

Norwalk High School

Welcome back! We know that we are going to face many challenges this year with the pandemic. We have been working hard over the last few weeks to plan for a safe return, but we know that we need to be flexible as those plans may need to change. Our staff is dedicated to focusing on strong relationships with each student in order to help ease them back into school.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. We take our job seriously and look forward to working with you this year! [You can access our Building Return to Learn Plan at this link](#). Please keep in mind that this is fluid and may continue to change. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at cbasinger@norwalk.k12.ia.us.

Yours in education,

Chris Basinger
High School Principal

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High School Attendance Calls

Parents, please call the school within 24 hours of your student's absence to avoid the absence being considered unexcused. Written notes excusing an absence will not be accepted.

Attendance issues can be called into 981-4201. An answering machine is available to leave a message with your name, the student's name, and the reason for the absence with Mrs. Deters, our attendance secretary.

We know that it is difficult to call the school at times; however, we need your help in being sure attendance calls are received within the 24-hour limit.

Help Your Student Learn to Self-Advocate

When should parents intervene on their student's behalf? As parents, we all want to support our children and protect them from pain and unpleasant experiences. However, learning to deal with uncomfortable situations is part of growing up. When a situation arises please ask your student to first talk with the teacher, Advocate, or Principal. Parents should call the school when needed but in some cases intervening prior to the student's attempt at resolving the issue robs the student of a learning experience.

Parking Guidelines

- Students parking on school grounds must have their cars registered and have a parking tag.
- Parking tags are to be displayed on the rearview mirror or the front dash. The ID number on the tag must be visible from the outside.

- Students should avoid parking in designated staff and visitor parking. Students using these spots will be assessed a \$20.00 fine.
- Drivers who fail to display a parking tag or park inappropriately will be assessed a \$20.00 fine.
- Students receiving multiple parking fines may be denied parking, towed, and/or lose release privileges.
- School safety requires that driveways must remain open for safe passage of emergency vehicles. Vehicles parked in areas that create a safety concern may be towed at the owner's expense.
- All fines must be paid within two weeks. Failure to do so may result in a loss of parking privileges.

Course Information and Schedule Changes

Please take some time to log in to Parent Portal and review your student's course schedule. You can find more information on courses on our website at <http://bit.do/NHSCourseGuides>, including links to course descriptions and proficiency scales.

Students were instructed to make all schedule changes in the spring before school was out. Schedule changes at this time will be initiated by a teacher or administration. Schedules for the 2020-2021 school year can be found on Infinite Campus. Hard copies are not printed. Students are encouraged to go online to find this information prior to the first day of school.

Student Release Privileges:

Parents need to inform the Advocates' Office if they do not want their student to have release privileges. In accordance with our Return to Learn Plan, students may be granted additional release from study hall with parent permission.

Picking up Students after School

Please pick up your student on the **east or north side of the high school building**. Cars that stop in front of the building to pick up students create a safety concern for students crossing the street.

College Visits

It is very important for students to check with their Advocate and obtain an advanced make-up slip prior to being absent for a college visit.

There are many opportunities throughout the year for students to visit colleges without missing school. Parents and students are encouraged to schedule visitations to avoid the loss of instruction.

Driver Education

Street Smarts handles driver education for Norwalk students. See their website for information about courses and contact information for questions: <https://streetsmartsdriversed.com/>

Important Dates:

Mon., August 3	Building secretaries return
Tues., August 18	Teachers return
Mon., August 24	First day of school for students; 2:00 dismissal
Tues., August 25	2:00 dismissal

Wed., August 26

High School Picture Day 10:00am; 2:00 dismissal