

# NORTHUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear NHS Seniors:

On behalf of the Northumberland High School (NHS) faculty and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your senior year. Graduation is scheduled for **June 6, 2020, at 10 a.m.**, and that day will be here before you know it. Below I have highlighted some important dates and information for beginning a successful senior year.

The first day of school is **September 3, 2019**. Each day classes at NHS will start at 8:01 a.m. and the school day will end at 3:25 p.m. The bell schedule for 2019-2020 is, as follows:

Times	Block/Lunch
8:01 AM - 8:05 AM	1st Block Attendance/Announcements
8:05 AM - 9:43 AM	1st block
9:43 AM - 9:50 AM	Grab & Go Breakfast and class transition
9:50 AM - 11:28 AM	2nd block
11:32 AM - 1:40 PM	3rd block/Lunch
1:44 PM - 3:25 PM	4th block

It is an expectation that you maintain good attendance by being in class on time each day. Good attendance and good grades go hand-in-hand. Students with excessive absences may not be awarded credit for high school courses. Good attendance and good grades will also increase your eligibility for local and college-level scholarships. Last year's graduating class earned over \$1.2 million in scholarships.

The NHS counselors will begin meeting with seniors individually the week of **September 9, 2019**, to discuss career and college planning goals. Please also take advantage of the expertise of our UVA College Advisor Corp and GRASP counselors who are assigned to NHS, and made possible through the University of Virginia and a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. The UVA College Advising Corp and GRASP counselors will assist you with financial aid and post-secondary education planning. In partnership with Rappahannock Community College, NHS will also offer career counseling to all students.

Each of you will need to successfully complete and document 50 hours of community service before **May 29, 2020**, if you desire to obtain the *Virginia Board of Education's Excellence in Civics Education Seal* on your diploma. Completing 50 hours of community service is not a requirement for graduation. However, obtaining the *Excellence in Civic Education Seal* will reflect positively on your character and will stand out on your résumé. You must also have a B or better in your Government course, good attendance, and no disciplinary infractions during your senior year in order to receive this Seal.

We will have an assembly for our senior class on **November 15, 2019** with Mr. Bob Stratton, representative from Herff-Jones (<https://www.herffjones.com>). During the assembly with Herff-Jones, you will receive information about ordering caps and gowns for graduation, along with information regarding graduation invitations and other merchandise that commemorate your experiences as a NHS senior. The Annual Indian of the Year Assembly is scheduled for September 27, 2019. One senior who best represents the senior class with respect to character, citizenship, and leadership will be selected as the 2019-20 Indian of the Year. Other important senior calendar dates include the following:

***August 20, 2019***

- Senior Formal Pictures in Auditorium (schedules will be provided by Yours Truly and mailed by school).

***August 24, 2019***

- SAT @ NMS - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Back-to-School Rally

***August 28, 2019***

- Open House - 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (pick up your schedules).

***September 3, 2019***

- First day of school for students

***September 24, 2019***

- Fall Sports Team/Individual Pictures
- Ferrum College Representative Visit, 10 am.

***September 26, 2019***

- Senior Parent Information Night at 6 p.m. (Picture Information, FAFSA information, College Planning, Senior Trip, etc....)

***September 27, 2019***

- Senior Graduation Cap/Gowns/Graduation Services Assembly - 1:50 p.m.
- Indian of the Year Assembly - 2:30 p.m.

***October 5, 2019***

- SATs @ NHS: 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

***October 15, 2019***

- William & Mary College Rep Visit 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

***November 15, 2019***

- Senior Graduation Regalia Herff-Jones Assembly 1:00 p.m.

***November 2, 2019***

- 11:00 a.m. - Homecoming Parade
- 2 p.m. - Football Game versus Rappahannock

***November 14, 2019***

- Parent Teacher Conference Night

***November 15, 2019***

- Senior Graduation Regalia Orders (during lunches)

***November 21, 2019***

- Senior Family Graduation Regalia Order Night 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

***April 1-2, 2020***

- Senior Delivery of Graduation Regalia

***June 5, 2020***

- Graduation Practice at 9 a.m.

***June 6, 2020***

- Graduation at 10 a.m.

If you plan on driving to school, you will be required to purchase a student parking pass. Parking passes are \$30 and may be purchased at Open House on **August 28, 2019**, or during the first week of school in

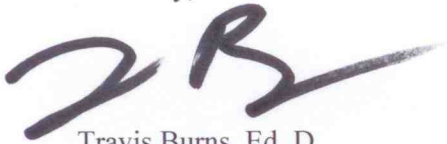
the main office. You can also speak to me about a payment plan, if you are unable to pay the \$30 during the first week of school.

Information on other important calendar items and activities will be made available on the school webpage, the school *Facebook* page (<http://www.facebook.com/NorthumberlandHighSchool>) and *Twitter* page (@NHS GO INDIANS) as dates and times are confirmed. If you have any questions, please feel to touch base with me at any time.

Schedules may be picked up at Open House on **August 28, 2019**, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. In the meantime, if you have a question about your schedule, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Henry or Ms. Kitchen in the counseling office.

Best wishes to you for a successful senior year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'TB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Travis Burns, Ed. D.  
Principal