Huskie Howler – February 1, 2021

If you have any questions about any of the items below or other concerns, please contact Jay Wachtel, Principal, at (630) 420-6484 (jwachtel@naperville203.org) or Jill Myatt, Administrative Assistant at (630) 420-6484 (jmyatt@naperville203.org).

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Huskie Families,

We are looking forward to our second week of hybrid learning. It is also exciting to hear news from the IHSA about resuming sports and activities. I am sure we are all looking forward to students participating in these valuable activities once again.

Last Wednesday, the district sent out information for those participating in surveillance testing. The email is included at the end of the Howler if you missed it. Students will be able to drop off their samples at the entrances of Naperville North as they enter. If a student misses their drop day, have them bring it the next day. No worries. There is still time to enroll in surveillance testing. If you are still interested in having your student participate, please contact our front office at (630) 420-6480. The attached letter has details.

Also last Wednesday, an email with information on the Optimistic School Community Series was sent. The email is included at the end of the Howler if you missed it. I would like to invite you to participate if the opportunity interests you.

We would encourage you to please check in with your student(s) on their progress with their digital planner. As homework and assignments increase this week and schedules get increasingly busy, this planning tool will be very valuable. Let’s all work together with this new tool to get in the habit of daily usage.

We are aware of the amount of emails being sent. We are working on streamlining the content and reducing the overall volume. The Howler will continue to go out each Monday afternoon and will highlight important information we think you should know. We hope you will see a reduction in emails over the next few weeks. Please reach out to Naperville North if you have any questions.

Make it a terrific week!

Jay Wachtel

HUSKIE PARENTS: You are all invited to our next Home and School Board Zoom Meeting on Tues. Feb. 9 at 9am. Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion, will be our guest speaker and will update us on District Diversity and
Inclusion initiatives and accomplishments. Principal Wachtel will summarize how our transition to Hybrid is progressing while Jen Baumgartner, Dean of Student Activities, will enlighten us on what our students have been up to and any plans moving forward. This is a perfect forum for parents to stay informed and to ask questions directly to our administrators. Please click on the following Zoom link to join our meeting: 
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82427956563?pwd=Tmk4SFlhMXhhSGI4cU525DRtZTuuUT09 Meeting ID: 824 2795 6563 Passcode: 514971 If you have any questions, please contact Christine Simonson at napervillenorthhands@gmail.com

YARD SIGNS AND BAG TAGS NOW AVAILABLE! Show your team/club spirit with a NNHS Booster Club yard sign. Fall, winter, and spring signs, name plates, name stickers and bag tags are available now through February 17th. Please visit http://www.nnhsboosters.org to order.

Attention Huskies! Spanish National Honor Society is collecting donation items for the Alive Center. There will be a drop off box at the Main Entrance from February 1st – 19th. Please click on this link for a complete list of possible donation items. https://docs.google.com/document/d/12vJ-OzqZIEhzhbZhf4ZUf47n9EyY39S1e0kppNpjqk/edit?usp=sharing

WELCOME BACK, HUSKIES! Our NNHS spirit wear website has been UPDATED with new gear to welcome students back into the building! We have masks and spirit wear available to show your Huskie Pride! Please see the attached flyer for ordering information. Remember your orders support a local business (Deb’s Embroidery) AND the Boosters, which directly benefits NNHS student clubs, activities and athletics! Get your spirit wear TODAY! https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HfcLux-b3kw0EzThe0kbHj8B515CEbsc

Mid-Year Transcripts: Some colleges require submission of a mid-year transcript, which shows first semester senior year grades. - If you applied to a school on this list (https://www.naperville203.org/2020MidYears), you do NOT need to make a separate request. Your mid-year transcript will automatically be sent. - If your college requires a mid-year transcript and is NOT on the above list, please fill out this form (https://forms.gle/WUifnH77aZYh3QQj9) - We will be processing mid-year transcripts in early February, when all grades are finalized.

Scholarships for Seniors: Are you looking for money for college? Scholarships that are sent to the Counseling Department are posted in SchooLinks. To find these scholarships, log into SchooLinks, click Finances on the left, and then Scholarship Matching. There are several thousand scholarships listed but 60 of them have been posted by NNHS. Look for the caption “District-Posted” in the top right after you create your Eligibility profile to narrow the search. If you would like to look for additional, national scholarships, please see our Third-Party Scholarships Handout (https://www.naperville203.org/Page/8050)

Peer tutoring: Below is our Peer Tutoring schedule. Here are the links to log in: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZzGShQK_USBcQx3IFcX0pL6tDSotKeIFRACUUtWVdY/edit?usp=sharing

Senior Celebration: We have a new date for Senior Celebration 2021. The Disney-themed event will be on SUNDAY, MAY 30th at Naperville North High School and will kick off the much anticipated Senior Week!! If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity or have questions, please email co-chairs Kim Henderson and Kelly O’Malley at nnhsSeniorcelebration@gmail.com.

Are you interested in learning more about the plans for Senior Celebration 2021 or volunteering to help? If so, please join us for our monthly call on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 7pm. Click this Zoom link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86058340679?pwd=QitGVXRQdUJ5M1pYK3h3NWVaaE5QUT09 Meeting ID: 860 5834 0679 Passcode: 220085

**********************************2021 SENIOR CELEBRATION REGISTRATION******************************

Has your Senior registered for this blockbuster event yet? Please note the following important updates:
• New date for Senior Celebration: Sunday, May 30, 2021, which will appropriately kickoff Senior Week.
• $5 Registration Fee increase will be delayed until Feb. 1, 2021. Take advantage of this extension by paying $60 prior to Feb. 1, 2021. To check on the status of your registration, go to: https://www.naperville203.org/Page/7740. Under Senior Celebration, click on "Registration Information as of ..." There are several Seniors who have only completed half of their
registration. Some have registered online, but have not paid and some have paid but haven't registered online.

BOTH of the following steps must be completed to be officially registered:
1. REGISTER ONLINE by clicking the following link: https://tinyurl.com/SC21Reg.
2. SUBMIT PAYMENT. Payment options are outlined on the online registration form.

If you have any registration questions, please contact Christine Simonson at: nnhsseniorcelebrationregister@gmail.com.

Club & Team Opportunities and Daily Announcements - We can’t wait for students to get involved in our clubs and teams! Announcements for the opportunities and celebrations for our activities are published daily. Students can access the daily announcements in their canvas course 20-21-NNHS-Announcements. Parents can access daily announcements https://www.naperville203.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=583. This Student Activities webpage, https://www.naperville203.org/Page/4500, will also house general information on club/team meetings and locations or zoom links under the Clubs & Teams section. Not all clubs or teams meet the entire year, so this information is updated as it becomes available.

Surveillance Testing: Below is the email sent with details on Surveillance testing last Wednesday.

Thank you for participating in the COVID-19 screening program. We believe that this additional mitigation strategy will help us to reduce the spread of the virus. Students will begin testing the week of February 1, 2021, and we wanted to provide some additional information about the program.

Sample Collection
- Your building will provide your testing kit. The testing kits will include all of the materials you will need for 12 weeks.
  - The testing kit will include directions on how to provide the sample, 12 straws, test tubes, envelopes, and 14 unique barcode labels.
  - The directions include a link to a video that demonstrates how to provide the saliva sample.
- Samples will be collected weekly. The schedule is below:
  - Tuesday: High School (A-E)
  - Wednesday: High School (F-K) and Junior High Group A
  - Thursday: High School (L-R)
  - Friday: High School (S-Z) and Junior High Group B
- Should you forget your sample or are absent on your assigned day you may drop your sample off on another day.

Notification
- All individuals who screen positive for the possible presence of COVID-19 will receive a text to alert them to the positive finding. The text will indicate that the student and all siblings should remain home and that someone will be contacting you with additional information.
  - If you receive a text, All students in the home are required to stay home.
- The health office will contact you during regular office hours, to discuss the next steps and gather information for contact tracing.
- Contract tracing will focus on the time your student was at school.
- Following the phone call, you will receive a letter that outlines the procedures and next steps.

Thank you again for participating in this very important program.
Optimistic School Community: Below is the email with details on the Optimistic School Community sent last Wednesday.

As an extended kickoff of the 2021 year, along with Superintendent Bridges, I would like to invite YOU to participate in The Optimistic School Community series. This is a community engagement series that is designed to help us refocus on wellness, unity, and positivity.

The Optimistic School Community provides invaluable tools and techniques to assist us in focusing on wellness during these unprecedented times. The series focuses on:

- Developing a resilient and positive mindset
- The impact of social connections on positivity and rational optimism for wellbeing
- Building individual and family happiness habits for self-care
- Raising the levels of happiness of yourself, family, staff and students
- Creating a positive and adaptive mindset

What is the Optimistic School Community Series?

- A set of six interactive modules that includes 5-15 minute videos with accompanying activities and resources designed to build a positive mindset and foster social-emotional wellbeing for our students.
- All six modules are self-paced and can be completed at your own leisure.
- The series begins on Monday, February 1, with two modules being released each week. (Click HERE to view the series calendar)
- There will also be three interactive live virtual sessions from 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. in the evening that will highlight the themes of each week. (Click HERE to register for the live sessions)
- All information is found on our Naperville 203 website.

Additionally, you may have noticed some shifts with our District logo and colors. These hints or orange serve as a visual reminder for us to focus on doing things that have a positive impact in our lives, and those around us. I challenge our school community to participate in this series of events. It is my hope our community will unite and Be The Spark of positivity, optimism, and hope. We are looking forward to having some fun, focusing on wellness and mindfulness! Please join our movement! #BeTheSpark