Hello parents and guardians of freshmen!

We are very excited that your student will be attending Northfield High School, and we look forward to gathering on **Orientation Day, Wednesday, September 8th, at 11 a.m.**

Our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew Program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help freshmen feel more comfortable as well as to help them achieve success in their first year of high school. The Link Crew freshmen orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support freshmen by assigning two Link Leaders as mentors during this first year. These Link Leaders are responsible older students who were hand selected from a large pool of applicants and have 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. On Tuesday, August 17th from 12-4 and Wednesday, August 25th from 12-4, students of NHS are having their pictures taken. Ninth grade student schedules will go live at noon on August 25th.
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 to extend a personal invitation to Orientation day. Previously this was the first day of school, but this year it will be the day **before** school starts.
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. Freshmen and Link Crew Leaders will meet in the high school building for Orientation day beginning at **11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8th**, the day prior to the first day of school. Students will meet their Link Leaders in the cafeteria, have lunch, and move into the gym. This schedule will allow for each freshman to eat lunch in the cafeteria or bring a lunch with them and complete orientation activities as well. The remainder of the day (11:30-2:45 p.m.) will be Link activities as well as allow for students to walk their schedules before the first day of school on Thursday.

We look forward to meeting your student on Orientation day!

The Link Crew Coordinators

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