



NORWICH FREE ACADEMY

Superintendent/Head of School

August 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from Norwich Free Academy (NFA). I hope your family is enjoying a spectacular summer. We are very proud and excited that your child has chosen to attend NFA. Our incoming Grade 9 students, the NFA Class of 2022, will have significant accomplishments together, and their four-year NFA experience will begin very soon.

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of an administrative assignment change for Semester 1 of the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

- Ms. Diane Giarratona, Cranston House (Grade 9) Principal, will be out on extended medical leave through the first semester. We wish Ms. Giarratona well and look forward to her return for Semester 2 in late January 2019.
- Bryant Sheldon, Bradlaw House Principal, will serve in Ms. Giarratona's place as the Cranston House (Grade 9) Principal for Semester 1 and return to his Bradlaw House leadership position for Semester 2. You may already know, or know of, Mr. Sheldon through his leadership of the Endless Opportunities and Wildcat Beginnings summer programs. In NFA's existing grade level house model, Mr. Sheldon will also become the House Principal for your child in Grades 10-12. So, Mr. Sheldon will have the unique opportunity to meet and begin working a year earlier with all of the families and students of the Class of 2022.

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. Sheldon about ninth-grade conferences at the end of this month. If you need to speak with Mr. Sheldon in the coming days/weeks, please don't hesitate to contact him by calling the Cranston House Principal's Office, 860-425-5770, or contact him at sheldonb@nfaschool.org.

In closing, please enjoy the remaining weeks of Summer 2018. I look forward to witnessing your child's success at NFA, and to the strong partnership that we will develop over the next four years.

Respectfully,

David J. Klein
Head of School

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August 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the Class of 2022.

To prepare students and their families for the transition to Norwich Free Academy, we have scheduled freshman conferences in August. These conferences help parents and students better understand NFA and the *Ninth-Grade Experience*.

In these **fifteen-minute** sessions, you and your child will receive a brief overview of the program, meet a faculty member, and receive unit and class assignments with an explanation of NFA's rotating schedule. Your child will be assigned a student ID number and unique password, and you will receive a unique parent ID to create a PowerSchool account. You will also receive a list of recommended school supplies from your teachers. After the conferences, you are encouraged to take a self-guided tour of Cranston House and the NFA campus.

The conferences will be on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, August 21	8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, August 22	8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, August 23	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please schedule an appointment for a session by calling the Cranston House Office, at 860-425-5771 or 860-425-5772, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., **starting**, Friday, August 17, 2018.

The first day of school for the Class of 2022 is **9th-Grade Orientation Day**, 7:25 to 11:55 a.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2018. This day includes an introduction of faculty and staff, unit activities, and a campus orientation. **NFA will provide lunch on this first day.** Please have your child plan to attend this important session to begin an exciting four-year NFA experience.

We are confident that your child will have a successful school year. Enjoy the rest of the summer and be sure your child completes the required summer reading assignment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bryant Sheldon
Cranston House Principal

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