## NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Blood donations in New Jersey remain in short supply, so we hope you will consider donating blood at our next blood drive on November 26, 2024. While 60% of the population is eligible to give blood, only 5% of those eligible do. Yet, every three seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion.

Each year, our teachers, students, parents/guardians, and community members come forward to help others through blood donations. Their generosity was acknowledged again last year when New Jersey Blood Services listed North Hunterdon High School as one of the leading corporate and educational blood donor groups. North Hunterdon was listed as #1 among high schools in New Jersey. We hope our community's generosity will continue.

## The blood drive will be held in North Hunterdon High School's Main Gym on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To reserve a time slot for your donation, please click <u>HERE</u> for the sign-up link.

While students who are seventeen and eighteen years old may donate legally without parental permission, we ask that they speak with their parents/guardians before donating and obtain written permission (see below). We also extend a special invitation to our students who will be sixteen years old by November 26. With parental permission, sixteen-year-olds can donate in the state of New Jersey. In addition to filling out the permission slip below, they must also fill out the New Jersey Blood Services Parental Consent Form attached HERE.

Reminders and new guidelines for donating:

- All Donors should drink plenty of water and eat regular meals on donation day.
- All donors must show some official form of identification, such as a picture ID or driver's license.
- If you have a blood donor card, please bring it when you donate.
- All donors' temperatures will be taken before entering the blood drive.

## We look forward to your help. Save someone's life on November 26!

Sincerely, Greg Cottrell, Ed.D. Principal

Regardless of age, all students must have this permission slip signed by a parent/guardian. You are eligible to donate blood if you are 16 years of age or older. Please submit this permission form, signed by your parent/guardian, when you come in to donate blood. Sixteen-year-olds must also submit the New Jersey Blood Services Parental Consent form.

I am giving permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_, who is a minimum of 16 years old, to donate blood on November 26, 2024, at North Hunterdon High School.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: