

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

WINNETKA CAMPUS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I hope the summer break has been enjoyable for you and your family. The faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming 2,937 students this year to the Winnetka Campus.

You should have received your student's class schedule along with pertinent information about the opening of the school year in July. You also may find forms, calendars, deadlines, and other information about the 2017-2018 school year on our *Back To School* link: <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/backtoschoolinfo/>. In addition, your best source of information about New Trier events is the **online calendar** on our website at www.newtrier.k12.il.us. This web-based calendar is updated daily, reflecting changes as they happen. To access this resource, select "Calendars" from the home page on the website.

Over the summer, the construction team completed the Winnetka Campus Facilities Project. Here are some of the differences you will notice, along with what to expect in the coming months:

- Phase One of the building project provides students and staff access to a new library, student cafeteria, academic classrooms, art studios on the fourth floor, and lower level Applied Arts labs. A green roof and patio on the fourth floor are available to students during the school day.
- Phase Two of the new building provides music rehearsal space and practice rooms, the new McGee Theatre, a new studio theatre (to be named the Hayes-McCausland Theatre), AV/multimedia labs, TV and radio stations, additional academic classrooms, three science labs, and an additional green roof. Three newly renovated classrooms (part of the old library) bring the total of new standard academic classrooms to 29, including two extra-large American Studies classrooms for that interdisciplinary program. Rehearsal rooms for choral and instrumental music have easy access to the auditorium and theatres, and now include adequate space for storage as well as individual, small group, or large group practice.
- A central feature of the completed project is the concourse that connects the new project to the North Building, Tower Building, and Gaffney Auditorium. A skylight extends almost the entire length of the concourse, bringing natural light into the new and existing buildings. Four new staircases and two bridges (on three levels) connect the buildings, with two new elevators enhancing accessibility to all parts of the campus.
- The newly completed access road along the north side of the building, named Trevian Way, is a one-way road heading west. The road is two lanes wide with a drop-off lane added near the new north entrance. The new access road may be used to get around the campus more easily or to drop off or pick up students on the north side. Access to Trevian Way is from the east (off Essex Road); cars exiting Trevian Way onto Woodland Avenue may turn north or south from the access road, even during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. (See enclosed map.)
- New navigation systems will be located at three entrances. Note that new building classrooms are identified with the letter "W" before the room number, with the first number indicating the building floor. For example, W123 is located in the new addition on the first floor. Room numbers move from south to north in numerical order.
- Students and visitors may enter the building from one of four doors, including two new entrances this year: North entrance off Trevian Way (new access road); Main (South) entrance off Winnetka Avenue; East door off Essex Road; and West entrance off Woodland Avenue. (See enclosed map.)
- Please note the enclosed schedule for the first two days of school. All students will begin their day in their adviser rooms at **8:15 a.m., Thursday, September 7**, to meet with their advisers and obtain final class schedules. Seniors and juniors will be dismissed at 1:05 p.m., and sophomores will remain for an assembly ending at 1:55 p.m.

Please take note of the additional inserts in this mailing, and I look forward to welcoming students back for the start of the school year. Thank you for your support, and best wishes for a great year!

Sincerely,

Denise A. Dubravec
Principal, Winnetka Campus