

Good Afternoon All,

I hope that everyone is doing well and gearing up for a safe and healthy holiday. We've seamlessly transitioned to distance learning once again and our students/teachers are doing a great job of coming together to ensure students are succeeding. It is my sincerest intention that we are able to return to face to face learning for those who have made that election on January 19, 2021 as indicated in my previous email. In order to ensure that can happen let's make sure that we are all doing our part to keep ourselves and families safe. As Governor Whitmer has stated time and time again the best way to do this is by:

- Limiting in person, indoor gatherings
- Wearing masks during indoors gatherings
- Stay 6 ft apart from non household members
- Wash your hands consistently with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Stay home if you are feeling sick

Below are some additional items for you to be aware of:

### **Advisory Presentation- Addiction**

Mrs. McCarthy has scheduled a presentation regarding addiction and its impact on students/ how COVID-19 has impacted addiction. Mental health and addiction during COVID-19 has been a huge issue for everyone, so we are pleased to inform our students about this topic and invite you to join as well.

Please join us with the Zoom link below to participate in this meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71251979703?pwd=TmdtVThKbF03YWhicTNSZ2VhRkRGZz09>

Meeting ID: 712 5197 9703

Passcode: Xd6LJ1

### **Grading Scale**

With the end of the semester approaching us in about 7 weeks students are working hard to master their content in their courses and make up work that they may have missed. In addition, please continue checking your student's Infinite Campus (let me know if you are having trouble accessing it). Also, attached to this email is the conversation scale for our grading scale. This will help you understand what letter grades the numeric grades earned by your student translate to. The students have seen this many times throughout the semester,

but I realize that our new families may not have had the opportunity to get this information yet.

### **Missing School Work:**

The final due date for any school work for semester 1 for all classes will be Thursday January 21, 2021 by 4p. Please remind your student of this date as it approaches. It is important that students adhere to this date as it will give teachers adequate time to get all work graded and in the gradebook by the end of the semester.

### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture retake day will be on Wednesday January 20 @ 9a-11:30a. In person students will do picture retakes while in school. Online students should plan to come at any time during that time if they missed picture day that occurred in October or if parents/students want their picture retaken. No appointments need to be made by virtual students to come in to take a picture, rather students should come at the allotted time above and return home as quickly as possible to ensure that minimal instruction is lost.

### **Semester 2 Schedules:**

Semester 2 schedules are being drafted during Holiday break. In an effort to create the most effective and accurate schedule for your student please ensure that they have met with Mrs. McCarthy regarding their schedule. If they have not met with Mrs. McCarthy via Zoom during Advisory or 1:1 please have them reach out at [cmccarthy@newschoolhigh.org](mailto:cmccarthy@newschoolhigh.org) to make an appointment this week.

### **Teacher Office Hours:**

Teachers will continue holding office hours during Advisory (Tues/Thurs 12:20-1:50p). During this time students can log onto any teachers' office hours to ask questions, receive feedback, etc. The Zoom links for these meetings can be found on Advisory Google Classroom on the stream. All students should have access to the Advisory Google Classroom .

### **Kroger**

Interested in supporting New School High, but dont know how? An easy way to support our school is to link your Kroger card to New School High's account. We earn money while you shop at Kroger. See the link below for more information.

### **GVSU mentoring program**

Grand Valley State University is offering juniors and seniors the opportunity to be mentored 1:1 by a GVSU representative. They will work with students on college preparation (e.g. applications, advice and expertise about the transition process, school support, etc.). Students

will participate in a Zoom meeting with a mentor which will recur weekly. See the link below for more information on this program.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/k12connect/k-12-connect-virtual-mentoring-7.htm>

**Holiday Break:**

Students and staff will be on Holiday break Monday December 21- Friday January 1. Regular courses will resume on Monday January 4 virtually. Staff will not be in the office during this time, however questions and concerns can be directed to Mrs. Lynn via email if necessary.

**Zoom Holiday Celebration:**

The staff at NSH will be holding a virtual holiday celebration on Thursday December 17 @ 1:-3:30p. Students will participate in online holiday activities and games with their peers and staff. It has been really difficult for students and staff this time of year to feel connected, so we are hoping that by facilitating some holiday cheer that we brighten our staff and students' moods!

This week is also virtual spirit week. Students have the chance to win a \$5 gift card each day which was donated to the school. Below is the list of spirit days:

Monday - Dress Like a Snowman

Tuesday- Red/Green Day

Wednesday- Dress like a christmas tree

Thursday- Christmas Hat Day

Friday- Ugly sweater day

Check out the winners daily on Facebook!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday break and if there are any questions that you may have please reach out.