



North East High School
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MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN 2009-2010

Steps to success

- Respect
- Academic Excellence
- Attendance

I hope that everyone is enjoying a relaxing and safe summer. It has been a busy summer at North East High School. Teachers have been involved in staff development and curriculum writing. We have hired six new teachers who will replace either retiring teachers or teachers that have moved on to other endeavors. Please help us welcome:

- Joseph Burkhardt - Language Arts
- Tyler Carver - Technology Education
- Dawn-Marie Crowley - Foreign Language (Spanish)
- Rachel Favazza - Language Arts
- Joseph Graf - Special Education
- Brian Marley - Mathematics

We are also involved in preparation for our Middle States Accreditation Visitation during this school year. The accreditation format that we will be following is referred to as Excellence by Design. You will be hearing more about this evaluation in the coming weeks and months.

Several construction initiatives have been initiated at the school. We are hoping these initiatives will greatly improve the atmosphere and climate at North East High School.

On Wednesday, August 12, 2009, there will be a brief meeting for parents/guardians of 10th, 11th and 12th graders who want to learn more about "What's Happening at NEHS" beginning @ 6:00 p.m. Ninth Grade Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009, for students with the last names A - K, and Thursday, August 20, 2009, for students with the last names L - Z beginning @ 6:00 p.m.

We hope to see as many parents as we can at these important meetings. Enjoy the rest of the summer. We are looking forward to a successful 2009-2010 school year and we want you to be a part of it.

Sean Cannon,
 Principal

During the 2009-2010 school year North East High School will begin a pilot program to teach Environmental Science to all of incoming 9th graders. The purpose for this change is to lay a stronger foundation for the 10th grade Biology course which is a tested High School Assessment. The Biology HSA is a graduation requirement and all students must pass this assessment in order to graduate from high school. The Environmental Science course will count as one of the three science credits your child needs for graduation. This course was designed and written by Cecil County Environmental Science teachers in collaboration with local Biology teachers along with representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education. We believe that this course will better prepare your child for Biology and for the Biology HSA. Should you have any questions regarding this new Environmental Science pilot program, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Office Staff

Candy Magaw, Lead Secretary
 Karen Jackson, Secretary/Bookkeeper
 Cindy Bartosh, Secretary
 Carol Prins, General Assistant

Guidance Staff

Karen McMullen, Guidance Secretary
 Cheryl Gasdia, Office Assistant
 Pam Cline, General Assistant
 Robert Varlas, Counselor (grade 12)
 Jennifer Manna, Counselor (grade 11)
 Linda Milioti, Counselor (grade 10)
 Teresa Jones, Counselor (grade 09)

School Tardiness - Students are expected to be seated in their first period class at 7:41 a.m. Students arriving between 7:41 and 7:50 a.m., are expected to report to first period where they will be marked tardy by their first period teacher. Students arriving after 7:50 a.m. are to "sign-in" in the main office. Any student who signs in after 9:11 a.m. will be considered absent for one-half day.



Discipline for tardiness:

- 1st tardy - warning
- 2nd tardy - teacher detention
- 3rd tardy - teacher detention & phone call home
- 4th tardy - office detention
- 5th tardy - M.I.P.
- 6th & subsequent tardies - pending suspension

Students who have driving privileges may lose their privileges as a result of being tardy to school.

Dates to Remember:

August 12 - What's Happening @ NEHS - Meeting for 10th, 11th & 12th grade parents - 6:00

August 15 - Fall Sports Begin

August 19 - Ninth Grade Orientation (A-K) - 6:00 p.m.

August 20 - Ninth Grade Orientation (L-Z) - 6:00 p.m.

August 26 - First Day of School

September 1 & 2 - Senior Portraits (Make-up dates)

September 4 & 7 - Schools Closed

September 25 - Underclass Pictures

September 29 - Interims Issued

September 30 - Meet the Teacher - 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 5 - 8 - HSA Testing

October 7 - College Fair @ Elkton High School - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

October 16 - Schools Closed

October 23 - Homecoming Football Game - 7:00 p.m.

October 24 - Homecoming Dance - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

October 28 - Underclass Picture (Make-up date)

October 30 - End of Marking Period One

November 6 & 9 - Schools Closed

November 14 - Winter Sports Begin

November 23 - Fall Sports Program - 6:00 p.m.

November 25, 26 & 27 - Schools Closed

December 23 - January 1 - Schools Closed

January 11 - 14 - HSA Testing

January 18, 22 & 25 - Schools Closed

January 21 - End of Marking Period Two

February 15 - Schools Closed

February 16 -19 - Middle States Team Visit

March 1 - Spring Sports Begin

March 4 - Meet the Teacher - 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 11 - Winter Sports Program - 7:00 p.m.

March 30 - End of Marking Period Three

April 1, 2, 5 & 6 - Schools Closed

April 16 - Jr./Sr. Prom - 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

May 18 - 21 - HSA Testing

May 28 - Inclement Weather Make-up Day - If not used, schools closed for students and 10 month staff

May 31 - Schools Closed

June 7 - 9 - Early Dismissal

June 9 - Last Day of School/End of Marking Period Four

June 10 - 18 - Inclement Weather Make-up Days

June 12 - Graduation

- Marking periods are subject to change due to inclement weather.

Mission Statement

We celebrate our diverse and innovative learning community. North East High School prepares all students for responsible citizenship, for lifelong learning, and for the achievement of their highest potential in a progressive

IMPORTANT REMINDERS -

- **Early Dismissal Procedures** - School personnel will be asking all parents/guardians to produce a photo id any time a student is dismissed. If a parent/guardian is requesting permission for their student to leave with someone other than their parent/guardian a written request must be received by the office staff prior to their dismissal. Students with driving privileges who are leaving early will need to provide a written request to the office staff prior to their dismissal as well.
- **Portable Electronic Devices** - (cell phones, iPods, MP3 Players, etc.) are to be **OFF** and **AWAY** during the **SCHOOL DAY**. Please refer to the Student Responsibilities Handbook for specific information regarding this policy. The Cecil County Public Schools will not be held responsible for loss, theft, damage or destruction of any portable electronic device.
- **Lunch Restrictions** - Students are not permitted to leave school during lunch. In addition, students are not permitted to order lunch for delivery or have lunch delivered from fast food restaurants by a parent or any other individual. If your student forgets their lunch, please make arrangements for them to purchase lunch from the cafeteria or you may bring a packed lunch from home.
- **Telephones and Messages** - The telephones located in the main office are intended to receive in-coming calls, for use by faculty and staff and for **emergency** calls by students. Students will not be called to the office during class instruction to receive phone calls. The office staff will relay family related emergency messages from a parent/guardian to their son or daughter only. No messages will be taken from anyone other than a parent/guardian.
- **Valentine's Day Deliveries** - Due to the overwhelming number of flower deliveries on Valentine's Day, North East High School will no longer accept deliveries for students on that day. Flower deliveries will be accepted for other occasions during the school year. Students will be notified of the delivery; however, the delivery must remain in the main office until the end of the school day.

Grades to GO!

Is a mechanism for parents to access their child's grades online throughout the entire school year. Parents who are currently enrolled will no longer need to re-register, as the current GO! Account will carry over to the current school year. This will include students who were enrolled as eighth graders last year. If you have not previously enrolled, parents/guardians will need to complete a registration form. Registration forms are available in the guidance office. A photo identification is required to verify an individual as the student's parent or guardian.

Family Trips

Requests for a lawful absence for family trips during the school year are to be made in writing to the school principal. A written request should be submitted no more than one week in advance of the family trip. Please refer to the Family Trip Guidelines that will be sent home during the first week of school.

Visit us on the web!

www.ccps.org/nehs

Emergency Information Cards

Each year Cecil County Public Schools requests that parents/guardians complete an Emergency Information Card. The information provided on this card by the parent/guardian will provide the school with an updated address, telephone numbers and emergency contact information. If you have any changes to the information listed above during the school year, please contact the guidance department @ 410-996-6202. As a reminder, persons listed as emergency contacts are for emergency situations only. Students will not be released to those individuals in non-emergency situations unless the school receives verification from the parent/guardian that they have given permission for their son/daughter to be released.



Bus Notes - Permission will be given to ride a different bus or depart the bus at a stop other than your assigned drop-off spot for **emergencies only**. Written permission must be received from both parents/guardians.

Parking Permits - Student parking is by **permit only**. Due to the limited amount of parking, permits will be issued to seniors whose class schedules require transportation by personal vehicle. Remaining permits will be issued to seniors on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining available spaces may be issued to juniors requesting a permit for school sponsored activities. Students who park illegally will face disciplinary action. The cost of a parking permit will be \$20.00.

Cecil County Public Schools Dress Code Policy - Please refer to the Student Responsibilities Handbook for specific information regarding the dress code.

Anyone needing special accommodations at any function held at North East High School should contact the school at 410-996-6200.

FALL SPORTS

The fall sports season gets under way on August 15, 2009. Please refer to the list below for start date and practice times:

Football

August 15 - Practice - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Practice - 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Cross Country

August 15 - Practice - 8:00 a.m.
(Bring water and off campus running permission forms)

Field Hockey

August 15 - Practice - 8:00 a.m.
(A second practice will be held on August 15; however, the time has not been determined)

Girls Soccer

August 15 - Meeting to collect paperwork/practice - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Practice - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Boys Soccer

August 15 - Meeting to collect paperwork/practice - 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Practice - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball

August 14 - Meeting to collect paperwork - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
August 15 - Practice - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Practice - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Golf

August 17 - Practice - 6:00 p.m.
(Practice will be held at Chesapeake Rising Sun golf course - old Chantilly)

Any student who is interested in participating in a fall sport, must bring the following completed forms to the first meeting/practice:

Interscholastic Athletics Physical (completed after June 1, 2009)

Athletic Emergency Card

Interscholastic Insurance Waiver Form

