



Welcome to the Hive

Welcome to Newark High School!

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Congratulations on the start of your high school adventure at one of the most prestigious, inclusive, and diverse high schools in the state. We have been working very hard to prepare our building for your arrival and we are looking forward to providing you with an exceptional high school experience.

The NHS administration maintains an open door policy and works to make ourselves as available to you as possible. If we are not able to meet with you right away please feel free to schedule an appointment through the secretary and we will be sure to talk as soon as possible. By working together we will be able to make your student's high school experience a positive one.

Please take the time to update all of your contact information with our main office. Most of our communication is done electronically or through an automated phone call.

Below is a summary of some of our building and district policies. Please refer to the website for the complete policies. With your support we can work to minimize the challenges that exist around the policies listed below. The less time that we can spend focusing on mask expectations, dress code issues, cell phone use, etc. the more time we can work to make your child's high school experience as positive as it can be. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts to share at 631-4700. It's time to get *jacketed*!

Safety First: Face Masks Required

We are very excited to welcome our students and staff back for the 2021-2022 school year and return to five days a week of in-person learning starting September 8.

In accordance with Governor Carney's recent announcement, the recommendation of the CDC, and in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, Newark High School will follow the Governor's guidance and require face masks to be worn by all staff and students regardless of vaccination status.

Please visit [Delaware.gov/coronavirus](https://delaware.gov/coronavirus) to read the August 10 press briefing from Governor Carney. The face mask requirement applies to all indoor settings, including schools, school district facilities, and school buses.

The well-being of our staff and students remains a priority, and as guidance changes, we are prepared to pivot to maintain a safe environment. For more information and updates, visit www.christinak12.org.

Vaccination and Antigen Consent Form

As we move forward into the 2021-2022 school year, we are excited to be together in schools across the state. We know the past year has been incredibly challenging and we are grateful for your continued collaboration as we enter the next phase of the pandemic – one that hopefully leads us back to safe, healthy, and supportive school environments for all students.

To ensure that we return in a way that is both safe and allows for us to all learn together, we hope that you, if you have not done so already, consider being vaccinated and ensuring that your student, if eligible, is also vaccinated before the beginning of the school year. Information on the [vaccine for children 12-17 years old](#) can be found on the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) website and locations with available vaccine can be found [here](#). All available COVID-19 vaccines, including the Pfizer vaccine approved specifically for individuals 12-17, provide a high level of protection and are extremely safe in all populations.



Getting more of our high school students partially or fully vaccinated prior to starting the 2021-2022 school year will cut back on the chance that COVID-19 will spread in our school and once again disrupt learning. Children are at risk for illness *and* hospitalization from COVID-19; and the Delta variant, which is the predominant strain now in Delaware, spreads more easily among unvaccinated persons.

Individuals are “fully vaccinated” two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or after one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. As such, we encourage you to come on August 19th or to access the vaccine sooner at a nearby [pharmacy, DPH clinic, primary care provider office, or community site](#), to allow enough time for second doses to be delivered and increase the percentage of fully vaccinated eligible individuals in our schools. Individuals and students who are not eligible for vaccination and/or choose not to be vaccinated should complete the Antigen testing consent form, [HERE](#) (*please see our CSD website for active links*). This will allow your child to be screened for the presence of the COVID-19 virus weekly, while at school. You can find more information about our Antigen testing program at <https://www.christinak12.org/antigen-testing>

Course Schedules

Schedules will be available online through HAC or Schoology on Tuesday, August 31. If you do plan to attend the back to school orientation evenings, you can receive a printed schedule there. Students will also be receiving a printed schedule on their first day of school. Guidance counselors will be entertaining course change requests using the form linked here: [Course Change Request Form 21-22](#). If there is a problem with your schedule, such as a missing course or you are placed in the wrong level, please use this form. The counselors will send confirmation once they have reviewed your request. More instructions are listed on the form itself.

NHS Contact Information

750 E. Delaware Avenue * Newark, DE 19711
Phone: 302-631-4700 * Fax: 302-454-2155

Note: Our phones are historically problematic during bad weather. We apologize for this inconvenience in advance.

NHS Online

www.Newarkhigh.org

www.YellowJacketsSports.com

Note: There is lots of important information and ongoing communication done through the website. Please check it regularly.

www.christinak12.org

NHS New Student Orientation and Walk-Through Nights

Starting in the new building and be challenging. To help alleviate some of that stress we invite you to come and tour the building. We have arranged 2 dates. The 1st date is for freshmen (9th) only and the 2nd date is for any student (10th-12th) who has never been in the building.

- August 31, Tuesday: New Student Orientation for Freshmen only 6:00 pm at NHS
- September 1, Wednesday: New Student Orientation for 10th-12th only 6:00 pm at NHS



(A few) Important Dates *(Please see the CSD & NHS Website for the complete calendar)*

September 8, Wednesday: First day of school for 9th Grade only
 September 9, Thursday: All grades report
 September 16, Thursday: No School
 September 23, Thursday: Open House (Meet-the-Teacher Night)
 September 27, Monday: No School

NHS Quick Facts

Principal: Dr. Aaron M. Selekman
 Assistant Principal: Mrs. Miranda Lee
 Assistant Principal: Ms. Rebecca Reggio
 Grades: 9-12
 Mascot: Yellowjacket
 Colors: Black / Gold
 School Hours: 7:10 am-2:05 pm

Nurse & Wellness Center Contact

NHS Nurse (Mrs. Webber): 302-631-4700 x14321
 NHS Wellness Center: 302-369-1606

Technology 1:1

The Christina School District (CSD) has invested in a 1:1 technology initiative for students. The initiative is meant to increase student access to technology, improve writing skills, boost motivation and engagement and foster the development of 21st-century skills through project development, research and communication. It is critical that our students be technology literate as they work toward becoming college and career ready. Students will use their devices in and out of the classroom to perform research, complete projects, submit assignments, and take assessments.

All students will be assigned a Chromebook and charger that they will utilize for the academic school year.

Prior to being assigned a device, students and families will be required to sign the 1:1 Technology Initiative Agreement. Once the signed form has been collected, your child will be assigned his/her 1:1 device.

We are very excited about the 1:1 technology initiative. Our students will utilize their devices as a tool to improve learning, manage time, organize documents, and share information. Additional information and the technology documents will be provided at the beginning of the year.

Visitors

All visitors are required to register at the desk in the Main Office upon arriving at the school, at which time a Visitor pass will be issued for wearing. Students are not permitted to “shadow” registered students. The school arranges periodic tours for students and their parents. Contact the main office for dates and times.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Busses only will let off in the front of the building at 6:50 AM. **There is no parent drop off in the front of the building.** All morning drop-offs should occur in the west parking lot (that's the one closest to the football field). For afternoon pickup cars should pull into the front of the building only. Busses will be loading in the lot.

Yellowjacket Sports

Newark High School (NHS) has a long and successful tradition of team sports, with both junior varsity and varsity programs available for most sports. We are proud of our outstanding athletes, many of whom are recruited by major college teams and earn competitive college scholarships. NHS is a member of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA), and follows strict guidelines for athletic eligibility. Sports opportunities may include the following:

- Fall: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Ice Hockey
- Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading, Indoor Track, Swimming, Wrestling
- Spring: Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track/Field

Note: For more information check NHS sports website at www.yellowjacketssports.com.

NHS Dress Code

- Face Masks are Required at all times
- Headwear of any type may not be worn – male and female. (Note: The only exception to this rule is documented religious or medical reasons) Students are not allowed to carry their hats in their hand throughout the day.
- All clothing must be neat, clean and in a condition of good repair.
- Shorts and skirts are acceptable attire; however they must be an appropriate length in the front, sides and back.
- All shirts must cover shoulders, cleavage, stomach and back.
- Pants must be worn properly and are to be pulled up and secured at the waist. Visible holes above the knee that expose skin are not permitted.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. (bedroom slippers are not permitted)
- Clothing must be worn as intended:
 - No undergarments may be visible at any time.
 - Pajamas are not permitted.
 - Revealing clothing designed to be worn as undergarments cannot be visible.
- Excessively tight clothing is not permitted.
- Students may not wear any garment that would be considered a distraction.
- Apparel that advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substances or any substances illegal to minors, containing derogatory phrases, profanity, or glorifies violence or criminal behavior are not permitted to be worn.
- Students may not wear spiked jewelry, long chains or lewd and suggestive clothing.
- **No On-Ear & Over-Ear Headphones are permitted** (Beats, Sennheiser, Bose, etc.). Only earbud headphones are permitted to be worn – only one ear is permitted to be used for the earbud. *One ear must always be left earbud free.*
- Building Administration will have the final say on the acceptability of student dress.

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

All cell phones and electronic devices (i.e. iPod, smart phone) must be turned off and kept in backpacks/secured pockets during class time. They must NOT be used during class time, unless instructed for use by the teacher. When allowed, students must follow all classroom/hallway rules for the use of a cell phone or electronic device. Cell phones used for other functions (i.e. social media, texting, video, taking pictures etc.) during this time is considered a violation of this Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy. Students may possess or use personal electronic devices on school property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored events according to the following guidelines:

- Before school until the beginning of the school day
- During a student's lunch period
- After school
- Personal electronic devices may not be used to cause any disruption in the educational process or for unethical or illegal purposes. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, cheating on assignments and/or tests, harassing or bullying others, and taking or distributing unauthorized photographs or recordings of other people.
- Personal electronic devices may not be used to access any obscene, threatening or otherwise inappropriate material via any form of electronic communication.
- Personal electronic devices may not be used for any activity prohibited by the CSD Student Manual, to circumvent CSD network security or for any unauthorized access to or inappropriate use of the CSD computer network.
- No On-Ear & Over-Ear Headphones are permitted (Beats, Sennheiser, Sony, Bose, etc.). Only earbud headphones are permitted to be worn – only one ear is permitted to be used for the earbud. *One ear must always be left earbud free.*
- The classroom teacher, paraprofessional, substitute, Administration, or other school employee has the final say on cell phone use within the classroom.

CSD/NHS will not be responsible, or liable for, the theft, loss, data loss, damage, destruction, misuse or vandalism of any student's personal electronic device brought onto CSD property. Students in violation of this policy may have their cell phones confiscated and returned only to a parent/guardian regardless of the students' age.

NHS Clubs and Activities

Students at NHS participate in dozens of clubs and student organizations. Some clubs are chapters of national organizations or activities, and students compete at the state, regional, and national levels. Other clubs are just for student enjoyment, or provide a service to the community or school. Below is a partial listing of clubs, organizations, and activities that are available. See www.NewarkHigh.org for the most up-to-date list.

- ASPIRA
- Astronomy & Aeronautics
- BASSU
- Best Buddies
- BPA
- Culture Shock Dance Squad
- Dance Team
- Drama/Musical Theater
- FCCLA Culinary
- French Club
- Key Club
- Yearbook (Krawen)
- Math League
- National Art Honor Society
- Newark Nature Society
- Radio Newark
- Science Olympiad Team
- Society of Science Scholars
- Student Government / Student Senate
- WNHS-TV
- And many, many more...!



PTSA

Newark High School's PTSA supports better education, more resources, and safer schools for every child. From freshman year to graduation and from friendships to family your child's development never stops and neither do we. When you join PTSA, you join millions of others who care about issues that affect kids. Membership is open to anyone concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. Once you are a member, the opportunities for involvement are limitless. There is a place for everyone in Newark PTSA!

Your PTSA membership means:

- Making a difference in the lives of all children and youth
- Supporting appropriate legislation to improve laws, policies, and conditions on behalf of children
- Obtaining valuable information, news, and services to keep you abreast of key issues affecting children
- Growing personally by getting to know other NHS families and staff members by working together at special events like After Prom, Reflections, informational programming, etc.
- Joining forces with the Delaware PTSA, an organization that exclusively advocates on behalf of all children

Join NHS PTSA today by completing a membership form.



NHS: Bell Schedule

MON, TUES, & FRI			
1 & 2	7:10-8:45am		
3 & 4	8:50-10:20am		
1st lunch	10:25-10:55	5 & 6	10:25-11:55
5 & 6	11:00-12:30	2nd Lunch	12:00-12:30
7 & 8	12:35-2:05pm		

WED & THURS			
1 & 2	7:10-8:40am		
GLA/AB	8:45-9:25am		
3 & 4	9:30-11:00am		
1st lunch	11:00-11:30	5 & 6	11:05-12:35
5 & 6	11:35-1:05	2nd Lunch	12:35-1:05
7 & 8	1:10-2:05pm		

