

NORTHSIDE NEWS

PLAINFIELD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

JULY 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tigers,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. The newsletter is short this month, with information pertaining to July and the beginning of August. The biggest items this time of year are making sure you are completing the necessary registration paperwork and providing proof of residency if needed. Please contact the building with questions.

Office hours through July 26th:

Monday – Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

Regular office hours resume July 29th.

Here are a few reminders for the upcoming year:

SCHOOL FEES

-School fees will be available the middle to late part of July and can be paid online or with the bookkeeper at Plainfield North. A district-wide ConnectEd will let you know when the fees are available to pay online at www.psd202.org.

-School fee waivers and free/reduced lunch applications are available on www.psd202.org after July 15th.

REGISTRATION

-All current student registration packets were handed out or mailed in early June. If you have not done so, please complete the appropriate paperwork for student registration and drop it off in the Main Office.

-All students with third party, leases, and/or guardianship affidavits require proof of residency. Please do so as soon as possible. You can contact the registrars for assistance.

-All incoming freshmen must provide proof of residency. If you have not done so, please submit to the registrars as soon as possible.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

-All freshmen need a current physical on file by August 1st.

-All seniors need to be current on their meningitis vaccination by August 1st.

FRESHMAN ORIENTAION

-August 9th at 8:00 a.m.

-Counselors will be in the building to assist with schedules if needed.

SCHEDULES

-Schedules will be available on the Home Access Center on August 8th at 5:00 p.m. Freshmen will receive their schedules on August 9th at orientation.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

-If you are wondering about school supplies at the high school level, there is no set list. Please come prepared with basic materials: folders, notebooks, pens, and pencils. If there are specific items needed by a teacher, they will let the students know. If you're looking to purchase a calculator for math, we recommend the TI-84 Plus by Texas Instruments. This calculator will cover all classes offered at the high school level.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (815) 609-8506 during summer business hours.

Go Tigers!

Ross Draper, Principal

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UPCOMING DATES

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Summer School

Session 2: July 1-25

8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Due to the holiday, NO SCHOOL

July 3rd & July 4th

Freshman Orientation

August 9th

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

First Day of School

August 14th

Early Release 11:15 a.m.



DEAN'S OFFICE

Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of another successful year here at Plainfield North High School. At the end of each year our leadership team takes time to reflect on the previous year and adjust where needed. I would like to take a moment to revisit several policies and practices that would be beneficial for you to discuss with your son/daughter over the summer so that we can all start the new year on the same page.

Students are given three late arrivals per semester before any consequence is issued. These warnings are built in for typical life issues like a car not starting, student oversleeping on a rare occasion, early morning illness, etc. Daily we take traffic patterns and weather conditions into account when making the decision of whether additional time will be given to students in the morning. Please plan accordingly and do not assume that extra time will be provided for inclement weather (drizzle, light rain, snow, etc.). Therefore, a student that comes in late (after 7:05 a.m.) will receive a HERO slip. A parent phone call will not excuse a student's tardiness unless it is accompanied by written documentation (doctor, orthodontist, court). The count will reset after the semester, giving students a fresh set of three warnings the next semester of school. Daily attendance is extremely important in overall student success, therefore, students who miss an excessive amount of days may face academic consequences.

Over the past year we observed a noticeable increase in the number of students who are making the choice to "vape" or use electronic smoking devices while on school property. This action is considered a Level 2 offense in the student handbook. The first infraction will result in your student receiving a \$250 ticket from the Plainfield Police Department and your student will have to also successfully complete a 4-hour detention. It is our intent to be proactive and preventative when dealing with such issues. Students who continue to vape in school will continue to receive a ticket from the Plainfield Police Department and be assigned to our two-day Refocus program. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation as we work together to provide a safe learning environment for our students here at North. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Recently our district has decided to revise our policy regarding electronic devices. Below is the insert directly from the handbook.

Electronic Devices: Cell phones, tablets, or any wearable technology may only be used during non-instructional time such as lunch and passing periods. However, the following expectations will apply:

- In areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as the rest rooms, locker rooms, nurse's office, etc., the use of electronic devices is prohibited at all times.
- Pictures should not be taken with any device and should not be sent electronically to other devices while on school grounds, including on the bus and at the bus stop.
- Headphones are permitted unless otherwise directed by a staff member.
- Making and accepting phone calls is prohibited.
- Any device that is a disruption of the educational process may result in disciplinary action, including confiscation of the item for parent/guardian pickup.
- Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device.

It is our expectation that when dropping off and picking up your student that you pull completely around the circle drive leading to the main entrance so that we can fit in as many cars as quickly as possible. I understand that it may seem convenient for parents to drop off and pick up their child near the N and X doors, however, student and staff safety is a priority and attempting to navigate those areas before and after school can compromise that goal. Therefore, we are requesting that **ALL** parents enter off 248th Avenue directly behind the football stadium and **NOT** by the marquee. We would strongly recommend that you give yourself additional time for travel when dropping off and picking up your child.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please email me at dweather@psd202.org.

Sincerely,

Darnell Weathersby
Assistant Principal