

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203



To commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity.®

Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2025,

On behalf of the entire New Trier staff, we are excited for you to begin your journey toward high school next year. We know you have just begun an unusual 8th grade year, and we want you to take advantage of your middle school experience, even if that looks different this year. We also want to answer your questions about New Trier and the transition to high school. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to make that transition as smooth as possible.

Enclosed with this letter is a new publication we created last year, *Getting to Know New Trier High School*. We encourage students and families alike to read through this publication to find out more about how we make our big school seem small, the many opportunities available at New Trier, our unique lingo, making friends, and more. You will find brief articles, a Q&A, and advice and testimonials from current students and recent graduates.

New Trier High School's mission is "to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity." Our mission guides our thinking and programming. We want each of our students to grow socially, emotionally and intellectually so they are prepared to lead meaningful, compassionate, and impactful lives after graduation.

At New Trier, we pride ourselves in providing unique opportunities that lead to positive student experiences. Though our school may be large, our teachers and staff truly know our students and are invested in their success. Through programs like the adviser system and post-high school counseling and opportunities such as clubs (about 150!), athletics (35 sports), and performing arts, we truly have something for everyone.

New Trier's reputation has been built over many decades by thousands of students and staff members, but its future reputation is in our hands. We are committed to working collaboratively to help each student grow, have a positive high school experience, and leave New Trier a better institution.

In the coming weeks, we will email you information about upcoming placement test dates, virtual events, and more. We also will be updating our [Incoming Freshmen web page](#) with information for the Class of 2025. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, and best of luck with 8th grade!

Sincerely,

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