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For the parents, staff, students, and community of  
New Smyrna Beach High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

## ***“Prepare to Get Schooled!”***

We look forward to an outstanding 2019-20 school year! We are truly fortunate to have the best students, parents, and staff in the district.

Our theme this year is ***“Prepare to Get Schooled!”*** We are inviting you to work with us in making this school year the best yet. We will always deliver our best to our students every day. By always working together, we will maintain our school as the one of the finest in the district!

As we begin this new school year, ask your student to consider what he/she hopes to get from school this year – and what he/she intends to invest. There is a saying that *“Anything worth doing is worth doing well.”* During this school year, your student will invest literally hundreds of hours in his/her classes. Some will make that investment of time pay high dividends by applying energy and effort; others, sadly, will just wait. Education, like life, is not a spectator sport – one cannot score from the sidelines. Success goes to those who go after it, not to those who wait and hope for it. Students, we challenge you this year, and every year, to demand the best from yourself with the same intensity that you demand the best for yourself.

Our priorities are simple - we will keep our students safe and we will ensure that our students receive a high school diploma and graduate. We have also made a commitment that all adults on campus will ensure that every day, students learn and grow and are treated with respect.

Our teachers and staff have prepared all summer to meet the needs of your student. Let's continue to work together to make your student's high school experience a positive one. We all share the common goal of wanting your student to succeed academically, physically and socially.

Thank for all you do! We appreciate you.

Sincerely,  
Matt Krajewski

## **NSBHS Mission Statement:**

Working together with parents, school personnel and community members, New Smyrna Beach High School students will graduate with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be positive contributors to society.



# 2019-2020

## NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH ORIENTATION

### Save the Date

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST**

Grades 12 & 11 : 8am-11:30am

Grade 10 : 1pm-4pm

&

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST**

Grade 9

Last Names A-M : 8am-11:30am

Last Names N-Z : 1pm-4pm

### 2019-2020 NSBH ORIENTATION

- **Enter Cafeteria from the Front Bus Loop**

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## Help Your Child Show Up to School with a Good Attitude and Ready to Learn

Studies indicate that showing up is important but not sufficient for school success. Physical and mental states are important factors in getting the most from school.

- Keep tabs on school attendance. Check report card attendance reports. If you suspect a problem, immediately call the school. Do not encourage your child to skip school for special trips or activities not related to school such as a family vacation or an outing with friends. That makes school seem less important than having fun.
- Make sure your teen gets plenty of sleep. Recent studies show that teenagers need nine or more hours of sleep nightly and that students earning As and Bs generally are getting to bed earlier than students with lower grades.
- Don't accept the "I'm never gonna use this after high school" excuse for not working hard in a particular class. For example, algebra may not be everybody's favorite subject, but studies show that courses like algebra are critically important in college acceptance decisions and achievement.
- If you have a senior, beware of "senior slump." Recent reports indicate that students may consider the last year of high school a waste of time. However, students who waste their senior year are often unprepared for college-level work even if they took challenging courses during their earlier high school years.

### HELP ORGANIZE TIME AND MATERIALS

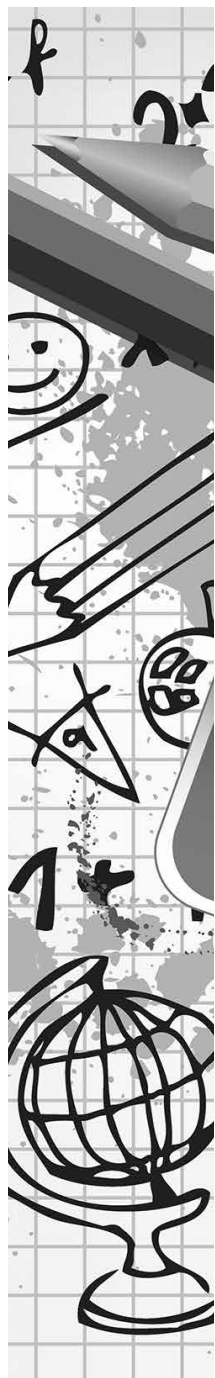
- Just because students are in high school does not guarantee they are all prepared to do high school work, especially long-term projects, on their own.
- Help your teen keep an assignment calendar with dates for long-term projects as well as daily homework. Review the calendar at the beginning of the week to plan how time will be used and make allowances for other activities such as sports and clubs.

- Help your teen divide long-term assignments into smaller tasks and develop a timeline for when tasks should be finished in order to have the entire assignment completed on time.
- Make sure there is a place for quiet study away from the television and telephone along with a place to keep school materials, including materials necessary for long-term assignments.

### TAKE AN INTEREST

- Studies show that parent involvement drops dramatically as students move from elementary school into middle and high school. Yet given the complexities of today's high schools, this is a time when many students are most in need of parental support and involvement.
- You might not understand a subject such as physics or early American literature but you can still listen to your teen talk about what is happening in class. Also listen to what is happening outside of class.
- Listen to what your teen is trying to say without immediately judging or offering advice. Encourage your teen to join a club or sport at school. Outside activities are educational and often increase students' interest in school.
- Help your teen put their concerns or problems into words and encourage them to try and figure out possible solutions or coping strategies.
- Try to find at least one teacher with whom you can communicate regularly for updates or advice on your teen's general well-being in high school.

The ultimate goal is to help students become self-sufficient managers of their time and resources in order to get the most out of high school. They may need your help even if they don't realize it. Help them to develop habits and strategies for greater achievement while encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their work.



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**PARENTS, ESTABLISH A SOLID HOME-STUDY DISCIPLINE** with your student. Encouraging and supporting this vital activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school and instill a work ethic that endures for a lifetime.

1. **SET A SCHEDULE:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this discipline. In many ways, it's his/her job and should be an important part of the daily routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience.
2. **CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Students can be easily distracted. Teach them to create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Minimizing social media access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention. If you notice distractions or deterrents, suggest possible remedies. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The most important factor is the discipline of doing it every day.
3. **OBSERVE AND ENGAGE:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to break or establish a habit. When school resumes this month, commit three weeks to observing your students daily routine. Make good homework practices a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's success.

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<b>General fee</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS MUST PAY THE GENERAL FEE EACH SCHOOL YEAR</b> This fee pays for : <b>School ID card and Cuda lanyard - must be worn during the school day.</b> School planners, newsletters, Cuda t-shirt and mailings.	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Senior Dues</b>	<b>ALL SENIORS MUST PAY THEIR SENIOR DUES TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION AND SENIOR EVENTS</b> This fee pays for : Senior T-Shirt, Graduation Cap/Gown/Tassel, Diploma & cover, Graduation Medallion, additional senior events.	<b>\$80</b>
<b>Parking Permit</b>	<b>All vehicles are required to obtain a parking permit to park in the NSB High parking lot.</b> You must display your parking tag in your front windshield at all times on campus. Seniors may park in the designated Senior Lot with a Senior Parking Permit. All other students may park in the open parking areas. Please see parking map. Students may not park in designated staff and faculty parking areas.	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Athletic fees</b>	\$75 Fee for the first sport and \$25 for additional sports.	<b>\$75</b>
	<b>OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR PURCHASE:</b>	
<b>locker Rental</b>	Lockers are available for rent in buildings 5 & 6	<b>\$10</b>
<b>ID Card Replacement</b>	Replacement ID cards are available in the Activities Office - Room 2-116	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Athletic Pass</b>	This pass will allow entrance to all athletic events throughout the school year.	<b>\$40</b>
<b>lunch Pass</b>	Seniors and Juniors may be eligible to leave campus during Office Hours and Lunch time. Students must meet the GPA requirement and have a signed form.	<b>\$1</b> per quarter
<b>Yearbook</b>	Yearbooks can be pre-purchased at <a href="http://Jostens.com">Jostens.com</a> and will be distributed in May.	<b>\$100</b>
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### 2019-20 School Calendar

Make-up days for inclement weather include November 25 and November 26.

August 6 (Tuesday)	Preplanning Begins – Teachers Report
August 12 (Monday)	First Day of School for Students
September 2 (Monday)	Labor Day Holiday
September 16 (Monday)	Professional Development Day/Student Holiday
October 14 (Monday)	Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday
November 11 (Monday)	Veterans Day Holiday
November 25 (Monday)	Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
***November 25 and 26 will be used as makeup days for inclement weather if needed***	
December 2 (Monday)	Classes Resume
December 19 (Thursday)	Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday
December 20 (Friday)	Winter Holiday Begins
January 6 (Monday)	Classes Resume
January 20 (Monday)	Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday
February 17 (Monday)	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 13 (Friday)	Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday
March 16 (Monday)	Spring Holiday Begins
March 23 (Monday)	Classes Resume
May 25 (Monday)	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29 (Friday)	Last Day of School for Students
June 2 (Tuesday)	Last Day of School for Teachers

### Early Release Days

All students will be released approximately one hour early on the 34 Wednesdays listed below.

August 14 August 21 August 28	September 4 September 11 September 18 September 25	October 2 October 16 October 23 October 30	November 6 November 13 November 20	December 4 December 11 December 18
January 8 January 15 January 22 January 29	February 12 February 19 February 26	March 4 March 11 March 25	April 1 April 8 April 15 April 22 April 29	May 20 May 27

### Grading Period/Report Card Dates

Period	Days	Grade Period Begins	Midterm Period Ends	Grade Period Ends	Grades on Parent Portal	Report Card Distribution
1	43	Aug. 12, 2019	Sept. 11, 2019	Oct. 11, 2019	Oct. 17, 2019	Oct. 23, 2019
2	41	Oct. 15, 2019	Nov. 13, 2019	Dec. 18, 2019	Jan. 8, 2020	Jan. 13, 2020
3	47	Jan. 6, 2020	Feb. 12, 2020	March 12, 2020	March 18, 2020	March 25, 2020
4	49	March 23, 2020	April 22, 2020	May 29, 2020	June 3, 2020 (elem only)	June 9, 2020 (elem only)



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