

NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Members of the Class of 2027 and Parents/Guardians:

We are fast approaching the beginning of another school year. The staff and administration at North Hunterdon High School are looking forward to meeting you this fall. Please join us in a “commitment to excellence” that will make the 2023-2024 school year a productive one for you and everyone in our school community.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION:

North Hunterdon High School provides a Freshman Orientation program on the first day you are in the building. This experience will take place from **9:45 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.**

Transportation will be provided for orientation. Busing information with times and bus stop locations is available in Aspen, located under the Transportation tab. Bus pick-up for Freshman Orientation will be exactly **two hours** later than the scheduled normal pick-up time. Students should be at the bus stop at least five minutes before pick-up. Dismissal is scheduled for 3:10 p.m., and busing will be provided home.

When freshmen arrive at the high school on Wednesday, August 23, they should go promptly to the theater for a brief assembly. They will then meet their counselor and proceed through a schedule of orientation activities.

School lunch will be available for purchase on Freshman Orientation Day. Freshmen may either bring their own lunch or purchase lunch through our cashless school cafeteria. To make purchases in the cafeteria, parents must create an account in PaySchools. Students will enter their student ID number at the register to make a purchase, and it will deduct money from their PaySchools account. Instructions on creating an account are posted on our Food Services website, <https://www.nhvweb.net/foodservices/>. The cafeteria price list and menus will be posted on that website closer to the start of school.

ACTIVITIES FAIR:

An Activities Fair is included in the Freshman Orientation program from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The fair will take place in the Main Gym and will allow freshmen to explore many co-curricular options.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

This year, we will have **one scheduled Back to School Night**. Parents of **9th-12th graders** are invited to attend on Tuesday, **August 29th**. The evening program will begin in the main gymnasium at 6:30

p.m. Parents are reminded to bring a copy of their student's schedules to this popular year-opening event. Another letter will be sent with details prior to Back to School night.

A Back to School Night **Virtual Option** will also be available for anyone who can not make it or chooses to stay home that evening. Videos prepared by teachers that provide a course overview and expectations will be available on our website, with more information to be sent out on **August 29th**.

ACCESS TO ASPEN (Student Information System):

In July, parents/guardians should have received login information to access Aspen, our student information system. This system will allow you to view your student's schedules, assignments, attendance, locker information, and fees. In addition, your student's bus route and pick-up time will be available in Aspen. (Please note that the transportation department will not mail home bus cards.) If you already have an account in Aspen from last year, please note that your freshman will be automatically added to your account. If you have problems with your parent Aspen account, please contact Sherri DiMarcello, Database Manager, at sdimarcello@nhvweb.net. For tutorials to help you navigate Aspen, please visit <https://www.nhvweb.net/technology/aspens/aspens-family-portal-intro/>.

CHROMEBOOKS AND INTERNET ACCESS:

Our school district has a 1:1 initiative that provides a Chromebook and a school email, and a Google account to every student. Students have the option to accept the district-issued Chromebook or to bring in their own Chromebook. If your child is accepting the district-issued Chromebook, they will receive a Chromebook during orientation on August 23rd provided you have completed the agreement form in Aspen (see information below). If your child opts to bring their own personal Chromebook, please [click here](#) for a list of acceptable devices. Your child must bring their own Chromebook to orientation so we can register the device on the school network, or they can visit the Technology Resource Center outside Cafeteria A during the regular school day.

Parents must complete the Technology Agreement Form in Aspen for their freshman to receive a Chromebook and gain access to the Internet and school network. Parents of students bringing their own Chromebook must also fill out the agreement form. The form is available in Aspen, under Page Directory, then Technology Forms. Please fill out the Technology Agreement Form **before August 23rd** so there is no delay in providing your child with school network access and a Chromebook.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Parent organizations are an essential part of the school community at North Hunterdon High School. If you want to join one of the following organizations, please click the links below to read more about each group and access the membership form.

- **NHHS PTSA** (Parent-Teacher-Student Association): <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/ptsa/>
- **NHHS Music Association**: <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation>
- **NHHS Athletic Booster Club**: <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/booster/index.php>
- **North Hunterdon Education Foundation**: <http://www.nhhsfoundation.org/>

As you, the Class of 2027, approach this new school experience, I want to remind you that your education is more than a mark on a report card. School is also about people and opportunities. I would like to draw your attention to the fine array of clubs, athletic teams, and co-curricular activities that are available to you. Take advantage of the many opportunities our school has to offer, and you will look back fondly on your school days. I encourage you to visit our website regularly at <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/home/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Counseling Office at (908) 713-4130. Best wishes for a great year, and welcome to North Hunterdon High School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Cottrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Greg Cottrell, Ed.D.
Principal