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Good Morning Huskie Families,

As I always do with two weeks left in the semester, I reflect on how we are doing so far this year. My most important measurement is the overall level of happiness and engagement I see in the building; students gathering, laughing and engaging in conversations with each other instead of quiet existence in their cellphones, increased participation in extracurricular activities and events, and an overall well-being of our students through the data collected in classrooms, student services and anecdotally. Overall, we are indeed recovering from the impact of the last few years. It makes me hopeful as we move forward that we are headed in the right direction, doing the right things. We still have some work to do though, as a school and community partnership for our student body. Our attendance rates are much more positive than last year, but our first hour tardies are extremely high. (compare 7,000+ for the first period to under 300 for every other period). We will continue to help students manage their time and resources to arrive on time to their first period class; this includes allowing the appropriate amount of time to arrive at school in the morning, which includes navigating the difficulty of 3000 people all coming to the same place at the same time each day, managing the social time allotted before school starts, and the importance of the beginning of each class period is to our student success. To learn effectively, students need to be in person, in class with our teachers.

Thankfully, most of our students will never experience a conflict with a peer that requires adult intervention and can't be resolved independently. However, for those that do, we have a multitude of staff, services and resources available to support intervention and mediation of those situations. Naperville North will never be a place where it is acceptable to address conflict through verbal or physical altercations. As a school, when we know of a conflict, and can partner with families proactively, we can apply the appropriate measures to resolve and grow from these situations.

Reminders:

- If you are dropping off your student in the bus lot in the morning, please keep safety in mind. This lot can be used for drop-offs AFTER 7:15 AM. If buses are present, please DO NOT drive around the buses when they are unloading students. You will need to wait and then pull forward when it is safe to do so.
- Early dismissal of students - we are experiencing large numbers of parents walking in and asking for their students to be dismissed. Please be mindful that we need an hour's notice to make this happen. Please call the attendance line or go online to report the early dismissal. If it is an emergency, call the main office for assistance. [Click here](#) for more details.

Overall, I see a student body that is growing academically and social emotionally by leaps and bounds. I see an engaged community, all striving to support each other and Naperville North through quality




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instruction, meaningful experiences, and an inclusive environment. I'm truly proud to be surrounded by students and families who care about and are involved in their educational experiences, and a staff that supports growth and development through challenging and supportive environments. Thanks to each of you for being a part of this success, now and in 2023.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday, December 14th - Cocoa & Cram in the Learning Commons - more information listed below. Let's get ready for finals & finish strong! This event is open to all students. Thank you to the student NEF representatives and Mrs. Lynch for the amazing final exam supports found in the links below;
 - <https://sites.google.com/stu.naperville203.org/nnhs-cocoa-cram-2022/final-exam-study-tips>
 -  FILL IN NNHS Final Exam Schedule December 2022

The archived Howlers can be found [HERE](#) and in the attachments to this email.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us,

Stephanie Posey

[Link to 2022-2023 NNHS Calendar](#)

Check out this month's [Counselor Connection](#), with grade-level & college/career updates!

PARENT INFORMATION:

Empower Club: Empower Club is hosting their annual fundraiser to support STEM outreach at Portillo's on Tuesday, December 13th! Either order in person by showing an image of the attached flyer, or order online using code PORTILLOS10. We can't wait to see you there anytime from 5-8 P.M. at the Portillo's on E. Ogden Ave.!

Home & School News:



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- **Cocoa & Cram:** Donations and volunteers are needed for Cocoa & Cram, on Wednesday, December 14th! NNHS staff, SFCP, and Home & School will help students prepare for finals with hot cocoa and snacks. We need your help to make this event a success. If you can donate goods and/or your time, please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FADAB2BABFA7-cocoa>. For additional information or donations not listed, please email Sarah at napervillenorthhsvp@gmail.com.
- **RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** for NNHS Home & School - Holidays made easy!
 1. Go to <http://www.raiseright.com> or download the Raise Right App
 2. Sign up to support NNHS Home & School with Enrollment Code **1XRN6T2ATESQ**
 3. Begin shopping for gift cards and kick back 2 - 20% of your purchase to NNHS H&S to help pay for dances, staff appreciation & breakfast, and much more!

Create an account today online or download the Raise Right App, and start earning for H&S! Holiday specials will also be running from now until December 5th. All payments must be made online through a credit card or bank account. For delivery by the holidays, orders must be placed by Sunday, December 4th, at noon. Physical gift cards will be available for pick up at Naperville North the week of December 12th, and E-gift cards are available immediately or later scheduled delivery.

- **Staff Appreciation Holiday Desserts Needed**

Please help the NNHS Staff Appreciation committee celebrate at the December Staff Appreciation Coffee by donating a homemade or home baked dessert. We would appreciate single serving sized desserts (cookies, bars, small cupcakes, muffins) as these will be served on a coffee cart. **No nuts of any kind please in donations.

Thank you for your support of H&S Staff Appreciation!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FADAB2BABFA7-staff>

SUCCESS: SUCCESS Young Women's Peer Group (YWPG) presents "Cookie Talk". YOUNG WOMEN'S PEER GROUP (YWPG) is an empowering group for female students who identify as Black / African American in grades 6 - 11 in Naperville 203. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for connectivity, self love, shared experiences, personal growth, leadership development, career awareness, and social enrichment

WHAT: "Cookie Talk" - a fun straight talk, with cookies and cocoa bar!

WHO: D203 Young Women in grades 6th - 11th who identify as Black / African American

WHERE: Jefferson Junior High School

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14th from 6PM - 7:30PM



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RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/TpehVr46JSikr8BF6>

STAY INFORMED: TEXT "@ywpg" to 81010 to receive Young Women's Peer Group announcements and events

SUCCESS welcomes anyone who supports our mission to be involved and attend SUCCESS events. The Peer Groups are limited to a targeted student audience to provide customized support, connectivity, and growth for this specific group in a safe, welcoming, and judgment free space.

For questions regarding YWPG, email YWPG Co-Chairs (Jepharya L. Badie and Danielle Brown) at: SUCCESSPEERGROUUPS@gmail.com.

Class of 2023 senior parents: This is a reminder that the last **discounted** deadline for submitting your child's yearbook recognition ad is coming up very soon, on December 15th. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and especially the last chance to still pay a discounted price. For more information or to submit, please visit www.TheYearbookCompany.com.

Final Exam Schedule December 2022 - The end of the semester is coming up fast! Below you will find key dates for your reference. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your students are in attendance during these important days of the school year.

- **Wednesday, December 14th:** Cocoa and Cram Study Session from 3:30 - 5:30pm in the Learning Commons
- **Monday, December 19th:** Exam Review Day
- **Tuesday, December 20th:**
 - Exam Period 1: 7:45 - 9:25
 - Exam Period 2: 9:35 - 11:15
 - Exam Period 6: 11:25 - 1:05
- **Wednesday, December 21st:**
 - Exam Period 8: 7:45 - 9:25
 - Exam Period 3: 9:35 - 11:15
 - Exam Period 4: 11:25 - 1:05
- **Thursday, December 22nd:**
 - Exam Period 7: 7:45 - 9:25
 - Exam Period 5: 9:35 - 11:15
 - Make-up Period: 11:25 - 1:05



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Seal of Biliteracy Exam: AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) exam registration for the Seal of Biliteracy is now open for seniors! Students who attended the Seal of Biliteracy informational meeting in September received an email with the link to the Google form to register for the AAPPL exam. Registration closes on December 22, and the cost of the exam is \$30. Students eligible for free or reduced lunch do not need to pay the fee.

The AAPPL exam is offered in Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Italian, and Japanese. The AAPPL exam is offered only to seniors and will be given at NNHS on February 4 at 8:00 am. Juniors who may have special circumstances, such as a desire to test in more than one language, should contact Mrs. Dinon at LDinon@naperville203.org to inquire about testing during junior year.

Coat Drive: NNHS Ski and Snowboard Club is holding a coat drive to benefit DuPage Pads. Please consider bringing in your lightly used coats and outdoor winter gear between November 28th and December 16th. The drop off boxes are located at the front entrance, the NPAC and the athletic entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Adams at smadams1@naperville203.org.

Travel Opportunity: Does your Huskie want to travel? Do they love animals or STEM subjects? Do you think it is important for young adults to build leadership skills and to learn about another culture? Then you're in luck! Huskies will be traveling to Costa Rica June 3-10, 2024 to participate in leadership workshops and explore (volcanoes, snorkeling, ziplining, canopy tour and more!). Please join us for a parent informational meeting on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. We look forward to meeting you!

Students, if you would like to learn more about this opportunity, we will have an after school meeting the week of December 12th to answer your questions. Please fill out [this form](#), and we look forward to meeting you!

- Cyndi Wood - cwood@naperville203.org
- Jennifer Weigand - jweigand@naperville203.org
- Stephanie Sullivan - ssullivan@naperville203.org

NNHS Social Studies & EL teachers

NNHS Auto Program: The NNHS Automotive Program is seeking donations of used or unwanted vehicles. The vehicles will serve as practice cars for our students. Donations are tax deductible and we will provide documentation. Please contact Greg Ditch at gditch@naperville203.org for more information.

Family Connection: The Holiday Season is here! NNHS Family Connection invites you to contribute to our 2022 Holiday Drive. Our goal is to assist 60 NNHS families facing hardship this holiday season. The purpose of the drive is to provide these families with gift cards they can use for the upcoming holidays. Please submit all donations to Jill Myatt in Principal Stephanie Posey's office. Donations will be collected through the end of the year. Please consider one of the options below:



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- Purchase a gift card to Jewel, Walmart or Meijer. These stores are particularly helpful to our Huskie families as they provide the convenience of food, gas, clothing and household shopping all from one location.
- Make a contribution of any amount in the form of cash or a personal check (*made payable to NNHS Family Connection*). We will pool donations together to reach our goal. No amount is too small and every dollar is appreciated. We thank you for generously supporting our NNHS families in need. Donations should go to:

NNHS Family Connection
c/o Jill Myatt
899 North Mill Street
Naperville, IL 60563

Huskie Preschool: Naperville North High School's lab preschool has openings this spring! The NNHS Huskie Preschool is a lab-based preschool run out of Naperville North High School. The preschool is run completely by the Early Childhood Education 1 and 2 courses. High school students teach all preschool lessons which include small motor, large motor, music, math, and science activities. Spring preschool will begin March 20th through the end of the school year. Each registered preschooler receives a Huskie Preschool t-shirt. Please contact Sara Willard swillard@naperville203.org for more information and registration.

CTE: Calling all HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS! The NNHS Health Occupations program is looking for partners in education! If you are a health care practitioner of any type and would be interested in having our students speak with you and visit your place of work, we would love for you to partner with our program. The students gain so much from seeing various health care settings and learning from different types of providers. Please contact Dana Klen, dklen@naperville203.org, in the CTE department for more information.

Upcoming GPS Presentations: We encourage all of our families to check out the Glenbard Parent Series presentations throughout the school year. They provide a wealth of information on executive functioning skills. For more information, [click here!](#)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Senior Variety Show: SAVE THE DATE! The annual senior variety show will take place February 22, 2023 at 7 pm in the NPAC. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, January 18th after school. Please see attached flyer for more details!

Seniors: Please order your cap and gown if you haven't ordered it yet. Orders should be placed at www.jostens.com. Delivery of the cap and gown package will be on Senior Day, April 6th. Prices for the cap and gown may increase as we get closer to graduation.