

...Talk NNHS...



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NO LATE START WED ON OCT 13TH DUE TO PSAT TESTING. PLEASE ARRIVE TO SCHOOL BY 7:45AM

Good Morning Huskie Families,

Happy Homecoming Week to Naperville North HS!! There are so many fun activities and events planned for this week for students and staff, culminating in our HOCO Dance on Saturday night under the beautiful night sky! Looking forward to seeing you all week, enjoying the assemblies, games and other events throughout the week.

It is my distinct pleasure to share with you some incredible work that our staff and selected stakeholders have been working on throughout the summer to celebrate "What it means to be a Huskie". During the pandemic, a concern that has been on my mind for our students and families is the lack of connectedness and sense of community and belongingness to Naperville North High School. As we all know, the traditions and pride in an alma mater are what made our own high school experience so memorable and special. There was no way that our staff was going to allow that to be lost for our students if we could help it. With the assistance of Jostens, and a special thanks to Mark Skarr, Jim Konrad, Bob Quinn and Jennifer Baumgartner, we produced "Our Story" and accompanying video which I am extremely proud to share with you now.

The Naperville North High School Huskies "Our Story"

In 1971, Naperville North High School welcomed its first students. The original administration weighed mascot options. It quickly became apparent that the mascot was to represent the culture and qualities of all who walked the halls of Naperville North High School. It was determined that moving forward, all associated with North High School would now be known as Huskies. The new Huskie mascot would purposefully be spelled in the plural form to remind everyone that a Naperville North Huskie would never be alone and always be a member of a pack. The Husky is a highly social breed that is quick to make friends with strangers. Naperville North Huskies do so as well and always support others.

Academics are the cornerstone of Naperville North. The Husky is a hardworking and intelligent breed of dog. As a matter of fact, the most intelligent Huskies always lead the dog sled team as they are most responsive to the musher's commands as they lead their dog sled teammates. Responding to the command "hike!" is an important direction as it tells Huskies to get moving. Today's Naperville North Huskies always initiate hard work and demonstrate steadfast

progress in the accomplishment of any goal. “On by!” alerts the dog sled team to pass another team or stay focused in the face of distraction. This command is a Huskie mantra that is to be uttered and pondered as academic and extra-curricular success is readily achieved.

Naperville North Huskies serve others before themselves. The Husky was originally bred to serve a hunter-gatherer community in Russia. The Husky’s work as a member of a dog sled team, in service to their community, is an intrinsic and learned trait of the Husky breed. Naperville North Huskies also have a deep desire to serve others. Whether it be their local or the broader, global community, Huskies give back to make the world a better place.

Naperville North Huskies are involved in the extra-curricular programs of the school. Whether it is in athletics, performing arts or activities, North students extend the classroom at every turn. The Husky breed is athletic and loves to perform. These traits are mirrored by Naperville North Huskies who take pride and pleasure in competing and performing on the fields, courts and stages of our beloved high school.

On March 13, 2020, all Illinois schools were closed and staff and students were sent home. The global pandemic had changed the social and public life in which Naperville North Huskies thrived. North Huskies were separated from their pack. As our world began to recover and return to normal in the winter of 2021, the current administration understood the need to again acclimate the North community to the values of living their lives as Naperville North Huskies. In conjunction with our 50th Anniversary, we have told our story.

In the end, the Husky desires to be part of a pack and run with that group. North Huskies are “DRIVEN” to learn and grow as a member of the Naperville North pack. When their 4 years are complete, they are unleashed and sent on their own. They take their lessons learned specifically through Connecting, Serving, Exploring, and Leading to leave their imprint on the world knowing they will always be Naperville North Huskies.

[What It Means To Be A Huskie Video](#)

Thank you for entrusting your students to our care,

Stephanie Posey

Check out this month’s [Counselor Connection](#), with grade-level & college/career updates!

[Link to 2021-2022 NNHS Calendar](#)

Parent Information:

Emergency/E-Learning Days: Beginning this school year, District 203 could choose to utilize eLearning days instead of emergency days (typically caused by winter storms and other conditions that make it unsafe to travel to or stay at school). e-Learning days will allow students to learn virtually instead of having to cancel school and extend the school year. However, at times there may still be a need to use emergency days without e-Learning if an emergency happens with little warning and/or there is not enough time to activate the e-Learning plan. Whichever plan is activated, our families will be notified via email, phone call and the Remind app.

If we have an eLearning day, students and families will be notified early that no emergency day will be used and students will need to log in to all their Canvas courses by 9 am and complete asynchronous learning and work. This notification will go out via all-call, email, social media and my NNHS principal’s Remind. If you have not signed up for this Remind

there is still time. TEXT @nnhsPRI to 81010. You can expect 5 hours of asynchronous learning which includes homework. There will not be any live, synchronous instruction on eLearning days. Your teachers will be available to support you or answer questions between 9am and 2pm. If you are unable to participate in eLearning, a parent/guardian must report you absent via the school attendance line.

Home & School Meeting: Join us for our next meeting this Tuesday, October 12th 9-10:30 in room 108 and via Zoom. This will also be our third and final drawing for our generous DirectorySpot donors. This week's drawing is for a school store gift certificate and a Homecoming Football Game ticket and reserved parking spot package. Our guest speaker is Brian LaPorte from the College and Career Center. We hope to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5473998461?pwd=ZkFXNDZqMDU2eVJhWHZpYUhrdUdiZz09>

Meeting ID: 547 399 8461

Passcode: 1Ns1TP

PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 13th is an important day for our juniors as they will complete the PSAT/NMSQT at Naperville North. This is the only school-sponsored practice SAT opportunity for our juniors, it also serves as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program. In order to provide our juniors with the best possible testing experience, we will have a special schedule on October 13th.

There is no school for seniors on October 13th. This would be a great opportunity for seniors to work on college applications or to visit college campuses.

Please note these important details for 9th, 10th and 11th graders:

- October 13th schedule is 7:45 am - 12:45 pm for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. This is a Wednesday so please note the 7:45 start time is different from our normal Wednesday schedule.
- Testing will begin for all juniors at 7:45 am. Juniors should plan to arrive at their assigned testing location by 7:30 in order to prepare for the 7:45 start.
- 9th and 10th grade students will attend a modified class schedule from 7:45 am - 12:45 pm on October 13th.
- All juniors should have received a PSAT/NMSQT study guide. If your student has not, please have your student stop in the main office to pick up a study guide.
- Large Cafeteria will be open.
- Buses will depart from Naperville North at 1:00 pm.

SFCP and 360 Youth Services: SFCP is proud to present the first event in our Youth 360 Parent Series - Stress, Anxiety, and Your Teenager's Brain. Please join us Tuesday, October 12th @ 6:00 PM via zoom:

<https://naperville203.zoom.us/j/91938049746?pwd=WWJucUJzdWQ0NUQ1NG5hOUlwcHM3UT09>

Kate Moon, LCPC and Courtney Rozek, MSW, LSW are clinical therapists at 360 Youth Services. Kate specializes in the areas of trauma, family conflict, anger and acting out behaviors. She is also certified counselor for Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Courtney specializes in the areas of education, child/adolescent development, trauma, mental health and advocacy work.

Together, they will break down the impact of adolescent brain development to provide insight and support in the role your teenager's brain plays in their mental health, and their relationship with you. In addition to education on how the

teenage brain can influence behavior and relationships, they will also discuss strategies and skills to supports concerning moods and signs of anxiety.

Homecoming: Naperville North's Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 16 - and the Home & School Committee is requesting volunteers and donations to help make the evening a success. This is a fun event and a great opportunity for those who wish to volunteer at the high school level! Click the attached link for available opportunities to donate or volunteer. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49ADAA2EA75-naperville>

NNHS Designer's Challenge: ATTENTION Anyone Looking for a Home Makeover! The NNHS Interior Design class is looking for rooms in need of a refresh. We are able to design plans for living rooms, family rooms, or bedrooms!

How it works: You provide the answers to 10 easy questions about your room including your preferences, room dimensions and budget. The Interior Design class provides you with 3 comprehensive design plans for your project.

Although the students won't actually do the decorating work in your home, their plans will jumpstart your project by doing all the legwork for you. We ask that you be available for a client consultation (virtually or in person) the week of November 8th, and be available to have your designs presented to you during the week of December 13th.

If you are interested in getting new ideas for your room, please email Allison Hillyer at ahillyer@naperville203.org no later than October 25th.

Parents of Seniors: This is the final week to order your baby photo senior ad for the LOWEST PRICE! Prices increase after Friday, October 15th, so order today to make sure your student is included in this special, unique tribute to their accomplishments. To place your order, visit www.TheYearbookCompany.com

Booster Club Trivia Night: It's time to register for the NNHS Booster Club Trivia Night to be held on Nov.13 at Cress Creek Country Club! Trivia Night was created to eliminate individual clubs selling products each season. We are replacing those sales with a fun night out for parents with the entire Huskies Community. There will be food, fun, exciting raffle prizes and of course TRIVIA! Round up your pack! We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://tinyurl.com/NNHSTRIVIANIGHT>

National Merit News: This great news bears repeating - with a few corrections. Below are our NNHS National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students. We are so proud of our students and celebrate their remarkable achievement.

NNHS National Merit Semi-Finalists (33):

Neev Agrawal

Ria Bawiskar

Parker Garlough

James Ahn

Nicholas Boettcher

Christina Gu

Arvand Amleshi

Jacob Cao

David Guo

Jihoon Baek

Sean Denker

Nithilan Kalidoss

Andrew Baumgart

Reyah Doshi

Mohammad Khan

Claire Liu
Nicolas Liu
Eshani Ragam
Sourav Roy
Nikhil Sathyanathan
Dylan Schmit

Rajvi Shah
Aditya Srinivasan
Mehek Taneja
Joseph Tennyson
Emma Wang
Jennifer Xia

Yicheng Xiao
Henry Xie
Ella Xu
Kevin Xu
Derek Zhang
William Zheng

NNHS National Merit Commended Students (45):

Sulayman Ahmed
Isabel Azarcon
Sehoon Baek
Paul Berwick
Sarina Betjemann
Safiya Bhanpuri
Harrison Boelke
Sean Carstens
Dantrell Cheng
Tiffany Cheng
Alex Chiaramonte
Devin Chitwood
Angelica Conwell
Eliana Demale
Anshul Ganpule

Aveneesh Gokhale
Sofia Gut
Bibiane Kar
Maya Kang-Chou
Zea Karmadi
Aras Kaufmann
Connor Lee
Amanda Li
Sophia Li
Aleandra Mantel
Kamalika Nandyala
Wahid Nasir
Clarice Ong
Emilio Perez Ibarguen
Vinul Ramanathan

Evan Root
Arjun Santhanakrishnan
Matthew Sheng
Sean Sullivan
Sherwin Tahernezehadi
Samuel Tang
Vani Thakur
David Wang
Lucy Westlake
Justin Wu
William Xiao
Jonathan Zhang
Joyce Zhang
Julian Zhang
Isabella Zhou

NNHS Family Connection Holiday Drive: We are preparing to bring a message of friendship, caring and hope to NNHS families facing hardship this upcoming holiday season. If you want to be a part of this message, please consider sending either the donation of a gift card (Jewel, Aldi, Walmart or Meijer) or a contribution in the form of cash or a personal check (made payable to NNHS Family Connection). We will pool donations together to reach our goal. No amount is too small and every dollar is appreciated. Please submit all donations to Jill Myatt in Principal Stephanie Posey's office by Friday, November 12th so the gifts may be distributed prior to Thanksgiving.

REMIND: Below you will find the information that will allow you to receive REMIND 101 messages from Principal Posey. This will only be used in cases of emergency such as snow days, emergency late starts or early releases, crisis situations at NN, etc. Please use your full name so that we can ensure that only Naperville North affiliated persons are allowed to receive messages. Simple use the following link - clicking it allows you to join instantly: <https://remind.com/join/nnhspri>

SFCP Virtual Parent-to-Parent College Admission Networking Night: The NNHS SFCP will be hosting the 2nd VIRTUAL Parent-to-Parent College Admission Networking Night on Tuesday, October 26th from 7 - 8:30 PM through Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://naperville203.zoom.us/j/93484098618>

This is an informal Q & A format which features a veteran parent panel discussing the college admissions process. It is driven entirely by the attendees' questions with responses based on the experiences of the parent panelists who have been through the process and survived! Come and get your questions answered, or submit them here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIKe4XKstb1rc6VOJs7UCfWNIGjAjVvt0Cx86yv8ijzcKHcw/viewform>

If you have a recent graduate attending COD, local or any in-state college and are interested in being a panelist, please contact Lourdes Chew at lcnewsy@gmail.com, Teresa Bertolozzi at rnespero@yahoo.com, or Geetha Kagathi at gkagathi@gmail.com We will accept panelists through October 13th.

SFCP Presents Harlan Cohen: SAVE THE DATE! SFCP is proud to welcome back Harlan Cohen on Tuesday, November 9th in a virtual event called "Happy, Healthy, Almost Stress-Free College Planning". Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us. More details to follow.

Senior Brunch: There is still time to purchase your Senior Brunch Tickets but prices will be increasing! The ticket includes a brunch in May at Bobak's Signature Event, the Senior Issue, contribution to the Class Gift, Senior Giveaways, Mock Elections, senior shirt, and more! Please send payment and the form to school c/o Mr. Sean Williams and Mr. Gino Campise.

Volunteer for Senior Celebration: Senior Celebration 2022 will be on Saturday, April 9th. It will be an exciting evening for the Seniors and you won't want to miss out!! Please use the Google Doc link to register.

<https://forms.gle/G9kGLsowvvHFkiCP8>

Senior Celebration needs over 300 volunteers to be a huge success for our deserving Seniors. Please sign up to volunteer! You can help in whatever capacity you are able to. It is a fun night for all! We hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a5ad2aa7f85-nnhs>

Free ECG Screening: Naperville North High School is partnering with The Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) Cardiac Screening Program, a not for profit organization, to offer electrocardiograms (ECGs) to our students on *Thursday, October 28, 2021*. This painless, non-invasive screening is FREE to students thanks to the generosity of Edward-Elmhurst Health. In March 2020, 11 abnormal ECGs were detected, and 1,920 NNHS students were screened.

Register your student now for this FREE screening by visiting [Young Hearts for Life](#). Scroll to the bottom and click "I am giving permission for my child." You will then be taken to a page that allows you to complete the registration process. All testing occurs during your student's PE or Health Class time.

Each week, sudden cardiac death claims the lives of more than 60 young adults in the United States. Early identification is key to saving lives. A sports physical will only detect 4% of students at risk for Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). An ECG can detect 70% of students at risk.

HELP NEEDED: Help save a life! We rely on approximately 120 volunteers to make this event a success. Volunteers do not need to have medical experience. Unless recently trained, volunteers are required to attend a brief training program during the evening on Wednesday, October 27th at NNHS.

To VOLUNTEER: Visit <https://signup.com/go/jNMsqxO>. This link will take you directly to the Naperville North volunteer sign up page. Please choose a training slot on Wednesday evening and sign up for a shift on Thursday.

Student Information:

Homecoming 2021 Tickets: Huskie Road Trip, is just around the corner! Tickets this year will be available for students to purchase online. Beginning October 6, 2021, students will be able to access online ticket sales using the following link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=130718>

You must print or save (on your phone) the ticket provided after purchase and bring to the dance along with your student ID. You must have BOTH of these items to enter the dance. No exceptions! If a student is not able to use the online system due to a specific circumstance, you may stop by Mr. Hall's office in Student Services 1 during the lunch periods on 10/12 or 10/14 for assistance. Otherwise, all students must use the online ticketing system to purchase their Homecoming tickets. For more information on Homecoming week, ticketing, or the dance, visit the following link: <https://sites.google.com/naperville203.org/nnshomecoming/home>

AP Exams: AP exam registration deadline is November 5th, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Please do not wait until the deadline to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. McCormack in the Main Office at 630-420-2897 or jmccormack@naperville203.org