

NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The 2016 Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016 in the Main Gym. The evening will begin with a Welcoming Hour from 6:00-7:00pm and proceed with dancing from 7:00-10:00pm. Tickets for the dance are \$20 per person. Tickets need to be purchased online through the school's ThunderTix system and confirmed in person. The system will open to students on September 5th and will remain open until October 7th.

Homecoming Ticket Purchase and Confirmation

1. Navigate to: <https://northhunterdonhighschool.thundertix.com/events/>
 - a. Select Homecoming 2016 as the Event
 - b. Complete the Survey questions
 - c. Complete the purchase of the ticket
2. Print out the ticket
3. Complete the Parent/Guardian Signature on the paper ticket
4. Complete the Student Signature on the paper ticket
5. Bring the signed paper ticket along with your student ID to any lunch mod October 10th – October 14th to have your ticket confirmed.
 - a. **All tickets must be purchased and confirmed separately, even if students plan to attend as a couple.** Each student MUST have their own printed ticket with signatures.
 - b. In the case where a student needs to bring a check to purchase a ticket, the student must see Mr. Owdij in room 252. Please make checks out to NHHS Student Activities. We cannot accept cash!
6. Bring the remaining portion of the ticket to the Homecoming Dance on October 15th along with your NHHS Student ID.

After purchasing the ticket online, the ticket needs to be printed and both student and parent need to sign the lower portion to acknowledge the Random Breathalyzer and Code of Conduct Policies referenced below.

In order to be eligible to buy a ticket for the Homecoming Dance, your student must be in good academic standing and free from all outstanding obligations. If you believe that your student owes money for an obligation, please have this paid by September 30th. Payments should be submitted to the Athletics Office during normal school hours. Any student who earned less than 30 credits during the previous school year (excluding current freshmen) is not eligible to attend this dance based on the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education Policy 2430.

Out-Of-School Guests

North Hunterdon students inviting out-of-school guests must have the guest approved by our Attendance Office, **before** purchasing the tickets. The OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST form is attached below. The out-of-school guest should purchase their ticket online, complete all the necessary information components, and print out the designated Out-of-School GUEST Ticket. Under the Student ID of the guest ticket, enter the NHHS Student ID as “Guest”. We recommend submitting the forms to Mrs. Limoli in the Attendance Office as soon as your child decides to attend the dance, but no later than September 30th.

Students must present their printed ticket and student ID at the door for entry into the dance. If a student is bringing an out-of-school guest, the ID of the North student will also have the guest’s information. The guest simply needs some form of picture ID – an identification card from another school, a driver’s license, etc.

Homecoming Guidelines 2016:

1. You must bring your printed 2016 Homecoming Ticket
2. You must bring your NHHS photo ID (or other photo ID) to Homecoming.
3. You may not bring water bottles/other containers or bags into the dance.
4. Once you are checked in, you are there for the whole event! If you leave the building for any reason, you may not return.
5. A reminder: State law prohibits smoking on school grounds by anyone, including non-students.
6. Guests who are age 21 and over are not permitted to attend and at a minimum are enrolled in high school.
7. Administration reserves the right to deny guest requests for any reason.
8. Students are expected to follow all school policies and procedures including dress code.

The doors will open at 6:00pm for students to begin checking in. No student will be admitted to the dance after 7:00pm. This is a semi-formal event. No jeans or sneakers will be permitted. Gentlemen should wear dress pants and a dress shirt (suits/tuxes are not necessary) and women may wear long/short dresses or a skirt/slacks with dress shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Schaefer (rschaefer@nhvweb.net) or Mr. Michael Owdij (mowdij@nhvweb.net).

We expect our North Hunterdon High School students to conduct themselves at school-related functions in a manner that would make their parents and our community proud. We hope, as their parents do, that our students will present themselves always as persons of integrity. However, sometimes students ignore the law and school regulations by engaging in activities that are questionable or illegal. We hope to ensure that students understand the repercussions of their actions should they choose to use prohibited substances at a school-sponsored event.

REASONABLE SUSPICION

According to New Jersey Statute 18A: 40A-12, school personnel have a legal obligation to report and test students who are suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The following excerpt from the statute provides a basic explanation of why any students suspected of using illicit substances must undergo an alcohol and drug screening conducted under the direction of a physician as well as a physical examination.

Under this statute, school personnel cannot make any determination of the medical status of a student by testing via a swab or by breathalyzer.

“Whenever it shall appear to any teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel of any public school in this State that a pupil may be under the influence of substances as defined pursuant to section 2 of this act, that teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel shall report the matter as soon as possible to the school nurse or medical inspector as the case may be, or to his designee. The principal or his designee, shall immediately notify the parent or guardian and the Superintendent of Schools, if there be one, or the administrative principal and shall arrange for an immediate examination of the pupil by a doctor selected by the parent or guardian, or if that doctor is not immediately available, by the medical inspector, if he is available.” 18 A: 40A-12

Students with positive test results will be suspended for ten days and undergo a minimum of five counseling sessions with our Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). Other disciplinary measures may be imposed.

RANDOM BREATHALYZER TESTING

Random Breathalyzer Testing will be used at the Homecoming Dance and is one facet of a comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention program. The purposes of random breathalyzer testing are to deter students from using alcohol and to identify students who are using so that families can take the appropriate steps. The approach to random breathalyzer testing is therapeutic. Students who test positive are suspended from participation in co- curricular activities for a minimum of two weeks as well as parking privileges. Students must participate in sessions with the Student Assistance Counselor.

Homecoming is one of the highlights of the student experience at North Hunterdon High School. I hope that many of our students will take advantage of this opportunity and have a safe, fun and memorable night with their peers.

Sincerely,



Richard Bergacs, Ed.D.
Principal

HOMECOMING OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST PERMISSION / SIGNATURE FORM

*Fill out the following if you are bringing an **OUT OF SCHOOL** guest only*

NHHS Student Name: _____
ID Number: _____
Homeroom Teacher: _____

We have read and reviewed the North Hunterdon Student Handbook and understand that all North Hunterdon High School rules and regulations will be strictly enforced for all students and guests. I will ensure that a parent, guardian, or the designated emergency contact will be available during the evening of the dance in the event that our son/daughter and/or guest is required to leave.

NHHS Parent Name _____
Home Phone Number _____
Cell Phone Number _____
Name of Emergency Contact _____
Phone Number(s) of Emergency Contact _____
NHHS Parent Signature _____

Out-of-School Guest Name _____
Guest Signature _____

Signature of Out-of-School Guest Parent/Guardian _____
Date _____

Guest Home Phone Number _____
Guest Cell Phone Number _____
Name of Guest Emergency Contact _____
Phone Number(s) of Guest Emergency Contact _____
Name, address and phone number of school guest attends/place of employment

Signature of Administrator from *GUEST'S* School/Employer _____
Printed name of Administrator from *GUEST'S* School/Employer _____

SIGNATURE OF NHHS ADMINISTRATOR: _____

*This permission form must be completely filled out and signed
PRIOR to confirming your tickets.*