



New Hartford Senior High School

PRINCIPAL
Mark E. Benson

DEAN OF STUDENTS
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September 2, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to the 20-21 school year. As I am sure you already know, we will begin this school year with remote instruction. The District and Board of Education will establish a phase-in model in order to bring students back to school within the 6-week period of remote learning. Until then, I want to communicate some important information regarding the next six weeks.

School Material Pick-up:

On September 8, 2020, the Senior High and Perry Junior High will be distributing school supplies via curbside pick-up.

Students should arrive at the front of the school based on the following schedule. Our staff will be wearing appropriate PPE and following social distancing rules. Weather permitting, items will be placed on the curb in alphabetical order for pick-up. Anyone exiting their vehicle must be wearing a mask. If you are unable to make your scheduled pick-up time please contact the main office.

Tuesday, September 8, 2020	
Time	Students with last names beginning with:
9:00 am - 10:00 am	A-B
10:00 am - 11:00 am	C-D
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	E-G
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	H-K
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	L-M
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	N-Q
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	R-S
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	T-Z

Laptop Distribution: Laptops are scheduled to be distributed at the time of student material pick up to families that completed the online laptop request form. A parent or guardian must be present at the time of pick-up to sign an equipment loan agreement.

First Day of Instruction:

Wednesday, September 9 will be the first day of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. Teachers will be sending welcome emails including Google Classroom codes by Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Students will need to join the classroom to obtain the Zoom and curriculum information necessary for the first day of instruction.

School Day:

Students will follow their assigned schedule. The school day will begin at 7:45 am and end at 2:20 pm. They will be required to attend all classes through Zoom (Teachers will email Zoom information directly to the students).

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken each block. During the remote learning phase, students will not be required to attend Study Halls or Lunches. If students are unable to attend their classes due to illness or other reasons, just as in prior years, parents should contact the Attendance Office to report their child absent at 315-624-1210 or lcunning@nhart.org

Instruction:

Teachers will be teaching from their classrooms and using Zoom, Google Classroom, and other remote applications. Students will have meaningful, ongoing interaction with their teachers on a daily basis.

Grading:

Students will be graded based on our traditional board approved grading system.

School Lunches:

Detailed information will follow.

SAT/ACT/PSAT:

New Hartford will not be hosting these exams this fall. We will reevaluate the Spring at a later date. The College Board has added a January date to administer the PSAT. We are currently looking at the feasibility. There are complications as the date falls during the January Regents Week.

Please remember that this situation remains fluid and ever-changing. We will keep you updated regarding any changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Benson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Benson

Principal

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