

Hello parents and guardians of freshman!

We are very excited that your son/ daughter will be attending Northfield High School and we look forward to meeting your student on **Orientation Day, Tuesday, September 3rd.**

Our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help freshman feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school. The Link Crew freshman orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support freshmen by assigning them a junior and senior Link Leader as a mentor during this first year. This Link Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus. Following is some information to let you know what you and your student can expect in advance of their first day of school.

1) Sometimes the main anxiety of coming to a new building has to do with students finding their way around. On Wednesdays, August 14 and August 21 from 10:00-3:00, students of NHS are having their pictures taken. Students will be able to access their schedules via their iPads or any computer via Family Access on Wednesday, August 21st. Link Leaders will be available on this day to show students around the building before or after their pictures. Maps of the building are also available in the main office to walk around the building any weekday as well. A guided tour is also a part of Link Freshman Orientation Day on September 3rd! There is also a virtual tour that your student can use that begins just inside door #1 at NHS.

2) A day or two before the first day of school your student will receive a phone call from her or his Link Crew Leader personally inviting your student to Orientation day (the first day of school) and giving the details of where to be and what time. Skyward Family Access is used to obtain phone numbers. If a parent cell phone is the primary contact, this number will be called.

3) Your student is encouraged to **NOT** bring backpacks, iPads, purses or other like items to Orientation Day, as the day is quite active. Writing utensils will be provided when necessary.

4) Because the day is active, please make sure that your student wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.

5) Freshman and Link Crew leaders will meet in the high school building for Orientation Day beginning at **7:51 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3**, the first day of school. The students will be meeting in the cafeteria and moving into the gym. The rest of the student body arrives for a 12:30 p.m. start to the day. This schedule will allow for each freshman to complete orientation activities as well as eat lunch in the cafeteria with their Link Crew leaders. Your son/daughter is welcome to eat in the school cafeteria or bring a lunch with them. The remainder of the day (12:30-2:45 p.m.) will be with the rest of the student body, attending each class with a modified schedule.

We look forward to meeting your student on Orientation day!

The Link Crew Coordinators

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