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Dear NHS Students and Families,

We are off and running here at NHS! A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families who have made these first two days a success. With that team effort, we have had a two-day average of over 96% attendance rate in our classes and worked together to work through any bumps in the road to make sure our students have what they need to be academically successful. Our Student and Family Engagement (SAFE) Team will be reaching out to those who we have not connected with yet. If you have any obstacles in your way to participating right now, please let us know and we will come up with a plan. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you! Read on for lots of important information to share as we move into week two.

**Student Schedule Template:** Students, please use the following [Schedule Template](#) to map out your classes for next week. You cannot edit this copy - We recommend making a copy of it in your Google Drive for yourself and filling in your classes and Google Meet links (for remote classes) during each period. This way you have everything in one place.

**Materials and Food Pick Up for Students in Cohort R:** Students and families in Cohort R, please [read this important message](#) on how to pick up necessary course materials and textbooks. This also outlines how students and families participating in remote learning can access breakfast and lunch through Norwood Public Schools.

**Phase 2 of Hybrid Learning:** We are preparing to move into the next phase of in person learning:

- On Monday 9/21, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cohort A will begin attending in person classes. They will be dismissed at 11:45
  - to go home and participate in the afternoon remote learning classes. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cohort B should log into their Google Meet sessions at the beginning of each class as they have been doing for live interaction and instructions from their teacher.
- On Thursday 9/24, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cohort B will begin attending in person classes. They will be dismissed at 11:45 to go home and participate in the afternoon remote learning classes. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cohort A should log into their
  - Google Meet sessions at the beginning of each class as they have been doing for live interaction and instructions from their teacher.
  - Students in cohorts A and B in grades 10-12 will continue to participate in remote learning throughout next week in the same manner that they have been doing through the first two days of school.
  - Students in cohort F, in any grade, should continue to attend in person school as they have been doing.
  - Students in cohort R, in any grade, should continue to attend remote classes as they have been doing.

**Health and Safety Protocols:** Please take a few minutes to [watch this video](#) that describes many of the safety and health protocols in place for in-person learning this year. As we prepare to increase our in-person capacity, I will highlight a few below:

- Morning arrival: Students should arrive between 7:15-7:45 am. Student may enter through the main entrance, door 17 at the end of the drop off lane in back, or the entrance by the gym and auditorium. Students should either proceed directly to their first period class, or to breakfast and then directly to class.

· Passing Time: Our schedule is designed to limit the number of times that students pass from one class to another. During passing time, students should follow the one-way directional arrows in the hallways and stairways and make their way directly to their next class. We will not be using lockers. Since our hallways are one way, and wide, students are asked to walk on the edges of the hallway (not the middle), essentially forming two socially distanced single file lines moving in the same direction with a safe distance next to, in front of, and behind the student.

· Mask Breaks: Students and staff are required to wear a mask at Norwood High School. In accordance with state guidelines, and in collaboration with the Norwood Health Department, we are providing opportunities for students to take mask breaks in a safe manner. This can be done by: a single student or staff member stepping into the hallway during class with teacher permission (just like a bathroom or water break); built in mask break time when teachers take classes outside; and, a mask break will always be built into Physical Education class.

· Breakfast and Lunch: Per the USDA, all breakfast and lunch programs at school are free of charge through December 2020. For in person students, we will have grab and go breakfast and lunch carts available in the cafeteria and by the gym/auditorium main entrance. For remote learners needing breakfast and lunch, see the announcement earlier in this message.

I am incredibly proud of our students and staff for their enthusiasm, flexibility, and dedication. As a staff, we are all ready to do what we love to do, and help our students grow. We are growing with them as we attempt to reinvent the educational process. Let's continue to have patience and grace while we work together to make this an excellent educational experience. Have a great weekend.

Best,



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