

AUGUST 27, 2021



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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are excited to welcome all of our students back to school on August 30. We are looking forward to seeing students again in our hallways and classrooms. We would like to take this opportunity to share with our families the modifications, procedures and precautions that we are making in CCPS and at North Point High School to keep all of our students and staff healthy and safe. We encourage you to share this information with your child prior to returning to school. We are confident that by working together we will have a smooth and safe transition back to school. If you have specific questions, contact your grade-level administrator.

This newsletter contains information about transportation, back to school information for parents and students, meals, and laptops.

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## TRANSPORTATION- BUS ROUTES

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) now offers families a second option to look up transportation information for students. Parents can use either the new [Bus Portal](#) or [School Locator](#) to search for their child's transportation details.

The new portal requires users to enter their child's six-digit student identification number and birth date to access transportation details. Parents can find their child's student identification number in ParentVue, under their child's name on the main login screen.

Additionally, the new system allows families of students with special needs transportation or eligible out-of-zone bus assignments to view their child's transportation information. [Click here for the Bus Portal.](#)

Parents can also continue to use the School Locator feature on the CCPS website. School Locator provides transportation information for users who search the system by address, as well as details about school zone eligibility. [Click here for School Locator.](#)

The CCPS Transportation Department is still finalizing bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents who check either information system and do not see bus details posted should call the bus hotline at **301-932-6655** for assistance. The hotline runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 26-27, and 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 30-31.

CCPS recommends parents check the transportation portals over the weekend to ensure no changes were made to their child's bus details. [CCPS Transportation](#)

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# BACK TO SCHOOL INFO FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

***When students arrive during the first week of school, they will go to their homeroom.*** After the first week, they will go directly to 1st block when they arrive.

## **Parent Role**

Assess your child's health every morning prior to school. Parents/guardians must pre-screen their child each morning before boarding a bus or drop off at school. The pre-screening tool can be found on the CCPS website and at the link below. By sending the student to school, the parent/guardian is acknowledging that their child is not ill. If a student is not feeling well, he/she should not attend school.

[Pre-screening questionnaire](#)

## **Covid Information**

CCPS has provided extensive information on the school system's website regarding the standard operating procedures for schools. Included is a Pre-screening Questionnaire for parents to use each morning to assess your child's health. All of the CCPS information (including the questionnaire) can also be accessed at the this link: [CCPS Road to Reopening](#).

## **Preventing the Spread of Covid**

### **What NPHS will do:**

Require masks in school and on the bus, mandatory testing for athletics, voluntary screening program, limit outsiders and visitors, promote social distancing, frequent sanitation throughout, expand locations for eating, encourage staff to consider vaccination.

### **What students & families can do:**

Stay home when sick, stay home if awaiting Covid test results, provide your child with multiple masks, participate in voluntary screening, consider vaccination, bring a water bottle, wash/sanitize hands frequently, practice safety outside of school, maintain a healthy lifestyle.

**The important thing to remember is:  
If you are sick, please stay home.**

## **Student Role**

### **Masks**

Students must wear a cloth mask that covers both their mouth and nose. Masks must be on prior to boarding the school bus and entering the school building. Clear face shields are permitted, but a cloth face mask must also be worn. Students should maximize distancing while on the bus, in the hallways and in classrooms.

### **Social Distancing**

To avoid congregating in the hallways, students must keep moving and keep to the right. Students should maximize distance when interacting with others. Students should only sit at desks assigned by the teacher.

### **Sanitizing**

All classrooms have hand sanitizer available. Students should sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting a classroom, after using the bathroom and before and after eating. Disinfectant is available in all classrooms. Students will always have the option of sanitizing their desk/chair upon entering a classroom.

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### **Laptops & Chargers**

Students are required to bring both their laptop and chargers to school each day. Students will take both items home each night. **Note: 9th grade students will be issued NPHS laptops during the first week of school.** All other students should bring their NPHS laptop beginning on the first day. If you did not have a laptop last year, contact your grade-level administrator.

## **School Procedures**

### **Arrival**

Bus riders will enter the building from the bus lot. Car riders will enter the building through the main entrance, entering directly into the main lobby. Student will not enter the main office as in previous years. For parking lot safety, no cars may enter the pool or bus lots. All cars dropping off students must use the main lot entrance at the marquee. Students will report directly to their homeroom during the 1st week of school and then directly to 1st block thereafter.

### **Dismissal**

Bus riders may exit the building through the cafeteria or bus entrance doors. Car riders may exit the building through the main lobby entrance or Hughesville stairwell doors.

### **Physical Distancing and Classroom Set Up**

Desks and work areas will be organized to maximize space between students.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms will be limited to no more than 4 students at the same time. Students may use the restroom between classes. Students may also request to use the restroom during class with no more than 1 student leaving the room at the same time. Students must use the bathroom location assigned to their classroom as designated by color. Students must wash their hands prior to leaving the restroom. Restrooms will be repeatedly cleaned and sanitized throughout the day by building service staff.

### **Water Fountains**

Water fountains should not be used for drinking. Students are encouraged to bring a clear, reusable water bottle that can be filled at refilling stations located near water fountains.

## **Meals**

Free breakfast and lunch will be available at school for all students. Locations for lunch tables have been expanded to include the cafeteria, outside patio seating, staff development room, and the hallway/lobby area near the main office. Students will sit 5 to a table. Students will electronically sign into their table location for contact tracing.

For the first 2-weeks of school there will be 4 assigned lunch shifts. Starting week 3 after demonstrating safety precautions are followed, NEST (1-hour lunch) will begin. Lunch locations will include those mentioned above and expand to classrooms. Sanitizer is available in all locations. Tables will be sanitized by staff between lunch shifts. Students always have the option to sanitize their own table.

## **In-school Transitions**

Transition between classes will be done with safety in mind. Masks must be worn at all times. Congregating in the halls will not be permitted. Students are expected to maintain physical distancing during all transitions. Signage will be visible, directing the flow of traffic to the right and to indicate entrance and exit doors. Touchpoints (i.e. door handles) will be minimized by use of door stops and staff supervision.

## **Backpacks/Bookbags and Laptop Bags**

All backpacks, bookbags and bags larger than a hand must be secured in the student's locker. Students may only carry the NPHS drawstring laptop bag (or similar type bag). Laptops and chargers are the only items allowed in the bag.

## **Lockers**

Students are assigned one hallway locker. Students are not to share their locker or combination with anyone. This increases security and personal health safety.

## **CTE Lockers**

CTE teachers will assign CTE lockers to their classes as required by programs.

## **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.

***To limit visitors to the building, parents are encouraged to ensure that students have all their materials (e.g. backpacks, lunches, musical instruments) when they arrive at school.*** All visitors must always wear a covering over their mouth and nose while in our buildings. To enhance our ability to assist with contact tracing, every approved visitor must sign-in through ScholarChip.

## **Mandatory Compliance**

Students who knowingly and repeatedly disregard CCPS COVID-19 related safeguards, policies, and procedures will be addressed by school administration

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## **MYPAYMENTSPLUS MEAL ACCOUNT**

Meals will be free to students this school year, but students can purchase snacks and drinks through their MyPaymentsPlus lunch account. Please click on the following link to set up an account or to add money to an existing account, [MyPaymentsPlus](#)

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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Meals will be free to all students this year, but parents still need to fill out the Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) application because:

- Family may be eligible for PEBT cash benefits.
- School system funding is partly based on the percentage of FARMS students in our district.
- There are discounts on internet access available to approved families.

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

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## STUDENT LAPTOPS

Students returning to North Point High School will continue to use the laptop they were assigned last year. Students will be expected to bring their laptop to school each school day. **All returning students are asked to charge their laptop, turn it on and be sure it is working properly at this time.** If there is a concern with your laptop, please contact the main office, 301-753-1759. 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.

**Freshmen and students who are new to North Point will get their laptops during school next week.**

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## STUDENT PARKING

All students driving to school must have a hanging tag displayed on the first day of school. Students who do not have a hanging tag will not be permitted to drive and park at school. We are limited on spot availability at this time. Students wishing to drive but have not applied, must submit the application and online vehicle registration prior to driving to school. Students are not permitted to drive until an application has been processed and Mrs. Hindsley has issued a parking tag to the student. Please reach out to Mrs. Hindsley at [lhindsley@ccboe.com](mailto:lhindsley@ccboe.com) with any parking questions.

[Student Parking](#)

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## AP/CTE TEST REIMBURSEMENT

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](mailto:pparker@ccboe.com)
  - Dropped off at NPHS
  - Mailed to NPHS, 2500 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603, ATTN: Ms. Parker
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## MOCK TRIAL

Mock Trial will be starting soon. See Mrs. Newton in room 2307 or [complete the online interest form](#).



## 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](#)

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## YEARBOOKS

If you ordered a yearbook or if you want to purchase one, stop by the main office. Yearbooks will be for sale for \$90.

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## 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](#)

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## DAYCARE OPENINGS

NPHS Child Care has openings in it's First Flight Program. Contact Lisa Willett at [lwillett@ccboe.com](mailto:lwillett@ccboe.com).

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