## **Greetings North Families,**

There have been a few recurring questions since my last edition of North Notes. Additionally, for some reason a number of parent emails were left off the last distribution. In an effort to clear up any confusion, I wanted to resend this information and make sure everyone received it.

I will be sending out an email blast every other Friday with information about upcoming events, class info, Boosters info, etc. I hope you find this information useful. If at any time you want additional information, please refer to our school website.

http://www.weschools.org/northhighschool home.aspx

Sincerely,

Eric Frei Principal

## **SCHOOLOGY**

The district will be using a new learning management system called Schoology. All assignments and activities will be completed using this platform. This platform addresses many of the concerns that parents had with our online learning program in the spring. Such as:

**Death by tab** - Everything is completed within Schoology, so you do not have to have multiple tabs/windows open

**Easier to navigate** - Parent tutorials are already created and available.

**Streamlines** communication into one platform

Creates a parent portal for parents to easily monitor student assignments

**Creates a "Digest"** of student assignments for parents

**Increases more timely notification** of student progress

**Puts all assignments into a single dashboard** so you do not have to go into individual classes

**Grades sync with PowerSchool** so teachers can provide feedback to students and parents more quickly

**Compatible with more device platforms** (including Amazon Fire Tablets)

Easy to access and view for parents on the Smartphone APP



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Parents and students should refer to the following links to learn about all of the things Schoology can do.

#### **Parent Resources**

- Schoology Help Center Parent Guide
- <u>Parent View PSA</u>: Shows differences between parent and student account in Schoology
- Parent view using Schoology iOS app: This YouTube video demonstrates the parent view of using Schoology through an iPhone on our iOS app.
- A Parent's View of Schoology: View using a web browser.
- Online Learning Quick Start Guide for Students and Parents: Would you like to see an example of how a district using Schoology is sharing helpful instructional technology resources and information with their students and parents? Check out this Quick Start Guide from the Lee's Summit School District in Missouri.
- Example of Schoology Info on a District Website for Parents: This is an example of a parent website created by the Fort Bend Independent School District in Texas.

#### **Student Resources**

- Schoology Help Center <u>Student Guide</u>
- <u>Student view using Schoology iOS app</u>: This video demonstrates the student view using Schoology through the iPhone iOS app.
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#### FRESHMEN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for new students will be held Thursday, August 27th, from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM. One parent may accompany each student. There will be an AM and PM session for both sections of the alphabet to choose from.

## **Daytime Option**

Last Name A-L 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Last Name M-Z 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



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# **Evening Option**

Last Name A-L 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Last Name M-Z 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We will have a video playing in PAC for families to watch at their leisure that covers many of the topics typically covered at orientation. Schedules and maps of the building will be available. Parents and students may walk the building at their leisure.

### ONLINE STUDENT CHROMEBOOK AND SUPPLY PICK UP

Students who are taking their classes online may have materials to pick up such as Chromebooks, workbooks, textbooks, art supplies, etc. Online student supply pick up will be **Friday, August 28**th. Please adhere to the following schedule. If you have a scheduling conflict, you may come later in the day, but please be aware that we are trying to maintain social distancing by spacing students and parents out. Supplies can be picked up in the Student Union.

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	Freshmen Last Name A-L Freshmen Last Name M-Z
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Sophomores Last Name A-L
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Sophomores Last Name M-Z
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Juniors Last Name A-L
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Juniors Last Name M-Z
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	Seniors Last Name A-L
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Seniors Last Name M-Z