

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We finished an exciting, sometimes challenging, first week of school. I want to thank our students for successfully navigating their return to school during a pandemic made more difficult by severe weather and transportation issues. Our students performed wonderfully during the severe weather situation on Wednesday. Even though we were in our final lunch shift, students safely transitioned to the proper location in the building. Our staff did a great job adjusting to the situation and ensuring that our students were safe.

Arrival and dismissal had a rough start to the school year, however by Thursday and Friday, both arrival and dismissal were completed in a timely manner. We appreciate everyone's patience with the issues we have been experiencing with transportation. NPHS has been working with the transportation department to resolve these issues. If you still have an issue with your bus transportation, please reach out to Ms. Karen Gibson (klgibson@ccboe.com).

We look forward to another successful week of school. Please continue to encourage your students to practice safety measures that prevent the spread of Covid-19.

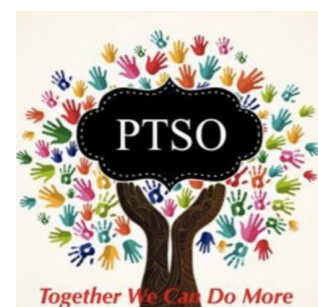
Go Eagles!

CALENDAR

- Monday, September 13** - CCPS College Fair at NPHS for juniors and seniors
- Friday, September 17** - Schools Closed /Fair Day/ Teacher In-Service Day
- September 22, 23, & 24** - Underclassmen school pictures/taken during English classes
- Monday, October 4** - NPHS Open House 5 PM to 7 PM
- Friday, October 8** - Homecoming Football Game vs Huntingtown, 7 PM
- Saturday, October 9** - Homecoming Dance, 7 PM- 11 PM, NPHS Gym
- October 4-8** - Spirit Week

SEPTEMBER PTSO MEETING

- Thursday, September 9, 6:30 PM
- Staff Development Room (located across from the main office)
- Mr. Kaple will be the guest speaker
- All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.
- **New PTSO email: nphseaglesptso@gmail.com**



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NORTH POINT

Picking up a student

Parents and guardians that are listed on their child's emergency card must show identification when picking up their student. Sometimes a situation occurs when someone other than the listed parent or guardian needs to pick up a student. Written authorization should be given to the Attendance Secretary in the main office prior to picking up. This notification can be sent by email to the Attendance Secretary (iswann@ccboe.com) or by written note. The parent/guardian will be called to confirm.

Listing an emergency contact does not allow the individual to pick up a student at any given time in a non-emergency situation without prior written authorization.

- Authorized individuals must show identification when picking up a student. We are always willing to assist as needed when an emergency occurs.
- Please remember, North Point is large campus. Always allow for plenty of time for your student to come to the main office when picking them up early.

Early dismissals

When an early dismissal is necessary, the parent/guardian will need to come into the main office to sign out their student and show proper ID. Always use the main office entrance when coming to North Point during the school day. The main office entrance is the one with the electronic sign in front.

Student drivers and early dismissals

If a student driver has an early dismissal, the parent/guardian must send written notice and authorization for the student to leave school. The Attendance Secretary, Ms. Swann (iswann@ccboe.com), should receive this authorization prior to 1st block. The authorization notice must include the date and time, the student's first and last name and the reason for the early dismissal. The parent/guardian will be called to confirm the early dismissal. The student will be given a pass to leave class, and will sign out with the Attendance Secretary in the main office. If the early dismissal is for a doctor's appointment, a doctor's note should also be provided to the Attendance Secretary upon return to school.

Late arrivals

Students arriving late should enter through the main office and sign in. ***Parents/guardians do not need to escort students into school to sign in.*** Students should come in with a written excuse note. We understand that circumstances do sometimes occur that cause students to arrive late, however administration does monitor student tardiness and will address students who are frequently late to school.

Backpacks and Bags at North Point

Charles County Public Schools rule limits the usage of backpacks and bags for all high school students. Please be mindful of the following CCPS and NPHS guidelines:

- Students may carry backpacks to and from school.
- Backpacks and bags are to be secured in the student's locker prior to 1st block and are to remain in lockers until after the dismissal bell at 2:50 pm. Students may not carry backpacks to class, in the hallways, or to lunch.
- Students may carry a small personal bag, with or without a handle/strap no larger the size of an adult hand. Suggested acceptable style bags include pencil cases and/or a clutch. Bags of this size will easily accommodate a cell phone, small wallet for money/drivers' license/bankcards, writing utensils and personal hygiene items.

Rule of thumb: If a textbook, notebook, or folder can fit into a bag, the bag does not meet the above guidelines.

Laptop Bags

Students may carry a NPHS laptop bag, defined as an official NPHS drawstring bag or similar drawstring bag of their choice, to and from class. A laptop, charger and headphones are the only items allowed in the drawstring bag. A laptop sleeve is also permitted in place of a drawstring bag.

What if my student forgets an item?

Students that have something dropped off for them will be called down at the **end of the block** to pick it up. Calling students to the main office during class interrupts instructional time.

Student lunches

This year lunches at Charles County Public Schools are **FREE**. Every student has the option to get a free hot or cold lunch everyday. ***Dropping off take out food for your student is highly discouraged.*** Students are not permitted to have food in their classes. They need to eat during their lunch time.

- Students can purchase snacks, drinks, and an additional lunch through their mypaymentsplus meal account. Money can be added to students' lunch accounts online at www.mypaymentsplus.com.
- Parents should drop off forgotten packed lunches in the main office by 11 AM.

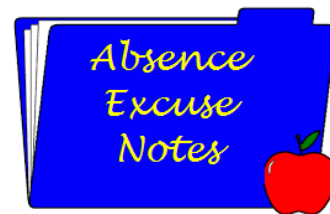
Parents and/or students are not permitted to order food to be delivered to the school. Deliveries will be turned away.

Visitors and Volunteers

At this time, visitors and volunteers are not permitted in CCPS buildings. Phone calls, emails, and teleconferencing should be used as needed. Parents who must visit the school for business purposes will only be allowed in the main office area. Appointments are strongly encouraged.

ABSENCE NOTES

Absence notes and attendance concerns should be submitted to the Attendance Secretary (iswann@ccboe.com).



BACK TO SCHOOL INFO FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Please click [here](#) for all of the back to school information for parents and students.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents and students can use [School Locator](#) to search for transportation details.

Please click on the following link for transportation information. [CCPS Transportation](#)

Please click on the following link to submit a transportation help ticket. [CCPS Help Ticket](#)

STUDENT LAPTOPS

CCPS Technology Staff continues to work on getting laptops to students that do not have one yet. Students will be expected to bring their laptop to school each school day.

If a student has an issue with a their laptop, they can bring it to the main office. Please be sure to tape your first and last name and student ID number to the cover. Families are reminded that they can be charged for damage to the laptop.

NORTH POINT ADMINISTRATORS

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Please click on the link below for more information about student services.

[Student Services](#)

FREE MEALS APPLICATIONS

Meals will be free to all students this year, but CCPS encourages families to fill out the free meals application. The application not only ensures schools get funding and benefits to support teachers and students, but completing it may provide families with reduced rates on things such as internet and student test fees.

Free meals applications can be completed online. Please click on the following link to access the application. [Free and Reduced Meals Application](#)

PSAT INFORMATION

- 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who are interested in taking the PSAT **must register by September 10.**
- The cost for 9th grade students is \$19
- There is NO COST for 10th and 11th grade students

[PSAT Information Sheet](#)

[PSAT Registration Form](#)

If you have any questions please see Mrs. Pratta in room 2341.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

- If you did not have your senior picture taken at NPHS during the summer, Lifetouch will be back for makeup pictures on September 27, 28, and 29 after school. Go to prestigeportraits.com for more information and to schedule an appointment.
- If you do not have an appointment code, you can access a photo appointment session by entering the state and city to locate North Point HS when the appointment window opens for NP appointments. Keep checking prestigeportraits.com for appointment openings.
- Lifetouch 1-800-445-1189.
- Did you turn in your diploma form that was in your senior folder? Need another form- stop by the main office to get one.
- Senior dues are \$130 and can be paid in the main office with cash or check. Makes checks payable to North Point High School.

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT - Wednesday, September 15, 6 PM, in the NP gym. Topics that will be discussed include:

- Senior Dues
- Senior Yard Signs
- Seniors Last Day
- Senior Picnic
- Senior Awards
- Graduation Events



COLLEGE FAIR FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

On **Monday, September 13, 2021**, Charles County Public Schools will sponsor the Charles County College Fair, at North Point High School, exclusively for Charles County high school juniors and seniors who are considering attending college. North Point students will have the opportunity to attend the college fair from 9:00 am to 9:40 am. This is a chance to visit college representatives and make plans for your future.

If you want to attend, please click on the link below and fill out the permission slip and return it to your College & Career Advisor, Mrs. C. Jones, no later than Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Students must dress for success. Professional business attire or business casual is appropriate. Social distancing and mask requirement will be in effect.

[College Fair Permission Slip](#)

[College and Career Center Resources](#)

NORTH POINT ATHLETICS

- **Entry to all regular season NPHS Athletic events cost \$5-** this includes students, parents, and guests.
- CASH ONLY at the ticket table- Credit card payment is not taken at the gate.
- Tickets to most events can be purchased online at northpointathletics.com

MOCK TRIAL

Students interested in Mock Trial-

- Interest meeting/practices to prep for try outs will begin September 14th.
- Practices are in room 2307 from 3 – 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the weeks of September 13th, 20th, & 27th.
- Try outs will be the first two weeks of October and sign ups for try outs will be available during the week of September 27th.
- If you are interested or have questions, please see Mrs. Newton in room 2307 or email using Synergy mail.



AP/CTE TEST REIMBURSEMENT FORM DUE 9/30/21

Please click on the link below for the AP/CTE Reimbursement form. **You must submit your score sheet along with the reimbursement form by September 30, 2021.** [AP/CTE Reimbursement form](#)

Forms and score sheets can be:

- Emailed to pparker@ccboe.com
- Dropped off at NPHS
- Mailed to NPHS, 2500 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603, ATTN: Ms. Parker

REIMBURSEMENT FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH

LEARNER'S PERMIT FORM

Do you need a learner's permit form completed? DL-300 Learners Permit forms can be completed in the main office. [Learner's Permit form](#)

DAYCARE OPENINGS

NPHS Child Care has openings in it's First Flight Program. Contact Lisa Willett at lwillett@ccboe.com.

The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Kathy Kiessling, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (students) or Nikial M. Majors, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (employees/adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646; 301-932-6610/301-870-3814. For special accommodations call 301-934-7230 or TDD 1-800-735-2258 two weeks prior to the event. CCPS provides nondiscriminatory equal access to school facilities in accordance with its Use of Facilities rules to designated youth groups (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).