

Dear New Trier Families,

Happy (almost) Winter Break! Yes, it is true - this Friday is the beginning of the break, so there is no school on Friday. Before we all take some well-deserved time off, please read and save these important reminders for our return in January:

- Winnetka Campus Construction: Student Drop-Off, Pick-Up and Entry Changes
- Final Exam Schedule
- COVID-19 Testing for All Students and Staff the Week After Break
- Weekly COVID-19 Testing Required for Athletics, Intramurals, Special Olympics

Winnetka Campus Construction: Student Drop-Off, Pick-Up and Entry Changes

Construction activities begin over Winter Break on the [East Side Academic and Athletic Project](#). The project will necessitate the closure of the Essex Road (East) entrance and these changes to student drop off and pick up at the Winnetka Campus:

- **No drop-off/pick-up on Essex Road (East side of campus).** Cars can continue to use the Essex drop-off lane to wait to turn onto Trevian Way, but **students may not be dropped off or picked up on Essex Road.** The Essex Road sidewalk next to the campus will be closed for the duration of construction. Please communicate with students that they will need to wait for you on Trevian Way.
- **New West (W10) morning-only entrance for students on foot.** To make student scan-in easier, we will be opening the W10 door on Woodland Avenue near Winnetka Avenue as a third morning-only entrance for students. This entrance mainly should be used by students coming on foot from the Indian Hill parking lot, Metra train, Pace bus, neighborhood, or by bicycle. **This is not a car drop-off area, and no stopping or standing on Woodland is allowed.**
- **Use of Indian Hill parking lot encouraged for drop off/pick up.** We have seen an increase in traffic this year, and the closure of the Essex Road entrance may make morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up more difficult. We encourage parents to use the Indian Hill parking lot on Green Bay Road and Winnetka Avenue as a meeting spot to avoid the traffic issues in the neighborhood.
- **Door entry times:**
 - South Door (Winnetka Avenue): 5:45 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 - North Door (Trevian Way): 5:45 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 - West Door (Woodland Avenue W10): 6:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m. - students/staff only

We will continue to monitor and adjust traffic response in collaboration with the Winnetka Police.

Students will have access to the full Kinetic Wellness curriculum and athletics during the construction project, though some locations may change. Teachers and coaches will share any changes with students. Since the Winnetka Campus locker rooms will be closed, students will not change into uniforms for class. They should keep athletic shoes on campus for KW.

Final Exam Schedule

Final exams will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 18 through Thursday, Jan. 20. Click for the [Final Exam Schedule for both campuses](#). Students attend school only during their exam periods.

Friday, Jan. 21 is a Grading Day with no school for students. Modern and Classical Languages classes will administer Language Proficiency Assessments during class Jan. 11-Jan. 14.

COVID-19 Testing for All Students and Staff the Week After Break

As Superintendent Paul Sally mentioned in his letter to families last week, Shield saliva testing will be required for all students and staff during the week of Jan. 3. Students will test during their Kinetic Wellness class. If you do not consent to your student participating, please fill out the form "Shield Test-No Consent Week of Jan. 3rd" under Forms in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

Weekly COVID-19 Testing Required for Athletics, Intramurals, Special Olympics

Beginning the week of Jan. 3, 2022, New Trier High School will **require all students participating in winter sports, strength & conditioning, Special Olympics, Night League, and Spike League, regardless of vaccination status**, to participate weekly in the COVID-19 PCR Shield testing program at school. During the week of Jan. 3, all students will test during their KW classes (excused athletes will get instructions on where and when to report for testing). Starting the week of Jan. 10, students in the above activities should test either Monday or Tuesday of each week at their respective campus; the [schedule is here](#). Students who do not test Monday or Tuesday will receive an email notifying them to complete their testing requirement by Friday. There is no opt-out of weekly testing if a student wishes to participate in these activities. **Any student who does not test using the school-based Shield testing by Friday will not be permitted to participate in the activities listed above.**

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe, and we wish you a restful, rejuvenating Winter Break.

Sincerely,

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