

NEWARK HIGH NEWS

NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL * CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NHS Important Dates

August

- 18 Teacher Classroom Prep Day
- 19-21 Teacher & Paraprofessional Development
- 21 Freshmen Welcome Night 7pm Auditorium
- 25 Grades 1-9 Students First Day of School
- 26 PK-12 - All Students Attend School
- 29 Schools Closed

September

- 1 Labor Day - Schools & Offices Closed
- 26 Interims Issued (4 Marking Period Schools)

NEWARK HIGH NEWS 2008-2009 DEADLINE SCHEDULE

There will only be 6 hard copy NHS newsletters printed during the 2008-2009 school year. Electronic updates will be posted as needed.

Submission Deadline Sep 8
Submission Deadline Nov 5
Submission Deadline Jan 8
Submission Deadline Mar 6
Submission Deadline May 22

October hard copy
December hard copy
February hard copy
April hard copy
June hard copy

August 2008

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About this newsletter

You may view this newsletter and previous newsletters at www.christina.k12.de.us/newark/NHSnews/index.htm.

Send any newsletter submissions for the next hard copy OCTOBER Issue by or before September 8th

to:

Mary Lou McDowell at
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Message from the Administration

Dear Newark High School Students and Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2008-09 school year. The opening of school is approaching quickly and we look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting school year. I am pleased to report that we are returning our entire administrative team; Mr. Robert Jefferson (9th Grade Asst. Principal), Mr. Michael Scott (10th Grade Asst. Principal), and Mrs. Michele Savage (11th/12th Grade Asst. Principal.) and approximately 90 faculty members. Below you will find a list of expectations that were reported by NHS Staff, Students, and Parents. We believe the expectations established below are best practices for all stakeholders and will continue to guide NHS on the path to excellence.

Administration:

- Follow through and enforce the Code of Conduct in a consistent manner
- Communicate openly and effectively with teachers, students and parents
- Hold teachers and students accountable for their expectations
- Be visible in all areas of the building and school wide activities
- Provide opportunities to participate in effective and relevant professional development

Teachers:

- Prepared for bell to bell teaching within the 90 minute block
- Use data to differentiate lessons to engage all students

- Model excellence in appearance and behavior relevant to subject area
- Know and consistently enforce school rules and expectations
- Be willing to collaborate with fellow teachers across content areas

Students:

- Be responsible for your education through active questioning and seeking help for understanding
- Be respectful of your fellow students, staff and the Newark High School facilities
- Be present on time, ready to learn with required materials
- Be a positive active participant with in the school community
- Be responsible for attending all classes and completing all assignments on time.

Sincerely,
Curtis Bedford
Principal, NHS

The Newest Tradition getting set for the 2008-2009 season

NHS Ice Hockey will begin practice for the new season starting in September. Any NHS student interested in playing should contact Mrs. Economos in the school nurses office. Congratulations to our new team leaders, Robert Mooney-captain, Travis Sanders and Mike Davis, alternate captains.

Attention All Athletes!

All students participating in school sports need sports physicals before practice starts in August.

Athletes may not practice until their physicals have been presented to the school nurse or coach.

If your student needs an inhaler while practicing please make sure they carry it with them at all times.

Attention students that are new to Newark High from out of the state or out of the country.

You will need a school physical and PPD (Tuberculosis) test in order to enter Newark High in the fall.

This is a state mandated regulation.

Thank You,
Lori Economos RN MSN

Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions Announces

Prep for the PSAT and SAT at Newark High School!! Classes begin 9/15 and run Mon/Wed at 6pm Call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com/sat for more information or to register
NHS Students receive a \$100 discount!
Does your student group need to raise money? Call (302) 454-8045 for Kaplan fundraising opportunities!

It is time to start preparing for the new year. Hopefully all summer reading assignments are finished (they were published in the last newsletter). Fall sports practices start August 15. School starts for grades K-9 on Monday, August 25. The rest of the students start on Tuesday, August 26. Open House will be on September 15.

Students who need night school classes must register with their counselors the first week of school. A student must be at least 16 years old and have at least 10 credits to sign up for night school. At the time this is going to print, the night school orientation dates are not available, but you may call the night school offices for those dates (Wilmington 651-2709, Glasgow 454-2101).

At the beginning of the year, there are many questions about schedules. Any student with an issue should fill in an appointment slip (or write a note) for his or her counselor stating the specific problem and what the student would like to have done. In this way, the counselor may be able to fix the problem after school hours, without wasting precious class time. Remember that this year, you may not change a class that you requested, only classes that should not be on your schedule.

Parents may also telephone counselors or e-mail them, but please realize the first two weeks of school are very busy for everyone. If you wish to meet with your child's counselor, it is always best to make an appointment in order to best meet your needs. The school phone number is 631-4700.

Principal -Mr. Bedford at extension 14701.

Assistant Principals –

Grade 9: Bob Jefferson ext 14705

Grade 10: Michael Scott ext 14702

Grades 11 and 12: Michelle Savage (used to be Millar) ext 14703

Deans of Discipline –Greg Benjamin ext 14306 and Butch Simpson ext 14312

Counselors – Penny Halfen ext 14750

Debbie Briggs ext 14305

Shirin Skovronski ext 14313

Linda Raffaele ext 14315

In the first few days of school, students not only receive their schedules, they also get their PIN numbers for the cafeteria and forms to sign up for the Wellness Center or for insurance plans. The Wellness Center provides free sports physicals

as well as many other health-related and counseling services, and students can make appointments during the school day (369-1606). Your application is good for all your years at this school, so you do not need to fill in a new one each year. Teachers will also send home a syllabus or course requirement sheet with their contact information listed on it. Parents are usually expected to sign a slip on the bottom to return, and I suggest you keep the other portion in a file for your student each year, so you will be able to access that information should you need it. Emergency cards will be sent home by the nurse, so please be sure to update those. The students also get student handbooks and code of conduct books. Please make yourselves well acquainted with all of these for future use.

I strongly recommend that you wait with buying school supplies until your child has met the teacher, who will request specific supplies for each class. However, your child will need to buy some 3-ring binders and an agenda book to use to record assignments and due dates. One of the most important uses of the agenda book is to use it as a diary. Your child needs to record all of his or her absences, nurse visits, counselor appointments, etc. in that book, so that if attendance is ever questioned, he or she has a written record of the situation. It will certainly make attendance appeals easier, should your student exceed the absence limits (4 for a semester class; 9 for a year). Yellow slips which a student gets for excused absences should be kept stapled in the agenda book or someplace safe where the student can have access to them should he or she need them for an attendance issue. Please make sure to send in excuse notes within 3 days of the absence. You may monitor your child's attendance and grades on the home access center online: <https://hac.doe.k12.de.us>. Click on Christina School district. Usually your username is your last name and first initial. Your passwords were sent out last year, but may be obtained by contacting your child's counselor.

Another big issue at the beginning of the year is school rules. It is important to remind parents that if a student brings a cell phone, Discman, Ipod, or MP3 player to school, it should not be seen or heard during the school day (7 am to 2 pm – that means as soon as they get off the busses), or it can be confiscated. Another problem is appropriate dress. While we understand it is hot, students still need to cover their shoulders,

back, and bellies, so please do not allow your child to come to school in tank tops, halter tops, belly shirts, or really short shorts or skirts. It is cooler for a student to wear a t-shirt than a tank top with a sweater on top to keep covered. Chains and hats should not be worn in school either.

As the weeks pass, if you wish to contact your child's teachers by e-mail, you usually need to put the teacher's last name and first initial @christina.k12.de.us. Parents of 9th, 10th, and 11th graders can contact one team teacher in order to meet with the whole team. A team consists of a math, English, science, and social studies teacher. As we near the interim date of September 26th, you may want to contact teachers to see what your child needs to do to improve his or her grades. The first marking period ends on October 24th, so report cards will be handed out within a couple of weeks after that. Keep all these records of your child in a special file for that child, so you can access this easily if needed.

In September, your child will be taking another round of MAP testing, and on October 15, he or she will be taking PSAT's. Remember, PSAT's are important, not only to prepare for SAT's, but for 11th graders to be eligible for certain scholarships, and to decide if a student in grades 9 to 11 should be placed in Advanced placement classes the following year. Hence, it behooves the child to score as well as possible on the PSAT for multiple reasons.

For those students planning to take October SAT's, please be prepared to register by September 9th for this test. Our school code is 080115. Registration can be done on the internet at www.collegeboard.com. (There is a table of dates following this article.) Juniors will want to take this test at least once during this school year. Remember this test has a writing component now, so it costs more (\$45) and takes more time. Late registrations can be done for a few days after the registration deadline, but cost \$23 extra. In order to increase the likelihood of getting your preferred test site, you should register as early as possible for the test date that you want.

There are two major events in October that all students and their parents should attend. Usually, our school hosts some sort of presentation in October about financial planning for college. Please be on

Counselor's Corner

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the lookout for more information on this year's presentation. Another important event is **College Night**. Towards the end of October (probably October 21st), more than 150 colleges and universities from around the nation will send representatives to the Bob Carpenter Center at the University of Delaware from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity for your child to start looking into colleges which will suit him or her best. You will be able to obtain information about class sizes, costs, application fees, location, and many other questions. This event is suitable for any high school student, and should not be missed, so make sure to put this on your calendar as soon as you hear the date. More information on these two events should be forthcoming in the next issue of the newsletter.

During the year, different colleges send representatives to our school to meet with students interested in attending that college. Those dates are usually posted in the hallway between Student Services West and A-Cafeteria. If your child sees a school scheduled that he or she wishes to attend, he or she needs to attend that session and get a pass back to class when the session is over.

As you can see, the first three months of school are extremely busy, so you need to mark all important dates on your calendar. As always, if you have any questions, your student services department is only a phone call away.

SAT Schedule

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (add \$23)
Oct 4, 08	Sep 9, 08	Sep 16, 08
Nov 1, 08	Sep 26, 08	Oct 10, 08
Dec 6, 08	Nov 5, 08	Nov 18, 08
Jan 24, 09	Dec 26, 08	Jan 6, 09
Mar 14, 09	Feb 10, 08	Feb 24, 09
May 2, 09	Mar 31, 08	Apr 9, 09
Jun 6, 09	May 5, 09	May 15, 09

Wellness Center News

The Wellness Center will be performing sports physicals on August 11, 12, 14, 19 and 26. All athletes need a sports physical before participating in practice. The Wellness Center phone number is 369-1606.

To all new students entering Newark High from private schools or from out of the state or country, a school physical is required prior to the start of school. Please contact your primary care doctor or the Wellness Center.

PHOTOS WANTED FROM ALL GRADE LEVELS

How have you spent your summer vacation?

We want to feature as many Newark students as possible at work and at play. Bring us your summer photos and we may get you into the year-book!

All submissions can be placed in the big red box in the main office. Make sure your name and English teacher's name are on the back.



Library Corner

Thanks to Senator Joe Biden, over the summer the Newark High Library received 20 boxes of new books from the Library of Congress. These books will enrich our collection, giving students many exciting choices for pleasure reading or current research. Thanks, Joe!

Aside from great books, the NHS library offers many support resources: college information, AP handbooks, SAT prep materials, books for parents of teens, career counseling materials, audio books, VHS and DVD tapes, audio tapes for learning 7 different languages including English, and books written in 6 languages. The library also sells school supplies so that everyone can be ready for class.

Need a math tutor? Dr. Baxter, will return for his 10th year volunteering to help Newark students who need free one-on-one instruction in math. Students can sign-up in the library to get on his schedule.

Ninth graders who want to be the first in their family to make it to college, can stop in the library to register for Education Talent Search, a free support service offered by DelTech and run weekly in the library.

My name is Diana Freccia and I offer one-on-one tutoring for the SAT. I go through all aspects of the test: Critical Reading, Essay Writing, Grammar and Math. I try to build confidence and supply test taking strategies. I use all materials from The College Board.

I am filled up through October 4th, however I can take some students for the month of October, leading up to either the November or December tests for a limited version of my full program. I am also accepting reservations for sessions from January through May (Juniors planning to take the May 2009 SAT) at this time.

Please contact Diana Freccia by cell phone at (516) 457-7470 or by email at diana@photodee.com



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Join the Newark High School PTA 2008/09

ONLY \$5.00 per Person!

Welcome! Your membership payment of \$5.00 includes membership in the state and national PTA organizations. Becoming a member of the PTA **does not** require you to volunteer!

I am a Parent Teacher Student Other _____

Address _____ ZIP CODE _____

Phone (s) _____

Would you like email notification of news & events? Yes No

Email address _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Annual Membership is \$5 per person. Please make checks payable to NHS PTA.

Member #1 Name _____ \$5.00

Member #2 Name _____ \$5.00

Member #3 Name _____ \$5.00

I would like to donate an additional _____ \$
to the Newark High School PTA to support PTA related activities (optional)

Total Enclosed _____ \$

Thank you for joining the PTA!

Return this form with payment to:

Newark High School PTA

750 East Delaware Ave.

Newark, DE 19711

Questions? Contact PTA President Catherine Buckminster at 737-4184 or email clmbuck@comcast.net

Please Join Newark High School PTA

Becoming a Member Does Not Mean You Have to Volunteer!

The Newark High School PTA needs YOU! And just who are you? You are the mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, and guardians of our students. You are our students. We invite each of you to join the PTA, an organization that includes millions of others who care about issues that affect kids. Our membership is open to anyone concerned with the education, health and welfare of our children and youth.

When you become a member, there is no requirement that you volunteer your time, or even attend a single meeting! While we do need and appreciate those who can volunteer, PTA welcomes everyone's membership, because each member makes PTA's voice just a little louder.

Your membership in the Newark High School PTA means

- Making a difference in the lives of all children and youth all across the US.
- Membership in both the state and national PTA organizations
- A chance to grow personally by getting to know other NHS families and staff and to work together at special events such as After Prom, Reflections and Building Bridges.
- Supporting appropriate legislation to improve laws, policies, and conditions on behalf of children.
- A one-year online subscription to *Our Children* magazine which provides articles by experts; parenting tips; facts on health and safety, and success stories from PTAs around the country.
- Access to www.pta.org with thousands of articles to better equip members to be involved in children's education and schools.
- *National PTA Weekly* electronic newsletter
- Discounts and promotional items from National PTA's sponsors and member benefits providers.
- and so much more all for only \$5 !!!

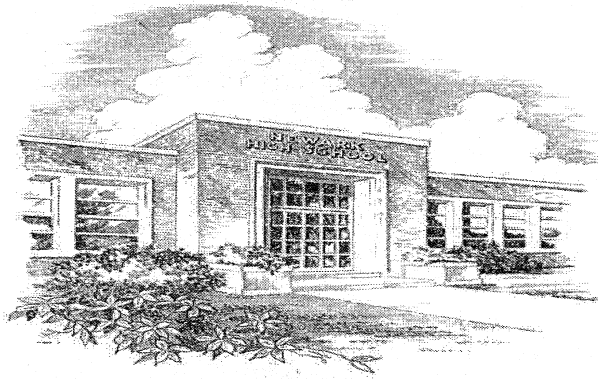
Join NHS PTA today by completing the form below. We are looking forward to a great year! Please contact Catherine Buckminster, President NHS PTA at 737-4184 or clmbuck@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Attention Incoming Freshmen!

Freshmen Welcome Night will be

August 21st at NHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM

Hope to see you there!



Immortalize yourself or honor someone else by having
an inscription on a gold brick
in a walkway around the school's flag pole.
Makes a great gift!

Contact Sally Pinto Krapf at (410) 287-0278 or swpk73@comcast.net
(make sure to have the subject line of your e-mail read "NHS Alumni")

Tear off and submit with your tax-deductible check made payable to the
NHS, Newark, DE Alumni Association, P.O. Box 836, Newark, DE 19715-0836

Name _____

(maiden name) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Is the inscription relevant to a Student? _____ Faculty member? _____ Year(s) @ NHS _____

_____ I would like to receive a certificate suitable for framing.

Inscription in black letters: \$75 for 2 lines • \$100 for 3 lines
(Maximum 15 letters and/or spaces per line)

Line #1 _____

Line #2 _____

Line #3 _____

The NHS Alumni Association Board reserves the right to reject inscriptions it deems inappropriate.

YEARBOOK

Important News for the Class of 2009!

If you didn't make your scheduled appointment for your Senior Picture, call Foschi/Lifetouch at 655-4339 or 1-800-445-1189 as soon as possible to reschedule. If you do not have your portrait taken at NHS, you will need to go to their studio at 5th and Lincoln Sts. in Wilmington. You must have your photo taken over the summer to guarantee placement in the 2009 KRAWEN.

The staff will also be looking for the following photos for the yearbook: your baby photo (\$5 to place in the yearbook, checks payable to Krawen); and long-time friends photos---you know, photos from back in the day. We'll be asking for these the first week of school. All photos should have your name, phone number and English teacher's name on the back. Any digital images should be on a disc labeled with your name.

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Anyone interested in
football for fall 2008
who has not yet
contacted Coach Butch
Simpson, please call
368-4437 or
302-363-4248. Also,
information is available
in the offices at
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