



## Norwalk High School 2022-2023

Welcome back! Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer break and is getting excited about the new year getting started back up. We are looking forward to another year of partnering with you and our teachers to prepare your child for success in college and careers.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [cbasinger@norwalk.k12.ia.us](mailto:cbasinger@norwalk.k12.ia.us).

Yours in education,

Chris Basinger

High School Principal

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Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/norwalk\\_hs/](https://www.instagram.com/norwalk_hs/)

## **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.

## **Course Information and Schedule Changes**

Please take some time to login 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 2022-2023 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.

## **Lockers**

If a student wishes to have a locker, he or she should find a friend to partner with and fill out a request on the [Locker Request Form](#). Please allow two days for the office to process the request and assign the locker.

## **Student Morning Arrival**

Students who park in the west lot and arrive before 8:15 will enter through the Activities Entrance. Students who arrive early will have access to the new Warrior Zone across from the cafeteria until the 8:15 bell. Students dropped off by parents should be dropped off at door 13 (the one-way entrance along North Avenue).

## **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.

### **Student Release Privileges:**

Students at the high school must be enrolled in at least six courses each semester and are allowed a single period of release. Unless otherwise approved, 9th graders are only allowed release 1st or 9th period. Seniors must be enrolled in at least 11 courses, 6 one semester and 5 the other and may have "release" any other open period. Parents need to inform the office if they do not want their student to have release privileges.

### **Picking up Students after School**

Please pick up your student on the **north side of the high school building on the one way street at door #13**. 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://streetsmartsdiversed.com/>

### **DMACC Course Information**

**DMACC online (or on campus) classes start Wednesday, August 24, 2022.**

The Counseling Office has **TWO** different days to pick up your books in the Counseling Office. Students **MUST** pick up their books on one of the listed days and be able to access their DMACC accounts. If you have misplaced your login or have forgotten your login then you **MUST** contact DMACC at (515) 965-7300.

### **DMACC Book Pick Up - High School Counseling Office.**

**Friday, August 19** (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

**Monday, August 22** (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Messenger was sent with information about DMACC classes to students in an online or at DMACC class. This does not pertain to students enrolled in a DMACC credit class that happens with a Norwalk High School teacher (ex: Art Appreciation with Mrs. Davidson, AP Lang and Lit, AP Calculus).

**Southridge Academy DMACC classes start Wednesday, August 24, 2022.**

- Southridge Academy students DO NOT need to be at book pick up

**Important Dates:**

Mon., August 1	Building secretaries return
Wed., August 17	Teachers return
Thurs, August 18	New student orientation 5:00
Mon., August 22	High School Open House 4:00-6:00,
Tues., August 23	First day of school for students; 2:00 dismissal
Wed., August 24	2:00 dismissal
Thurs., September 1	Jostens meets with sophomores (class rings and letter jackets) and seniors (graduation caps, gowns, and announcements)
Wed., September 7	Jostens order day for class rings, letter jackets, and graduation caps, gowns, and announcements