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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week the North Point community's thoughts have been with the children, families and staff of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Our hearts go out to their community as they are just beginning to process this unimaginable tragedy.

This event unfortunately serves as a horrific reminder to our own school community that it takes the effort of everyone to keep mental and physical safety as our top priority. This week, Charles County Public Schools has made available additional counselors, psychologists, and pupil personnel workers to support students and staff in our buildings. The Charles County Sheriff's Office has increased police patrols near schools and during the many end-of-year celebratory events including graduation.

This is an appropriate time to remind the North Point community of the safety measures we have in place at North Point High School and to remind all of us that it takes the effort of every person – students, parents, staff and visitors - to make our campus safe.

- Immediately, report all threats including verbal or written threats and those posted on social media.
- Safety drills are routinely practiced. Emergency protocols are posted in classrooms and throughout the building.
- All visitors to NPHS must enter through the main office. Prior to entering the building, visitors must present picture identification and state their reason for the visit through our camera and intercom system. Visitors should make an appointment.
- All students must be dropped off and picked up at the main entrance only.
- Student backpacks and bags larger than the palm of the hand, are to be secured in their locker during the school day.
- All exterior doors are locked.
- Students are not to open doors for visitors.
- Parents and students are not to order food to be delivered from Door Dash, Uber Eats or other similar services.
- Students are not to be outside of a classroom without a written pass and must present that pass immediately to any NPHS staff member who asks to see it.
- Students are to follow the CCPS Dress Code Policy. This policy allows for us to establish norms that allow us to identify our students.

Charles County Public Schools and North Point High School are committed to providing resources to help families and students process tragic events such as that which occurred this week in Texas. Please visit the links below for tips on talking to children about mass violence.

[Microsoft Word - Talking With Children About Violence\\_2016\[3\].doc \(finalsite.net\)](#)

[Coping after Mass Violence | The National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(nctsn.org\)](#)

# TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT VIOLENCE: TIPS FOR FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS

Families and school personnel play a critical role in helping to reestablish a sense of normalcy and security for children after an act of violence occurs. Follow these key reminders and visit [www.nasponline.org/children-and-violence](http://www.nasponline.org/children-and-violence) to learn more.

## KEEP EXPLANATIONS DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE

### Early Elementary

Provide simple information and concrete examples balanced by assurance of safety.

### Upper Elementary and Early Middle School

Answer questions and assist in separating reality from fantasy.

### Upper Middle & High School

Emphasize students' role in safety & how to access support.

## REAFFIRM SAFETY

- Emphasize that schools are very safe.
- Let children speak about their feelings and validate reactions to the event.
- Support the appropriate expression of their feelings and help to put them in perspective.



## MAKE TIME TO TALK

- Let children's questions guide the information provided. Be patient and look for clues that a child wants to talk.
- Young children may need concrete activities (e.g., imaginative play) while some older children may prefer writing or playing music.



## REVIEW SAFETY PROCEDURES

- Help children identify an adult at school and in the community that they can go to if they feel threatened or at risk.
- Review procedures and safeguards in school and home settings.



## MONITOR EMOTIONAL STATE

- Some children will not express themselves verbally but changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep patterns can indicate anxiety or stress.
- Seek help from a mental health professional for those with more intense reactions that last more than 2 weeks.



## MAINTAIN A NORMAL ROUTINE

- Keep a regular schedule and healthy nutrition, sleep and exercise to promote physical and mental health.
- Encourage maintenance of school work and extracurricular activities but do not push children who seem overwhelmed.
- Limit exposure to images or graphic reference to the event (e.g., TV and social media).



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For additional guidance, visit  
[www.nasponline.org/safety-and-crisis](http://www.nasponline.org/safety-and-crisis).

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## PSYCHOLOGIST'S MESSAGE

Traumatic events such as the recent tragedies in NY and TX can cause fear, stress, worry, and anxiety. Families and school personnel play a critical role in helping to reestablish a sense of normalcy and security for children after an act of violence occurs. It is important to validate your child's feelings and reassure children that they are safe at school. As much as possible, limit your child's news exposure and stick to your family's normal schedule or routine. Continue to observe your child's emotional state and behavior and reach out to your child's school counselor or school psychologist if needed. Additional resources are available at

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/coping-after-mass-violence>

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-resources>

## MARYLAND ART EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Dr. Terri Alo for being recognized by MAEA and CCPS as the Secondary Career Teacher of the Year for Charles County Public Schools County! This award recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of outstanding art educators at the district level. MAEA recognizes excellence and professional accomplishment annually at a special recognition ceremony.

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## NPHS CYBERSECURITY CLASS

Congratulations to the North Point High School Cybersecurity Class of 2022 on earning certification as IT Specialists in Cybersecurity.



## END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

If you have any library books, please return them to North Point before the end of the school year. The North Point Library will also accept books that belong to other schools and will return them to their proper library. Please contact Mrs. Goldberg at [ggoldberg@ccboe.com](mailto:ggoldberg@ccboe.com) with any questions.

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## HEALTH ROOM REMINDER

Medication pick up notice to parent/guardian: Please arrange for an adult to pick up medication/supplies from the health room by 12noon on 6/15/22. To comply with Maryland law, all medication (prescriptions and over the counter) that are not picked up by the deadline will be destroyed.

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## SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP OPPORTUNITY

NPHS is hosting a Little Eagle's Basketball Camp for 4 one week sessions during this summer. This camp is structured to teach the fundamentals of the game of basketball. Players will learn the individual fundamentals through dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense. Players will also learn how to use those fundamentals and apply them to the game situations. Academics, teamwork, and life skills will be addressed throughout the week. Balls and equipment are provided. Campers may bring their own marked age-appropriate ball. Campers must bring a lunch, snacks, and plenty of water in a closed lid water bottle daily. Online registration only. Please click the [link](#) to register by June 3rd.

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## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Please click on the link below to access our school's student newspaper.

[Student Newspaper](#)

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

If your student has lost a jacket or other item, please check the lost and found in the main office. Items not claimed before June 30, 2022 will be donated.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

As we get closer to the end of the school year, please continue to remind your students about the importance of arriving to school and class on time and turning in all work. Please review the information and timeline below:

### Graduation Practice

- Dates: May 24, May 26, June 1st
- Location: North Point High School Gymnasium
- Practice will start at 8:05AM on the assigned dates with the goal of being done by 11:00AM; it is important instruction is followed so we can release at that time
- Student drivers will turn in their passes at Senior Sign-out and will be issued a special parking pass for graduation practice days
- Students who do not have a parking pass may also be issued a special parking pass for graduation practice days
- Students who ride the bus can ride the bus to practice and then will need picked up after.

### Senior Dates Timeline

- May 31st - Senior Awards Practice AM, Senior Awards 5:30 PM
- June 1st - Grad Practice 3 = Dress Rehearsal
- June 3rd - Graduation @ 9:00AM

Please check synergy messages from Christina Jones, all information must be submitted to be featured in the graduation program

### Dress Code for Graduation

- Official NPHS cap, gown, sash, & tassel
- Medals, pins, and ropes may be worn with/on the sash
- Business Casual - slacks/skirt/dress, collared shirt/blouse
- Shoes - comfortable, flats or sandals, no heels. Regency Stadium will not permit heels on the field. Heels are a safety hazard and will sink into the ground.
- Hair should permit easy fit of the cap
- Caps may be decorated - must be school appropriate

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## JROTC CADET LEADERSHIP COURSE

North Point High School JROTC will hold their annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) from 27 June – 1 July 2022. CLC is an introductory JROTC program designed to give students a sampling of JROTC activities and a jump-start on the school year. The program is open to all in-coming high school students, but is highly recommended for students who are considering taking JROTC in the coming school year.

A typical day will include light physical fitness, drill and ceremony, and classroom instruction on topics such as leadership fundamentals, goal setting, time management, and being a successful student. Field trips are also a big part of the program and will be scheduled throughout the week. The training will start each morning at 7:30 am and end at 4:00 pm. Optional gym time or group activity time will be available 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Instructors will be on-site for drop-off as early as 6:00 am each morning.

The cost for CLC is \$150.00 per cadet. This fee covers lunch and a snack each day, CLC uniform items, and field trip transportation. Transportation to and from NPHS is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Space is limited (first-come-first-serve), so get your spot reserved as soon as possible, no later than 27 May 2022. Contact Lt Col Jonathan Brown, North Point JROTC program, for registration forms and additional details ([jdbrown@ccboe.com](mailto:jdbrown@ccboe.com)/301-934-7482 ).



**Enroll Now  
School Year  
2022-2023**

# FIRST FLIGHT

North Point Early Childhood Training Program

Contact our  
director:

Lisa Willett  
[lwillett@ccboe.com](mailto:lwillett@ccboe.com)

## What is First Flight?

First Flight is a daily two-hour program for children ages 3-5 and is part of the licensed North Point Early Childhood Training Program.

This developmentally appropriate program provides a healthy, happy setting where children learn through play. The daily activities are planned to meet the individual and group needs of the children.

This program is staffed by early childhood professionals and the students in the Education Careers CTE Program at North Point High School. The Education Careers Program provides secondary students with real world experience working with young children. All teachers and high school students in the program meet the licensing requirements of CCPS and MSDE the Office of Childcare.



**North Point Early Childhood  
Training Program  
"Home of the Little Eagles"**



High School students in the Education Careers Program plan and implement lessons with the children (ages 3-5) in the First Flight Program.

## Our Philosophy

We believe that children develop best when school and parents work together with the child's best interest as the primary goal.

We believe that a center should be a very warm, loving, happy place with cheerful and positive attitudes.

We believe that children need years of play with real objects and events before understanding symbols.

We believe that children should have many opportunities daily to develop social skills such as helping, cooperating, negotiating, and talking with others.

We believe that outdoor experiences should be provided for all children.

We believe that good discipline or guidance is a learning experience for children.

## How Do I Apply?

### Complete a Contact Information Form

You can obtain a form by:

- Picking up a copy in the Main Office at North Point High School.
- Emailing the director to request a copy of the form.
- Downloading the form from our website.

## How Do I Get More Information?

Visit our website:

<https://www.npectp.org/>

Contact the director, Lisa Willett: [lwillett@ccboe.com](mailto:lwillett@ccboe.com)

*\*Tours can be scheduled on Wednesdays\**

## Hours of Operation

First Flight runs each school year,  
October-April

**4 Days a Week**  
(Closed on Wednesdays)

**Morning Session:**  
8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Afternoon Session:**  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Eligibility and Fees

First Flight is open to children **ages 3-5**. A maximum of **20 children** will be enrolled in **each session**. Spots are reserved through the payment of the holding fee.

**Snack & Supply Fee:**  
**\$425.00 per year**

**Holding Fee:**  
**\$100.00**

This amount will be applied to your payment for the year.

## Location

North Point High School  
2500 Davis Road  
Waldorf, MD 20603  
301-753-1759 ext. 159113



**Love the Game?  
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Scan the code for more details.**



**Maryland Basketball Officials Association**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance notes: Please email notes to [raasavoy@ccboe.com](mailto:raasavoy@ccboe.com)

## **CALENDAR DATES**

May 30: Memorial Day, Schools and Offices closed

June 3: NPHS Graduation, NPHS closed

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