

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Dear Class of of 2027 Parents & Students:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer vacation with family and friends. I am reaching out to say hello and to welcome you to J. L. Miller Great Neck North High School! In only a few weeks, you will be arriving for your first day in high school. We are excited to meet you and eager to open our doors and begin the 2023-2024 school year. Every new school year offers students the chance to start fresh; I hope you choose to follow your passions and try something new. We have absolutely no doubt that you will enjoy being a freshman at Great Neck North High School!

The upcoming four years are of critical importance not only to forge a path towards graduation, but also to grow, discover, and mature. High school is a time for students to refine their interests, to develop resilience and to practice grit. One important way to accomplish these goals is through active participation in co-curricular activities and immersion in the Great Neck North High School culture. I urge you to get involved - I promise that you will not only have fun, but also find meaning and fulfillment in your experiences as a student. Together, with the support and guidance of our talented and caring staff of teachers, administrators, coaches, and counselors, we will build a meaningful, vibrant, and personalized experience for all our students.

We have already planned a few activities in September that we hope you'll put on your calendars:

1. On Tuesday, August 29th, the Guidance Department will be available for schedule changes from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and again from 12:30-2:00 P.M..
2. On August 31st, all grade 9 students will be invited to an advisory orientation. At this orientation, all 9th graders will meet with their advisories, tour the building, walk through their schedules, and locate/open their lockers. Additional detail about the advisory orientation will follow in the upcoming weeks.
3. On September 14th at 7:00pm, the North High Guidance Department will facilitate its annual grade-level orientation program for parents/guardians of all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. That same evening, parents of 12th graders are invited to attend a College Planning orientation. Overall, this evening provides a great opportunity to learn more about your child's educational journey. Additional details about the orientation program and college planning meeting will follow in the upcoming weeks.
4. In conjunction with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), we will host our Annual Open House on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm This yearly event fosters opportunity

for parents and guardians to walk through their children's schedules, meeting their teachers and hearing about course content and expectations.

September is always a busy and exciting time at North High. As additional events are planned and scheduled, we will keep you posted.

The success of the upcoming school year is due, in large part, to our work together. Our PTO and Shared Decision-Making committees are two vital groups that work with students and staff to keep the lines of communication between home and school open and effective. In both of these important groups, parents and school staff work together to discuss, design, and plan initiatives to strengthen our school and our school community. Please reach out to the PTO if you would like to know more.

We truly thank you for your trust and support. The faculty and staff at John L. Miller Great Neck North High School is committed to fostering a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for all our students. We hope you enjoy a wonderful remainder of the summer and look forward to seeing you in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Dan Holtzman

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