

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

**PLAINFIELD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 2019**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tigers,

We are in the homestretch for summer vacation and the doors will open for school on August 14<sup>th</sup>. This newsletter contains important repeats from July and new information to prepare for the start of the school year. I would like to remind everyone that we are back on normal office hours, which are Monday – Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### School Fees

Fees are available and can be paid online through the district website at [psd202.org](http://psd202.org) If you have any questions regarding your school fees, please contact LuAnn Talsma at extension 7531 or [ltalsma@psd202.org](mailto:ltalsma@psd202.org).

### School Supplies

Remember that there is not a set school supplies list for the high school level. 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 math classes offered at the high school level.

### Parking Permit Pick-Up

Seniors: August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Juniors: August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **(Any junior that submitted paperwork and not receiving a permit due to lack of availability will be called prior to August 7<sup>th</sup>.)**

Make up day: August 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Students can pick up parking tags during the hours above at their convenience in the Main Office. All student fees must either be paid or be current on a payment plan to purchase and retain a parking permit. Please contact Darnell Weathersby with any questions regarding parking permits at extension 4203 or [dweather@psd202.org](mailto:dweather@psd202.org).

### Schedules

Schedules will go live on HAC on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. If this changes, I will send a ConnectEd out to clarify. While students will be unable to change their electives or lunch hour, level changes will be honored up through the first ten days of school. The cutoff for student-initiated level changes will be Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your student's counselor for changes. Freshmen will receive their schedules on August 9<sup>th</sup> at orientation.

## UPCOMING DATES

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### Freshman Orientation

August 9th

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Freshman Open Campus

August 9th

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

### Teacher Institute Days

August 12th-13th

### First Day of School

August 14th

Early Release 11:15 a.m.

### Curriculum Night

August 28th

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL (cont.)****Residency**

For those of you that received phone calls, emails, or mailings requiring proof of residency, please contact the registrars to make sure all documents are submitted. All documents must be submitted for students to start school on time. Please contact Mildred Cheladyn (A-K) at extension 7293 or her email at [mchelady@psd202.org](mailto:mchelady@psd202.org) or Julia Fukar (L-Z) at extension 7277 or her email at [jfukar@psd202.org](mailto:jfukar@psd202.org) with any questions.

**Freshman Orientation**

Orientation will be August 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Only students will enter through the main entrance off 248<sup>th</sup> Ave. and report to the gym. Students will receive their schedule at orientation that will contain class and locker information.

After orientation we will have an open campus from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Freshmen are invited to enjoy a free lunch, socialize with classmates, and put items in their lockers. Please do not bring school supplies in before 12:00 p.m. and parents are welcome to walk around with students. Thank you to Northside Crew and Student Council for sponsoring orientation and lunch.

**Curriculum Night**

Curriculum Night will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents will have the opportunity to walk their student's schedule and get a brief introduction to the classes by the teacher.

6:30-6:55: Driver Education in Auditorium (Introduction for parents with students enrolled in the class)

6:30-6:55: Early Bird PE in the Gym (Introduction for parents with students enrolled in the class)

Period 1: 7:00-7:10

Period 2: 7:15-7:25

Period 3: 7:30-7:40

Period 4: 7:45-7:55

Period 5: 8:00-8:10

Period 6: 8:15-8:25

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (815) 609-8506. Enjoy the last few days of summer vacation and see you all soon.

Go Tigers!

Ross Draper, Principal  
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**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 248<sup>th</sup> Ave. 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](mailto:dweather@psd202.org).

Sincerely,

Darnell Weathersby  
Assistant Principal

**COMMUNITY NEWS****CONGRATULATIONS TO:****TAYLOR HOLSTEAD**

Taylor Holstead requested we notify you of the completion of the US Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program. This program was developed to provide recognition for the accomplishments of young equestrians and encourage their future involvement in equestrian sport. US Equestrian recognizes the dedication of equestrians preparing for competition through practice and training sessions as similar to other students in athletic programs and developed this program to honor individual achievements with a varsity letter in the student's chosen sport, regardless of the availability of an equestrian team or club through their school.

Participants in the program must be students in grades 5-12 who document at least 100 hours of training or provide verification of participation in three equestrian competitions during the year. After completing these requirements and verification, the student will receive a certificate commemorating their achievements, a varsity letterman patch and/or lapel pin for each year of participation.

US Equestrian is the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sports in the United States, sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. As such, US Equestrian acts as the regulatory body for the International and Olympic disciplines as well as for 26 breeds and disciplines. US Equestrian is further responsible for sanctioning approximately 2,600 equestrian competitions annually; and educating and licensing judges, technical delegates, and stewards who officiate at such competitions. The US Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program encompasses young equestrians involved in all breeds and disciplines from the grassroots to international competitions.

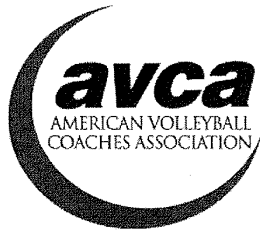
We encourage the recognition of young equestrian athletes who are dedicating themselves to a sport that requires tremendous training and preparation for competition. Equestrian athletes take the concept of teamwork to the highest level as they form a partnership with a horse; two independent beings working together and communicating with one another to achieve an overall goal.

We hope that you will join us in recognizing equestrian student athletes for their achievements. If you have any questions about US Equestrian or the US Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program please visit our website, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), or contact the office at 859-258-2472.

Sincerely,  
Cailin Bridges  
National Affiliates Coordinator  
US Equestrian



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July 22, 2019

Ross Draper  
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Dear Ross Draper:

I am pleased to inform you that the Plainfield North High School volleyball team, led by Matt Slechta, is a recipient of the **2018-19 AVCA Team Academic Award** and has been recognized as achieving a Top-25 Team GPA in Girls' High School Volleyball. Congratulations!

This award honors teams who have matched their dedication to the sport of volleyball with excellence in the classroom. Meeting the award standards is an accomplishment of which your school and team can be very proud. It is our hope that teams will set the AVCA Team Academic Award as an annual goal to achieve.

An email was sent to your coach and a letter to your athletic director with instructions to access the official AVCA award certificate, along with an order form to purchase a plaque from the AVCA's awards provider, Jostens, to commemorate this achievement.

Again, congratulations on behalf of the entire American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KJ DeBoer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen J. DeBoer  
AVCA Executive Director  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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