

# NORTH POINT

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# Welcome Back to School!

August 30, 2024

*Let's Go Eagles!*



## **CCPS partners with Election Board to educate students about voting**

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) regularly partners with the Maryland State and Charles County boards of elections. Many CCPS facilities, including schools, serve as polling locations during local, state and national elections.

Staff from the Charles County Board of Elections are set to visit the seven CCPS high schools next month to share information with students about how to vote, voter registration and how to serve as an election judge. These visits will occur during school lunch shifts so student instructional time is not impacted. Schools will notify parents/guardians of the schedule in advance so they can talk with their child about the opportunity to learn about voting.

- Monday, Sept. 16: La Plata High School
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: North Point High School
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: Thomas Stone High School
- Wednesday, Sept. 18: St. Charles High School

- Wednesday, Sept. 18: Westlake High School
- Thursday, Sept. 19: Henry E. Lackey High School
- Thursday, Sept. 19: Maurice J. McDonough High School

Charles County Board of Election staff are State of Maryland employees with the Maryland State Board of Elections and do not represent any party, affiliation or candidate in any election cycle.

CCPS plans to offer this opportunity to high school students annually. To learn more about the Board of Elections, visit <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/board-of-elections>.

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## SAFETY REMINDER

Parents and students are reminded that students may only be dropped off or picked up in the main office parking lot. No drop-offs or pick-ups are permitted in tennis or pool lots. Only staff and student drivers with an official NPHS parking pass may enter the tennis lot. At no time should cars enter the bus lot during arrival and dismissal. At no time should parents enter the pool lot during arrival or dismissal. Both of these lots have a high volume of student foot traffic. Entering the bus and pool lots creates a potentially dangerous situation. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Important Dates to Remember!

*September 2 schools closed - Labor Day*

*September 13 schools closed - teacher in-service day*

*September 18 NPHS Open House 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm*

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## Parking Reminders

*Students who are already qualified for parking permits, should contact Mr. Daniels via email at [adaniels@ccboe.com](mailto:adaniels@ccboe.com) or stop by his office to make sure you are in good standing to receive your parking permit. If you have met all requirements and have been cleared by Mr. Daniels, you may pay your \$25 parking fee and pick up your permit from Ms. Brown in the front office.*





Charles County Public Schools

# Where's The Bus?

WheresTheBus is a mobile application and website where families can access live bus arrival and departure information. Users can see minute-to-minute arrival time and bus information.

## To access...

1. Go to [www.wheresthebus.com](http://www.wheresthebus.com) or download the app in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.
2. Create an account and select Charles County Public Schools from the drop-down menu and add your child's information.



CCPS meals prepayment system moves to MySchoolBucks

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) has moved its meal prepayment system to MySchoolsBucks for the 2024-2025 school year. The system replaces MyPaymentsPlus and is accessible at

any time. Parents with existing MySchoolBucks accounts can log into the system and load money by credit/debit card or e-check to their child's meal account. With the new platform, parents are not able to divide funds between a meal account and a general account (used to buy a la carte items).

Any money left on student accounts was moved to the new platform. Visit

[www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to access or create a new account. Parents creating new accounts

must know their child's six-digit student identification number. The number is in ParentVue, on the main page for the desktop version, and under the main student menu in the mobile app (click on the three lines in the lower left-hand corner to view student's ID which will show their ID number). A free MySchoolBucks mobile app is available in Google and Apple stores. The app icon is blue with My School Bucks written in white text in the square.

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## Attendance Reminders

Attendance and absence notes should now be emailed to [northpoint@ccboe.com](mailto:northpoint@ccboe.com). Notes can also be brought to the main office. Only parents/guardians are permitted to sign out students for early dismissal. If there is an occasion that requires someone other than the parent/guardian to pick up a student, the parent/guardian must submit a note to the main office before the student is picked up. The note must state the name of the individual picking up the student. The note will be verified by calling the parent/guardian for confirmation. ID will be required at the time of pick up.

### **CCPS Attendance Policy**

Charles County Public Schools allows for approved lawful absences for students below designated areas. Documentation for these absences is due to the school within 5 days of the student's return. If your child is going to miss school for events such as educational/college trips or unique life experiences outside the legal absences. Follow the CCPS website at [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com) for updates.

- Illness of a student documented by a parent or doctor's note court summons
- Death of a family member
- Other emergency as approved by the principal
- Hazardous weather conditions
- Work approved or sponsored by the school
- Observance of a religious holiday
- State of emergency
- Lack of authorized transportation

After completing the form, it must be emailed to Ms. Garcia Dixon at [gadixon@ccboe.com](mailto:gadixon@ccboe.com). These absences cannot be approved at the school level. Families can use the form to request approval for up to 5 absences per school year outside of the lawful absences above

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### **CCPS Cell Phone Policy for High School**

Students may bring their phone or device however once school begins the device must be powered completely off (not on vibrate or silent mode) and must remain in a non-visible, secure location, with the exception of lunchtime. Phones and devices may be used during approved times but must not be disruptive or serve any inappropriate purpose such as loud/explicit music or videos, recording, airdropping/sending/posting inappropriate messages or images (via text or social media), or any type of cyberbullying.



At the end of the lunch or activity period, all phones and devices must be immediately powered back off and returned to a non-visible, secure location, until the end of the day. Administrators and/or teachers may allow the use of cell phones for specific academic purposes; such opportunities will be communicated in advance. Cell phones or electronic devices with camera and/or video functions must not be used to take or transmit any image or video at any time, even if the use of the phone or device is otherwise permitted.

### **Types of Cell Phone Violations**

Included are examples of violations of the above policy. This is not a complete list. In general, violations include any use of a cell phone/smartphone that creates a disruption to the learning environment for an individual and/or group or creates a potential safety concern. Making/receiving calls texting viewing/posting on social media streaming video or music gaming video/audio recording taking photographs possession of a phone during standardized tests (i.e. MCAP, AP, certification exams)



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<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/maryland/waldorf/north-point-high-school>



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### North Point Athletics

North Point Athletics [northpointathletics.com](http://northpointathletics.com) is the place to go for all athletic information. Here you will find links to game schedules, how to register for a sport, and much more. Tickets to athletic events can be purchased through GOFAN. Cash payment is not accepted at the entry gates.

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### Senior Dues Information

Senior dues are \$140. Dues cover the student's cap and gown, senior picnic, awards, and diploma. Dues can be paid online at [gofan.co](http://gofan.co) or with cash, check or money order (made out to North Point

High School). Dues should be paid in full by January 31, 2025.

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Helpful links [Northpointathletics.com](http://Northpointathletics.com)

Free and reduced meal application NPHS CCPS [Myschoolbucks.com](http://Myschoolbucks.com)

Transportation [WheresTheBus.com](http://WheresTheBus.com)



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