](#) for information on the payment service in the cafeteria. Click [here](#) to apply for free or reduced lunches.

## Safe Homes



[Safe Homes](#) is a national initiative designed to coordinate pledges from local families who agree to host only supervised, drug and alcohol-free gatherings for teen at their homes.

## Calendar



The school calendar is on the school web site. All events are subject to change. Hard copies of the calendar are available through the [PTSA](#).

## Communication



Daily announcements, athletic schedules and happenings at

North are included on our web site at

[www.nhvweb.net/NHHS](http://www.nhvweb.net/NHHS).

Also, current contact information for all staff is available on our site. Please visit our site regularly.

Comcast Channel 29, North Hunterdon's television station, is up and running. Check the scrolling message board for delayed openings or closings, important events at North and policy reminders. We broadcast student-produced programming.

The best source of information about what is going on at North is your child; we encourage you to regularly discuss the events of their day.

### Student Agendas

In order to provide assistance in organization and study skills, an agenda planning book will be given to each student during the first week of school. This book allows students to record assignments and mark important calendar dates.

## ID Card Policy



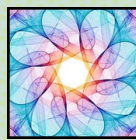
Freshmen will receive their new ID cards on August 25. All students will be issued a new ID card at the beginning of the school year.

Students must present ID's when entering Guidance, the Reading/Writing Lab, departmental resource centers, the Health Office, and the Media Center. ID's are required to purchase tickets and participate in the prom and homecoming. ID's are necessary to purchase lunch if a student participates in the school lunch pre-payment service.

### HSPA

Each current junior was given a Math HSPA Review Packet to be completed over the summer and submitted to their assigned math teacher in August. All students entering Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 CP were also given summer review packets that will be collected by their math teacher in August. It is the student's responsibility to return these packets. Additional packets may be downloaded from the [Math Department site](#).

## Visiting School



During school hours, all visitors will enter the building through the Route 31 entrance or through the Regional Road entrance.

Security guards are on duty at both entrances. Visitors must stop at the security desk to sign in. The security personnel then will provide a visitor's pass, which must be visible at all times while on campus.

Visitors who are not wearing a pass will be escorted to the main office. Visitors will sign out at the same security desk where they signed in.

Alumni visitors who wish to visit specific teachers should schedule their visits after 2:30 p.m. A call to the teachers in advance would be courteous.

Student visitors from other schools are not allowed. Student shadowing is prohibited.

Your cooperation assists us in our efforts to maintain a safe environment.

## Parents



Listed below are committees and organizations that are available for parental participation.

- [Parent Advisory Committee](#)
- [Middle States Accreditation Committee](#)
- [Parent Teacher Student Organization](#)
- [Parent Music Association](#)
- [Athletic Boosters](#)
- [Special Education Advisory Committee](#)

If you are interested in being involved in the parent advisory committee, call the Principal's secretary, Mrs. Mary Umhoefer at 713-4122. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Theatre.

Read more details on page 6 to learn more about some of these organizations.



# Senior Parking Information



Our parking areas may not accommodate all senior drivers. As in previous years, parking must be limited only to seniors in good standing according to established procedures. A parking lottery in the fall and another in the spring will likely determine which seniors will be able to park on campus.

The Board of Education has established a \$25 per semester parking fee.

All Cooperative Education students automatically receive a parking permit. This program is curricular, requiring students to drive to off-campus work sites.

Parents and students must have attended an Alive at 25 Program in the spring to be eligible for the lottery.

Parking spots are awarded via random lottery of licensed seniors, who are drivers in good standing.

Students must complete an application for inclusion in the lottery in the Attendance Office. Applications will be available on August 23 and 24. Click [here](#) for important details.

In the second semester, the lottery process is repeated with priority given to students who did not get a first semester parking permit. The intent is that each eligible senior will have driving privileges at least one semester of his/her senior year.

# Student Attire/Dress Code



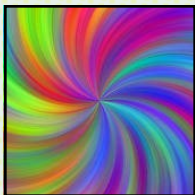
In order to create a positive school atmosphere, attire and grooming should be reasonably modest and neat. A student's appearance must not disrupt the teaching or learning process, therefore, the following guidelines must be followed.

Click [here](#) to view the Dress Code within the Code of Conduct document posted for your convenience on our website.

Students who violate the policy will receive one after school detention, with increasing penalties for subsequent offenses. Students will be sent to the Athletic Office and asked to change into more appropriate dress.

Parents should understand that they might be asked to bring a change of clothing to school for students who are in violation of this school policy. The school administration reserves the right to make a final decision regarding appropriate dress in school and at school-sponsored events. If parents cannot be reached to bring appropriate clothing to the school, the student will be placed in the In-school Suspension Room until such time as appropriate attire can be provided.

# Student Activities at North Hunterdon High School



At North Hunterdon High School we believe that all youngsters should be involved in extra-curricular activities.

These activities may include athletic teams, clubs, publications, performing arts, government and leadership and community service. Students, who become involved in extra-curricular programs, will have a more rewarding and fun-filled high school career.

Extra-curricular programs develop in our young people a sense of belonging. Through the activities students meet others who have the same special interests. Extra-curricular activities also teach young people how to adequately manage their time, prioritize

goals, overcome obstacles, work with others and deal with failure and success. Students learn self-discipline, responsibility and develop character.

Click on this [link](#) to access our website featuring the many clubs available to students.

Students are expected to maintain good academic standing, including attendance and discipline, in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular programs. Click on this [link](#) to access our policy in regards to participation in clubs.

**Teen PEP**

**Student Council**

**Key Club**

**Model UN**

**Interact & Able**

**WHAM**

**Yearbook**

**Thespians**

## Contacting Administration



Periodically parents ask, "Who do I talk to if an issue exists that affects my child?" Our advice is to begin with the teacher, coach, or advisor who is closest to the issue. This can best be accomplished by calling the school (713-4199) and leaving a message, or contacting your child's counselor. Click [here](#) to look up your child's counselor. This step should always be taken prior to using other options. If however, you believe that a satisfactory response has not been rendered, click [here](#) for a list of administrators and the areas that they supervise.

## Bullying and Harassment



Bullying and harassment are illegal. We are a community at North, and we expect our students to treat their classmates the way they would like to be treated. However, some students feel the need to belittle and taunt others. That behavior is not acceptable, and those who bully and harass others face stringent discipline and even legal consequences. Methods of harassment include but is not limited to cyber bullying, Facebook, and other methods of social networking. To view the North Hunterdon-Voorhees harassment, intimidation and bullying policy, click [here](#).

## Early Dismissal from School



Early dismissals are discouraged. However, the school will honor medical/dental appointments and extreme emergencies.

To arrange for early dismissal, a parent must write a note to the Attendance Office specifying the date, time, and reason for the request. Students are responsible for bringing the note to the Attendance Office the morning of their early dismissal.

**The Attendance Office will follow up by contacting the parent to verify the early dismissal.** If the parent cannot be reached to verify the early dismissal, the student could be refused permission to leave. The student will then be given a pass to come to the Attendance Office at the designated time of departure. It is the student's responsibility to come to Attendance at the appointed time.

There may be times when a parent must make an appointment with the doctor during the current school day. Please make sure your child is aware that you will be calling for an appointment. It is the **student's responsibility** to then check with the Attendance Office (in between classes) to see if the parent has called with the dismissal time. Classes cannot be interrupted to request that a student come down to attendance.

**THE PARENT MUST COME TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE TO MEET THE CHILD AND SIGN THE EARLY DISMISSAL BOOK.** Students will be allowed to leave with another parent if a note is presented to the administration and parental approval is confirmed.

## Project Acceleration

Information regarding participating in Seton Hall's Project Acceleration will be available in class in late September or early October.

## Summer Reading

All students will be tested on their summer reading on **Friday, September 2**, during their English classes. Students who are not scheduled for a first semester English course will be scheduled to go to the Reading-Writing Lab (Rm. 106) to take their tests on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7 and 8.

## Secure Belongings/Lockers

Most people who have lost items in school did not lock up their belongings. Do not bring expensive items like iPods to school. Do not bring any cash above what is necessary for school lunch and snacks. **DO NOT SHARE LOCKERS.** If your locker is not working properly, see Dr. Rich Bergacs, Assistant Principal, for help.

## Technologies Policy

The district provides computer, network, intranet and internet services to students, faculty and staff for educational and district business purposes only. Newly registered students and Freshman parents and students must sign the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) to have access to the internet. Freshman parents had these forms emailed to their homes. Forms should be returned to [Sue Gutwillig](#) in Guidance.

## Booster Club

Parents are encouraged to get involved in the NHHS Booster Club. The Booster Club's objective is to encourage and support all athletic teams through fundraising and volunteer efforts. Jill Prakopcyk is the Booster Club President. Her email address is [nhhsbc@gmail.com](mailto:nhhsbc@gmail.com). You can download the booster club membership form by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) for information on how to place an ad in the Fall Sports Program.

## PTSA

Join the Parent Teacher Student Association by clicking [here](#). This organization supports Project Graduation and the Senior Banquet. They are involved in the Municipal Drug Alliance. They also raise money for scholarship funds and host other events during the year.

## Music Association

A great way to support the music program is through the NHHS Music Association. The organization provides physical support needed to carry out various music activities. It also provides funds for refreshments and scholarships. Kathy Lukasik is the new Music Association President. Her email address is [kathylukasik@embarqmail.com](mailto:kathylukasik@embarqmail.com). You can download the club membership form by clicking [here](#).

## Spirit Committee

We have wonderful opportunities for students to express their pride in a positive way as they support North Hunterdon through their high school days.

Students can be a part of the "Jungle" during athletic events. Pep Rallies and Spirit Week are also a great way to get involved in promoting school spirit. Click [here](#) for fall spirit events! Click [here](#) for a letter from the Principal regarding participation in Activities.



## Athletic News

There were several students who achieved milestones in their athletic careers at North Hunterdon this past year. Click [here](#) to see some highlights from last season.

## The Washington Post Ranks NHHS Among America's Best



The Washington Post released its ranking of the top high schools across the nation. North Hunterdon ranked 739th out of 1,904 schools. Out of the 70 New Jersey schools included in the list, North Hunterdon ranked 23rd. To view the rankings, click [here](#).

