



# NORWICH FREE ACADEMY

Superintendent/Head of School

August 10, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from Norwich Free Academy (NFA). I hope your family is enjoying a spectacular summer. We are very excited about the upcoming 2018-2019 school year – your child's senior year at Norwich Free Academy. My, how time flies! The NFA Class of 2019 will continue to enjoy significant accomplishments together during this final year, and they will leave a lasting legacy of success and responsible citizenship for other classes to emulate in the future.

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

- Bryant Sheldon, Bradlaw House Principal, will serve in Ms. Giarratona's place as the Cranston House (Grade 9) Principal for Semester 1 while she is out on extended medical leave. Mr. Sheldon will return to his Bradlaw House leadership position for Semester 2. Next school year (2019-2020), Mr. Sheldon will continue with the current Grade 9 students as their House Principal for Grades 10-12.
- Tom O'Rourke, a highly respected NFA administrator and former Cranston House Principal, is returning to Team NFA to serve in Bryant Sheldon's place as the Bradlaw House Principal for Semester 1. Mr. O'Rourke served successfully as an NFA administrator for 14 years, and we are very fortunate to have him rejoin our team.

If you need to speak with Mr. O'Rourke in the coming days/weeks, please don't hesitate to contact him by calling the Bradlaw House Principal's Office, 860-425-5760, or contact him at [orourke@nfaschool.org](mailto:orourke@nfaschool.org).

For your information, please find enclosed a senior parking letter, Guidance planning checklist, and information about NFA's 2018-19 yearbook.

In closing, please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer 2018. I look forward to witnessing your child's senior year at NFA, and to continuing our strong partnership.

Respectfully,

David J. Klein  
Head of School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Greetings from Norwich Free Academy. In our continuing efforts to promote safety and responsibility to our students, seniors who wish to obtain a parking sticker for one of the 43 senior parking spots available on a first-come basis must meet the following criteria:

1. Owe no debt to NFA
2. Attend the Backus "Be Aware" Program
3. Not have credit denied pending attendance review at the end of the first marking period.  
(Student will become eligible if credit is granted upon review.)

Senior parking privileges will be revoked if any of the following occurs:

1. Senior exceeds five tardies by the end of the first marking period.
2. Senior exceeds ten tardies to school by the end of the first semester.
3. Senior violates Campus Safety guidelines for senior parking lot use.

The Administration has the right to revoke senior parking privileges at any time for a violation of the NFA *Pilot*.

The Backus Hospital "Be Aware" Program (<https://backushospital.org/archives/2013/05/trauma-program-teaches-teens-to-be-aware/>) simulates for high school students the experience of a motor vehicle crash victim and places emphasis upon the relationship between trauma and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The program runs 8 -11:45 a.m., September 5, 12, and October 3. Seniors may obtain permission slips to attend from the Student Affairs Office.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this educational program, please don't hesitate to contact John Iovino, Director of Student Affairs, (860) 425-5510.

Sincerely,

David J. Klein  
Superintendent/Head of School

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Dear students and parents/guardians of the Class of 2019,

Welcome to senior year! We hope you are having an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to returning to NFA.

Seniors have individually scheduled 12th-Grade Student Success Plan (SSP) meetings. You and your parents/guardian will be invited to review your current transcript, graduation requirements, and your future plans.

Senior year is a busy time; we have created a checklist of tasks for you and your parents/guardian to get a jump start on planning for the year. Begin to work on this checklist together now to prepare for your SSP meeting. We will also invite all students to small group meetings the week of September 17 to review the following and answer any questions:

**Tasks/Topics:**

- Regularly check your NFA email and your MyNFA>Students portal dashboard for essential senior year information.
- Complete your resume in Naviance.
- Set up a timetable/calendar with deadlines and "to-dos."
- Come to your SSP prepared!!

**If you are planning to attend college:**

- Review SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) and/or ACT ([www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)) scores - register to retake if appropriate and take advantage of online test preparation materials.
- Identify a list of colleges and/or programs which interest you, and add them to "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance.
  - Check the individual college websites for specific application requirements and deadlines for Early Decision (ED), Early Action (EA), and Regular Decision (RD).
  - Check for Fall Open House opportunities.
  - Check Naviance for college representative visits to NFA.
- Create a Common Application account and familiarize yourself with the application and requested information. <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Draft college essays and answers to supplemental application questions.
- Finalize requests for teachers and school counselor Letters of Recommendation.
- Discuss a budget and/or plan for applications, testing, and tuition.
- Familiarize yourself with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)) and prepare to fill out the application which opens October 1.
- Register for your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (students and parents).
- Check individual college websites for specific requirements for the CSS/Financial Aid Profile.

- Scholarships - Begin searching in Naviance and organizing a financial plan.
- Consider NCAA Eligibility for Division 1 & 2 college-level sports.
- Think about Community College opportunities and/or transfer options.

**If you are planning to enlist in the military:**

- Military/ROTC - Review ASVAB scores and retake if appropriate (October 4).
- Connect with area branch recruiters,

**If you are planning to enter the workforce:**

- Visit the Career Center for employment opportunities, and schedule a mock interview.
- Research career training opportunities.

The NFA Career and Academic Workbook & Reference Guide, located on your 12th-Grade Guidance Group Space on your MyNFA>Students portal dashboard is an excellent resource as you navigate your way through senior year.

The College & Career Resource Center, located in the Latham Building, is also a great resource. Visit the Career Resource Center to find a schedule for upcoming workshops and hours of operation.

The College & Career Resource Specialist is available to assist with the following:

- College/trade/technical school visits (every Wednesday in the fall)
- Common Application
- Linking Common Application & Naviance
- Employment opportunities
- Creating a resume
- Job interviews
- Working Papers
- Military information and recruiter visits
- Scholarship searches

If you have any questions, please contact your student's School Counselor.

Sincerely,

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It's **contagious!**  
This **year's yearbook** is a...

*Spring  
Thing*



## Norwich Free Academy Announces...

*This year, NFA's yearbook will arrive in the **SPRING** when students are still on campus to share in the excitement.*

In early June, seniors' books will be distributed. At that time, they will have the opportunity to sign and leave special messages that can be read and reread throughout their lifetimes.

Following senior distribution, underclassmen will receive their books and be able to share in the excitement of this memorable time, as well.

### TAKE ADVANTAGE of the SAVINGS:

Back to School Special - October 1st: \$55.00

October 2nd – until Thanksgiving: \$65.00.

After Thanksgiving: \$75.00

Spring events will be featured in a 16 page, full color Graduation Magazine for \$10.00.

To order and save significantly, go to

**YBPay.lifetouch.com**, put in school event  
# 11399819

There will only be a limited number of extra books  
( Price-\$85.00) so you **MUST PRE-ORDER** and  
reserve your copy early to insure that you receive one.

