

Dear Parents/Guardians of Freshmen:

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I hope the summer break has been enjoyable for you and your family. The faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming 1,017 students this year to the Northfield Campus. It is great to see students on campus again with the adviser room picnics and tours and fall sport practices beginning.

We look forward to welcoming parents to campus on Sept. 12 or 13 for our Freshman Parent/Adviser Nights. Please save the date, and we will send more information as these nights approach.

Dates	Day	Time	Event
9/12	Wednesday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Freshman Parent/Adviser Nights for Boys – only parents
9/13	Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Freshman Parent/Adviser Nights for Girls – only parents

You should have received your student's class schedule along with pertinent information about the opening of the school year in the mail. In an effort to organize and consolidate information, we created a *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 "Calendar" from the home page on the website.

We are distributing our **Student Guidebook** electronically to families. You can find the Guidebook attached to this email or online at: <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/Guidebook/>. The Guidebook contains information on student services, school policies and procedures, and students' rights and responsibilities, along with other useful information. All students and parents should read the Guidebook to be aware of these services, policies, and expectations. Any student participating in an extracurricular activity must agree to abide by the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

While the Guidebook is a useful reference, it does not include every District policy. Those policies, which may be added or changed during the year, can be found on our Board of Education web page: <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/BoardPolicies/>

Please read the attached letter on new municipal consequences New Trier students face if they are found with e-cigarettes at school, including possible citations, fines, and/or court appearances. New Trier is very concerned about the rise in adolescent use of e-cigarettes, which are small electronic devices that use a battery to heat a liquid into vapor that is then inhaled. That vapor is often flavored and most often contains nicotine or THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. In addition to receiving a school disciplinary consequence as outlined in the Guidebook, any student found in possession of an e-cigarette device will be referred to our on-site police officer (school resource officer), who will consider issuing a local ordinance violation, which may result in a fine and/or a hearing at Village Hall or Cook County Circuit Court. The attached letter contains more information on e-cigarettes, health concerns, and consequences.

The following are some basic guidelines to assure a great school year for students and parents:

- Students are expected to **arrive at school on time** and be in their adviser rooms by 7:55 a.m.
- Your child's adviser must be contacted anytime your child will miss school. Your child must sign in or out at the Attendance Office, Room B230, if they attend a partial day.
- From time to time, students may forget personal items at home. Parents may bring these items to the Attendance Office, Room B230, but the **items will not be delivered personally** to the students.
- Students are allowed to carry cell phones but **may not use them as phones in the buildings during the school day**. They also must be turned off and out of sight during classes. Students may use their phones for texting or accessing information during non-class time. Please do not call your child on her/his cell phone during the day.
- **Visitor parking** is available in the parking lot east of the C building, near the forest preserve fields.
- **Student IDs and Food Service:** Students can take their pictures for their **Student IDs until August 22 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Winnetka Campus in Room 123 or during their iPad orientation training**. ID cards will be distributed the first few days of school. You can load your student's card with money for lunch at this site: <https://newtrierfood.revtrak.net/tek9.asp> There will be food service starting the first day of school. I encourage you to send your student with a snack for the first day because the lunch period will be shortened that day.

Please note the attached schedule for the first two days of school. All students will begin their day in their adviser room at **7:55 a.m., Monday, August 27**, to meet with their advisers and obtain final class schedules.

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

Sincerely,

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