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August 3, 2020

Dear NHS Families,

We hope you are all enjoying the summer!

Thank you to all parents who completed our survey in mid-July noting your preferences with regard to re-opening New Horizon School in September. Your feedback was extremely helpful!

With so many things “up in the air” in our community and the continually increasing numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19, New Horizon School will be opening remotely in September.

We have written three plans: Plan A: On Campus, Plan B: Hybrid, and Plan C: Remote. Based on the current public health situation in King County, we will open in a Remote model, with the possibility of transitioning to a Hybrid model later in the fall. We know that it is not ideal, we would all rather be able to teach and learn on campus; however, the safety of students and staff must always be our top priority.

As our plans develop in response to COVID-19 and mandates from Governor Inslee, Superintendent Reykdal, and Seattle/King County Public Health, I will keep you appraised. You will find many of these plans in your Student/Family Handbook, 2020-2021.

We are pleased to be working with you and your student during the upcoming year. **School starts on Tuesday, September 8th.** Since we will be opening in the remote learning environment, students are not required to be in dress code, and they may keep their supplies at home. However, students must be neatly dressed and groomed (no pajamas or bathrobes) in the remote learning environment. Teachers will take attendance on the first day.

Prior to September 8th, we will be checking out a NHS lap top, mouse, headphones, and microphone to all students to provide equitable access to learning and to support consistency in programming. We will also provide a hot spot to those students who need it. I will share with you soon the details as to how and when we will distribute the equipment.

This year, since parents and I are unable to gather together to meet in the Multipurpose Room on the first day of school as we have in the past, I will schedule an open Zoom meeting, so that we can check in with one another, visit, and have an informal question and answer time. Later in the year, when we are able to return to campus in a hybrid model, students will be required to be in dress code and bring the supplies they will need when they are on campus.

Our returning teachers are: Ms. Christina Schaefer, Ms. Presley Neufeld, Mr. Jeff Carter, Mr. Timm Hines, Mrs. Lisa Nordlander, Ms. Shaina Hillman, Mr. Tim Robnett, Mrs. Katie Beavers, Ms. Kathleen De Bruyn, and Mr. Richard Nordlander. Our returning office staff members are: Judy Colson, Vikki Colson, and me. Our email addresses remain unchanged and you can find them listed in the "Who Do I Contact?" document attached to this packet.

Please join us in welcoming several new students including **Ryan Pierce, Gr. 6, Nathaniel Verow, Gr. 7, Thomas Ashton, Gr. 7, Jake Ade, Gr. 7, and Rowan Raddigan, Gr. 9.** We are happy to have these students and their families join NHS. We also have several additional applicants who visited or attended Summer School, and we hope they will be joining us as well.

The Education Committee (faculty and administration) is working throughout the summer to accomplish many tasks in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. We set some goals for the upcoming school year.

Faculty Goals for 2020-2021: Based on staff, student, and family input, the faculty and I have set the following goals for the upcoming school year. We plan to continue to:

- improve our ability to provide effective instruction in the remote learning environment.
- increase our consistency in assessment and grading of student work.
- improve our communication with students and parents regarding student progress.
- improve how teachers and students use and integrate technology into teaching and learning.
- increase secondary transition education activities and pre-vocational opportunities for high school and Transition Extension students.
- support students and families through transitions, such as potentially opening on campus/hybrid model and then transitioning to remote learning if need be, or potentially opening in a remote model and then transitioning to an on campus/hybrid model.

We will send you the overarching schedule for remote learning prior to the first day of school. Your student will receive his/her individual schedule on the first day of classes. Since we are opening remotely, please have your student log onto Schoology on the first day of school to find his/her schedule. When we are able to return to campus in a hybrid model, please have your student report to the front office first upon arrival.

Please complete and return the following forms to Vikki Colson, vcolson@new-horizon-school.org on or before September 8th. We will need these forms completed and

returned even though we are opening in a remote model so that everything is in place when we are able to return to campus in a hybrid model.

- 4th – 8th Grade School Uniform Agreement Form (if student is in Elementary or Middle School)
- Authorization for Administration of Oral Medication at School Form (if applicable)
****Please review this form carefully. If your student requires Tylenol, Advil, or cough drops for any reason during the school year we must have a form on file signed by your doctor.****
- Adult Student Permission Slip Addendum (for students over the age of 18)
- Emergency Contact & Hospital Consent for Medical Care Form
- Photo Release Form
- Student/Family Handbook Acknowledgement Form
- NHS Phone Tree Form (request for parent home room rep)

Also included in the attachments for your review are flyers, other important school information.

Please remember to mark your calendar for a Zoom meeting with me on September 8th. I will send the Zoom link with the specific time soon. I encourage you to email Vikki, Judy, or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marla L. Veliz

Marla L. Veliz
Administrator

Who Do I Contact?

Admissions, daily operations, educational program, accreditation, advocacy & communication:

Administrator, Marla Veliz, 425-226-3717

mveliz@new-horizon-school.org

Attendance, volunteers, school fundraising, messages & communication:

Administrative Assistant, Vikki Colson, 425-226-3717

vcolson@new-horizon-school.org

When students are learning on campus, please report attendance issues to Vikki Colson before 8:00 AM

When students are learning remotely, please report attendance issues to the Homeroom Teacher.

Business, accounting, billing:

Accountant, Judy Colson, 425-226-3717

jcolson@new-horizon-school.org

Business, facilities, development, technology, & marketing/communications:

Business Director, Timm Hines, 425-226-3717

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Student Concerns:

Student's teacher, 425-226-3717 or

Katie Beavers

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Jeff Carter

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Kathleen De Bruyn

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Lisa Nordlander

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Richard Nordlander

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Tim Robnett

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Christina Schaefer

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Student Concerns not addressed by student's teacher:

Kathleen De Bruyn, High School Department Head, 425-226-3717 or
kdebruyn@new-horizon-school.org

Timm Hines, Elementary/Middle School Department Head, 425-226-3717 or
thines@new-horizon-school.org

Language Therapy:

Jamie Staniewicz, Northwest Language & Learning Services, 206-568-2080 or
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jamie.nwlls@gmail.com or
jstaniewicz@new-horizon-school.org




Counseling:

Misha Balch, Antioch University, 425-226-3717
mbalch@antioch.edu or
mbalch@new-horizon-school.org

2020-2021

Academic Year Calendar

Please call in absences or late arrivals by 8:00 a.m.
425-226-3717

 1/2 day, noon dismissal
 Teacher Work Days
 No School

July 20						
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2020

- 09/08 - First Day of School
- 11/10 - Second Quarter Begins
- 11/11 - No School
- 11/13 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- 11/19 - Conferences 5pm-7pm
- 11/20 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
Conferences 1pm-3pm
- 11/25 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- 11/26-11/27 - No School
- 12/21-01/01 - No School

2021

- 01/18 - No School
- 02/01 - Third Quarter Begins
- 02/05 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- 02/11 - Conferences 5pm-7pm
- 02/12 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
Conferences 1pm-3pm
- 02/15 - No School
- 04/05 - 04/11 No School
- 04/12 - Make up day, if needed
- 04/14 - Fourth Quarter Begins
- 04/16 - 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- 05/28 - Make up day, if needed
- 05/31 - No School
- 06/17 - Last Day of School
- 07/05-07/30 - Summer School

August 3, 2020

Dear NHS Families,

New Horizon School's graduation requirements exceed the guidelines established for private schools in Washington State. Students who fulfill NHS graduation requirements shall be eligible to receive a High School Diploma. Below please find a comparison of current public high school requirements and NHS requirements.

- **Assessment**

- ***Washington State Requirement:***

- In 2019, new legislation (E2SHB 1599) removed the explicit link between assessment to graduation, replacing it with a set of pathway options for graduation. The new pathways include passing state assessments, dual credit courses, earning a 3 or higher on certain Advanced Placement Exams, meeting or exceeding the requirements in math and English portions of the SAT or the ACT, Bridge to College courses, meeting standards on the ASVAB, and completing a sequence of Career and Technical Education courses.
- Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) or Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA);
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA): High School English Language Arts and Math tests; and
- Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS): Science test.

- ***New Horizon School Requirement:***

- No standardized state assessment required; and
- Day-to-day assessments, portfolios, rubric assessments, curriculum based assessments, focused anecdotal assessments, and Woodcock-Johnson IV Tests of Achievement, Tests 1-22, in grades 6, 9, and 12.

- **Culminating Project**

- ***Washington State Requirement:***

- A Culminating Project is no longer required by Washington State although some public school districts may require it.

- ***New Horizon School Requirement:***

- Grade 6: complete a day of volunteer work in the community;
- Grades 7 & 8: complete a day of volunteer work in the community and complete a project which they are required to present;
- Freshmen: complete a culminating project related to secondary transition and career planning to be prepared for this requirement in future years;
- Sophomores: required to complete a culminating project related to secondary transition and career planning to pass to junior year;
- Juniors: required to complete a culminating project related to secondary transition and career planning to pass to senior year; and
- Seniors: required to complete a culminating project related to secondary transition and career planning to graduate and earn diploma.

- **Credits and Course Areas**

- ***Washington State Requirement:***

- 24 credits in 8 course areas and electives;
 - 3 of which include Algebra 1 or integrated mathematics I, Geometry or integrated mathematics II; and a 3rd credit of math,
 - 3 of which include Science (at least 2 lab credits), and
 - 2 of which include World Language.

- ***New Horizon School Requirement:***

- 24 credits in 8 course areas and electives;
 - 3 of which include Algebra 1 or integrated mathematics I, Geometry or integrated mathematics II; and a 3rd credit of math,
 - 3 of which include Science lab credits, and
 - 2 of which include World Language.

- **High School and Beyond Plan**

- ***Washington State Requirement:***

- High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP), to guide the student's high school experience and prepare the student for post-secondary education or training and a career.

- ***New Horizon School Requirement:***

- Freshmen:
 - 1 homeroom class community volunteer experience with performance review;
 - Attendance, with families, at family education workshops.
- Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:
 - 2 homeroom class community volunteer experiences with performance reviews;
 - Individual community service hours;

- Attendance on homeroom class field trips to work sites and colleges; and
- Attendance, with families, at family education workshops.
- **What will my student earn when he/she graduates?**
 - **Washington State:**
 - Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA): Students who fulfill state graduation requirements including passing state assessments, completing one of 7 pathways, fulfilling credit and course requirements, **OR**
 - Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA): Some students on IEPs who fulfill assessment, course, and credit requirements determined by the IEP team.
 - **New Horizon School:**
 - NHS offers one diploma which is only awarded to students who fulfill all Washington State graduation requirements **AND** New Horizon School graduation requirements;
 - NHS diploma: exceeds Washington State graduation requirements, meets admission requirements of colleges, and satisfies the expectations of an employer;
 - NHS graduates are able to present themselves to colleges and employers in a professional manner, think and behave in an appropriate social manner, and speak or present information well (public speaking);
 - NHS graduates are prepared for post-secondary education and/or employment, leading them to increasing autonomy and independence;
 - The NHS diploma represents the balance between meeting the individual needs of the student while surpassing the state's requirements; and
 - Signifies that a student has learned a specific set of knowledge and skills described in NHS's Curriculum Guide.

If you have any questions regarding high school graduation requirements, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marla L. Veliz

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Administrator