



The Beginning Is the Most Important Part of the Work

— PLATO

Welcome to the first issue of The Viking Village, the PTO's new monthly note to Northeast High families and staff! Each edition you'll find news nuggets, opportunities to volunteer and donate, information about upcoming events, and more.

I'd like to thank our new principal, Mr. Vasallo, our new assistant principal, Mrs. Gardiner, and ALL of the teachers and staff – new and returning – for helping our students start the year strong. While our first weeks had a little more excitement than we would've liked, everyone came together in true Viking fashion to ensure our students stayed safe and our programs didn't miss a beat.

My hope is that this newsletter will be a place for parents and teachers to share thoughts, find tangible ways to support students and teachers, and build a stronger, more connected Viking community one action at a time. Email us if you have an idea or want to add your voice to The Village. Everyone's voice matters.

A new school year is here, and with it, our chance to make it a great one. Let's do this most important part of the work together!

RACHEL DAVIS, PTO PRESIDENT



RED CARPET WELCOME, AUGUST 2026



A WARM NEHI WELCOME, AUGUST 2026

PTO IN ACTION

August in Pictures



Freshman Orientation

Great turn out and energy as NEHI welcomes our Class of 2030 families!



Red Carpet

Our Cheer Squad greeted our "A Team" teachers and staff in style!



Parfait Bar

Teachers and staff enjoyed a first breakfast "Parf-A" bar to celebrate our A school status.

CLASSROOM GRANTS

Your Donations at Work

After last spring's first ever teacher grant fundraiser, PTO gifted funds for food and supplies to Chef Serata, technology support to Mr. Zack and Mrs. Chorney, bookshelves to Ms. Fajardo, and student materials to Mr. White. Check out our newest grant recipients!

NEXT DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Tuesday, October 13

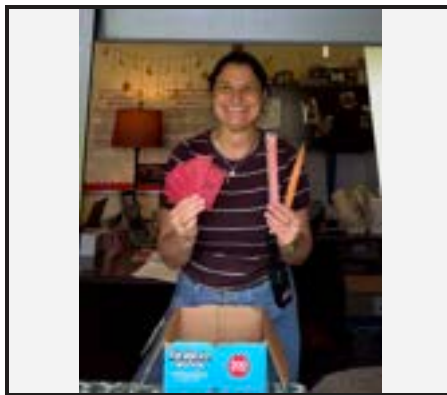
At the PTO meeting

HOW TO APPLY

Please look for the \$ icon in Clever to apply.



SARAH ALVAREZ, STUDENT INCENTIVES, COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



MRS. HOLLER, STUDENT INCENTIVES, PBIS



COACH DISNEY, DUMBBELLS, ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO THE PTO & CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Freshman Orientation

Lydia Bailey — Jameson Orange You Glad You Picked This Basket

First Teacher Members

Jim Cady — Mezcal Magic Basket

First Meeting Attendee

Michael Crooks — Ferg's Gift Certificates

A big thank you to Marina Spadijer for donating these gifts!

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Snacks Support Spirit

Every week, your child has the opportunity to earn Viking bucks when they're "caught doing good" at school. These bucks buy rewards! Donate your child's favorite snacks to our PBIS WooHoo Wednesdays with this link.

[DONATE TO WOOHOO WEDNESDAYS →](#)

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

Requests From Our PTO Teacher Members

These PTO teacher members have told us what their rooms and programs need. Email a teacher directly, or use the TeacherLists link to shop a room's list.

Kristen Engle**TEACHER, CLUB LEADER**

Theatre thespians, GSA

Englek@pcsb.org

Hardware building supplies

Devon Porter**TEACHER**Band, guitar, orchestra, jazz,
marching bandPorterdev@pcsb.org

Repair & rewrap band trailer, golf cart for program, canopy for marching band

Carolyn Drinkard**TEACHER**

Algebra 2 Honors & Algebra 1

Drinkardc@pcsb.org

Highlighters, graph paper, dry erase markers

Chef Curtis Serata**TEACHER**

Culinary Arts / SkillsUSA

seratacu@pcsb.org

A trailer to store and haul grills/supplies to competitions

R. Byhanna**TEACHER**

Honors Biology & A.P. Biology

Byhannar@pcsb.org

Items to support biology labs including: paper towels, gallon size and quart size ziploc bags, colored pencils, graph paper, hand soap, dish soap, a class set of scientific calculators, hydrogen peroxide (3 bottles), large roll of aluminum foil, baking soda (3 boxes), 10 gallons of distilled water

What Our Classrooms Need

Teachers post their classroom wish lists on TeacherLists. Pick a teacher's list, buy only what you want, and it ships straight to the school.

[SEE THE TEACHERLISTS PAGE →](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON ATHLETICS

Northeast Athletics: More Than a Game

BY ABBIGAIL SANCHEZ



JOHN M. SEXTON FIELD — TODAY, AND THE POSSIBLE SCOREBOARD — ADD YOUR BUSINESS!

A strong school is built on more than academics.

Athletics can create belonging, school spirit and community, bringing students, families, teachers, alumni and neighbors together around something they share.

As Northeast works to strengthen enrollment and student engagement, we have an opportunity to invest in that sense of community, too.

Ongoing district-managed stadium repairs have brought new attention to aging athletic spaces and equipment. Instead of simply reopening what was there before, coaches, PTO members and parents are asking a bigger question:

What if we use this moment to rebuild?

This isn't just about football or a weight room. It's about creating athletic programs and spaces our students are proud to be part of, and giving families, alumni and our community another reason to rally around Northeast.

We need our Viking community. Donate, share the fundraiser, volunteer, or connect us with a business, organization or community member who can help.

Let's bring the pride back.

PTO LINK

da.gd/nehipto

FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

[Give to the football fundraiser →](#)

WANT TO CONNECT?

Abbigail Sanchez
FRESHMAN PARENT, PTO MEMBER,
ATHLETICS VOLUNTEER
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VOLUNTEER

Volleyball Concessions

The Volleyball team needs volunteers to sell concessions at home games — a fun, spirited way to support NEHI. Volunteers must be current PCS Level 2. Log your hours to benefit the school.

Interested or want more information? Contact Coach Stephanie Bohl at bohls@pcsb.org.

For more opportunities to volunteer or mentor this year, email Mrs. Alvarez at alvarezsa@pcsb.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming Events

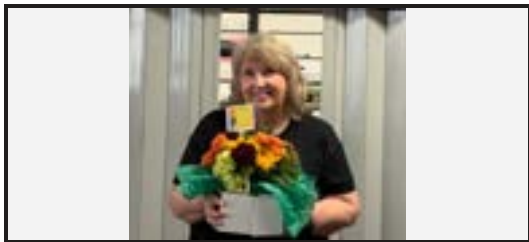
- Sept 8 SAC Meeting**
6:00pm
- Sept 8 PTO Meeting**
6:30pm — car magnets on sale
- Oct 1 Discovery Night**
Wednesday, 5:30pm — volunteers appreciated
- TBD Possible Fall Parent Mingle?**
Email your ideas!

THANK YOU



Grandmas on a Magnetic Mission

A big thank you to our PTO volunteers and NEHI grandmas, Morresia Johnson-Harris and Betty Dudley, for selling our new NEHI car magnets at Back-to-School Night. Another big thank you to Vampt Co. for a beautiful design and quick delivery. Purchase your car magnet at the next SAC/PTO meeting!



WITH THANKS

A Goodbye Amidst the Hellos

After years of service to Northeast High, Ms. Milne has left our school's front office to work for the district. PTO presented her with flowers and a well-deserved gift card for a massage. We'll miss you, Ms. Milne!

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Local businesses can sponsor Northeast programs and appear on the PTO website, on NEHI social media, and on banners at NEHI athletic fields. Annual levels: White \$200, Red \$300, Thor's Thunder \$500, Valhalla \$1,000+.

INTERESTED?

Email nehivikingspto@gmail.com.

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PARENTS JOIN



TEACHERS JOIN



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