

North Kingstown High School Newsletter

September 28, 2020

Hello NKHS Educational Community,

Administration 2020 - 2021

Principal: Dr. Barbara Morse

Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning: Shivali Finkelstein

Assistant Principal for Student Services: Eric Anderson

Athletic Director: Chris Cobain

Dean of Students: Kathie DeLuca

The first two weeks of school went extremely well! We are excited to have our students and teachers back in the building. The hours of planning this summer, the community conversations, ongoing feedback and communications among different groups of stakeholders led to many revisions in the reopening plans at the high school. Seeing the revised plan work so well in the first two weeks of school gives us great hopes in continuing to have a great school year in spite of the changes we all have to embrace. All members of the high school have seamlessly adapted to the changes and have settled into a routine at the end of these two weeks. We see students in the hallways, bathrooms and in the classrooms responsibly and respectfully practicing social distancing and following all our signage strategically placed by our own Mr Anderson! We had an opportunity to visit classrooms and it was nice to see students on their virtual learning day join their classrooms virtually with their in person day peers. Teachers at NKHS have done an outstanding job figuring out plans for engaging all students in learning each day whether they are in person or on their virtual learning day. We have all learned and grown exponentially as an educational community since Spring of 2020 and that is evident as you walk through the hallways and visit classrooms at NKHS this Fall of 2020

Important Dates

September

- 28 Group B (Sept. 30, Oct. 2)
- 29 Group A (Oct. 1)
School Committee Meeting 7pm

October

- 1 PTSO Meeting (more info below)
- 3 SAT (Weekend Day)
- 6 ARC begins - [click for more information](#)
- 14 School Day SAT for Seniors ONLY (Grades 9-11 will be Distance Learning at home)

[NKSD Office of Family Learning Coordinator](#)

Due to Covid-19, there are changes being made to the distribution method for the Blessings In A Backpack program. At this time, we cannot distribute items directly to each student, so we plan to distribute them as a pick up option for families. Please click [HERE](#) for message from Cindy Bowe for Blessings in a Backpack 2020-21 plan

[NKEF \(North Kingstown Educational Foundation\) News](#)

The NKEF is hosting a fun Halloween event and are inviting everyone to join!

The NKEF has taken Governor Raimondo's advice and figured out a creative way to celebrate Halloween this year. We would like to Spook out NK but we need your help! This is a 3 night event that will illuminate NK neighborhoods, shops/businesses and homes for the viewing public to safely drive-thru and check out the creative and spooky displays. Prizes awarded for spookiest house! **** This is an event that could be considered a safe at home community service project for students who need hours. Service hours include the planning, creating and decorating of the displays.** Choose to decorate your house or just check out the displays.... Either way Halloween will happen this year in NK! [Spook out NK details!](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the Flyer

[Office of Teaching and Learning](#)

[PSAT* and SAT** Information](#)

*The only administration of the **PSAT/NMSQT** will be on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. Any student interested in registering, should do the following:

1. Have a check made out to **North Kingstown High School** in the amount of **\$31.00**.
2. The student should place the check in an envelope and write his/her name on the outside.
3. Please bring the envelope to guidance and have it placed in **Mrs. Mancini's** box.
You will receive email confirmation that your check has been received and that you are registered.

Students please note: If you receive free or reduced lunch, you will not be charged the \$31.00 fee. You must still contact Ms. Mancini to let her know you want to take the test.



If you have any questions, please email Ms. Mancini, who is the PSAT coordinator, at Barbarajean_mancini@nksd.net

This is the only time this school year juniors will be able to take the PSAT/NMSQT and as such, qualify for the National Merit Scholarship based on your test scores.

Registration closes: Monday, October 5, 2020

We will be administering the **Saturday, SAT's at North Kingstown High School on the following dates for 2020-2021:

- October 3
- November 7
- December 5
- March 13
- May 8
- June 5

Any student who wishes to take the Saturday SAT must register through the CollegeBoard website, <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.

If you receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify for a fee waiver. Please contact Ms. Mancini for the information. You may also find additional here: [SAT fee waiver](#)

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Mancini, who is the **Saturday, SAT** coordinator, at Barbarajean_mancini@nksd.net

[SAT School Day for Seniors Oct 14, 2020](#)

Note: Students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will be Distance Learning from home due to testing on Oct 14, 2020

Last spring, the unexpected closure of schools led to the cancellation of the in-school SAT with Essay test for the class of 2021. The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has planned to re-administer this test on October 14, 2020. North Kingstown High School seniors will be taking the SAT with Essay test at the high school that day. Only seniors will be in school that day. All students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be on distance learning that day. Many NKHS teachers are proctoring that day. This is because student testing rooms are broken into small groups to maintain social distancing protocols under COVID guidelines. Teaching and learning

will be asynchronous for students in grades 9-11. More information will be emailed to seniors and families about testing rooms and testing schedules for the day.

Here at NKHS, it is our goal to ensure that our seniors are as well-prepared as possible so that they will perform at their best on test day. Seniors are encouraged to spend at least 45 to 60 minutes each day to prepare for October 14th. Please click the links below to access informational and test-prep materials related to the test:

- Click [HERE](#) for an FAQ sheet on the October 14 School Day SAT with Essay test
- Click [HERE](#) for College Board-approved practice activities
- Click [HERE](#) for SAT Practice by Khan Academy
- Click [HERE](#) to learn about setting up SAT Study Groups. This link includes information about setting up study groups, setting goals for SAT practice, a sample SAT study plan and setting up a checklist to stay organized and engaged.
- Click [HERE](#) for sample Math, Reading, Writing and Essay test questions

At North Kingstown High School, we are extremely proud of our school's tradition of academic achievement. We are committed to supporting our students, and we are confident that with hard work and dedication, they will perform at their best on their SAT test.

[2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists from NKHS](#)

We are very proud to announce that 5 students from NKHS have been announced as semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. There are a total of 16,000 Semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

We congratulate the following students and wish them good luck in the competition. Go Skippers!!!
Andrew Bard, Nathan Casey, Jacob Gagnon, Julia Totten Daniel Ventura



and

ART NEWS

The Visual Arts Department is happy to announce this artistic recognition:

CelebratingArt has accepted the following students to have their artwork published in the next anthology edition of CelebratingArt!

Gabriella Carnevale, Caroline Hlrsh, Olivia Wood, and Sophia Della-Selva

This hard-bound full-color book is professionally bound in an 8.5 x 11 format and will index each of the above student's name, grade, and state.

Stay tuned in October to hear if they place as the top ten for their grade level.

[Art Show](#) and [Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fun](#)

Instructional Opportunities and Instructional Delivery Models

The students and families at NKHS were asked to select an instructional model for the upcoming school year. They were given a choice to attend an In-Person model or Full Distance Learning model. This created three different groups of students that the teachers will need to prepare instruction for each day. In each classroom teachers will have

- A group in the classroom in person (group A or B)
- A group at home on their distance learning day (group A or B)
- Students that signed up for full distance learning (may or may not be any)

The high school teachers have an unenviable task of balancing instruction for these three different groups. Administration is committed to working with teachers at their level of expertise and comfort to help them make these instructional adjustments while maintaining the highest level of academic rigor and aiming to complete the curriculum to the greatest extent possible.

NKHS teacher's first day back to school was September 1, 2020. The teachers have had the opportunity to be engaged in professional development for seven school days to prepare for school opening. They have indulged in several professional development opportunities and discussions to prepare for teaching and learning to provide students with the same opportunities they would have if we were in a non-Pandemic normal school year. The teachers are committed to providing high quality instruction to our students. We thank them for their hard work and commitment during these unprecedented times and an upcoming unique school year.



Following are some guidelines set by administration for the upcoming school year for instructional delivery

Expectations for students:

- Students will follow the bell schedule for their classes..
 - If a teacher provides live instruction, students are expected to attend. This includes students in A/B groups and on full distance learning
 - Students may experience several types of models during the day depending on the teacher and lesson plan.
- Students will adhere to due dates for assignments on a daily basis.
- Academic rigor is in place. No forgiveness or do no harm grades are planned even if we were directed to move to full Distance Learning for all students.

Expectations for teachers:

- Teachers are not required to post recordings of lessons if they are providing live instruction to all students.
- Teachers who are not providing live instruction will post the lesson for the next day ahead of time
- Each day includes new instruction consistent with the department curriculum outline.
- Teachers can vary the approach based on the appropriateness for the lesson, ie, one lesson may be livestreamed, another blended or prerecorded.
- Teachers of the same content could partner to provide pre recorded lessons.

[Senior Project for Seniors \(class of 2021\)](#)

For 2020-2021 School Year ONLY, Senior Project requirement is being waived for our current Seniors (class of 2021) due to unprecedented circumstances related to COVID 19 Crisis. Students will still be required to meet the CCA requirements as laid out in the Program of Studies. RI requires only one Proficiency Based Graduation Requirement which is covered through our Comprehensive Course Assessments (CCA) system.

[AP courses in semesters](#)

To address the concerns of AP classes running for one semester as opposed the whole year, AP students will have the opportunity to be engaged in an *independent study* named “AP Seminar” for .5 credit in the semester before or after their currently registered AP course

- This seminar would be used to supplement the AP course preparation

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- The AP seminar will offer semester 1 students access to their AP Advisor to keep their skills sharpened and feeling prepared for the exam
 - The AP seminar will offer semester 2 students the opportunity to have access to an AP advisor prior to the start of the course for pre-work to begin to aid in the tight schedule they will face during the semester 2 AP course
 - Students will have access to an AP advisor during their scheduled AP Seminar to help with any questions, feedback or concerns they may have with their work
 - Students can utilize the following resources:
 - AP Classroom on Collegeboard
 - IXL assignments
 - AP youtube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/advancedplacement/featured>
 - If students have a PLT built into their schedule this would be an appropriate time for them to work on their independent study work for their AP courses. It may be necessary for most or all of the AP Seminar work to be done on the student's own time.

Teachers will be providing students with a join code to join the AP classroom that is all set up and ready to go for our AP students and teachers for the first day of school!

[Canvas](#)

We are also excited to announce that NKSD has adopted the official launch of a new LMS system for school year 2020-21 that will benefit students and teachers in communicating more effectively. For more information on Canvas, click [HERE](#) The teachers are preparing to implement this new system starting quarter two. First quarter is set for the staff to explore and learn the platform and get familiar with its use. Students will receive information on how to use canvas closer to the start of quarter 2.

[Office of Student Services](#)

[Lunch for Distance Learners](#)

Our Distance Learners may pick up 5 breakfasts and lunches weekly at no cost. The distribution will take place at the HS on Fridays between 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. The meals are pre ordered by the household(s) at talk_feedable@nksd.net We will always have extra meal packs on site for those who forget. For more information click [HERE](#)

[Attendance and Helpful Testing Info](#)

Under healthy circumstances, we expect that your child is present for their in-person day unless you have opted your child for full distance learning. If your child is staying home during their in-person day for any reason, COVID related or not, please call or email the attendance office to let us know so we can document it in Aspen (268-6239, jennifer_deblois@nksd.net). While at home, we encourage your child to participate virtually as much as possible.

Also, it's very important to call your child out sick during any distance learning day.

Please make note of the testing information below.

If you work at a school and you need a test, or if your child needs a test, you can schedule a same-day test by calling our dedicated Pre-K-12 COVID Test Scheduling Service at (844) 857-1814. The service is available seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. This scheduling line is reserved for students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms, or who have been in close contact with someone who is positive.

Individuals who are symptomatic and call this scheduling service will get two tests during their appointment: a rapid test, which will have results the same day, and a more definitive PCR test that takes an average of 48 hours to provide results. If they are getting tested because they were a close contact of someone with COVID-19, they'll only get the PCR test.

We have tests being administered at [14 sites throughout the state](#) and can accommodate both drive-up appointments or walk-up appointments. Appointments can be scheduled by parents, guardians, teachers, staff members, and students older than 16 years old. Children younger than 16 will need a parent or guardian to schedule the test for them.

Those who are tested should expect to be out of school or work for a period of time, even if the result is negative. We aren't taking any chances with potential cases.

[School days](#)

- Full-In Person plan for the HS consists of students attending in-person every other day in A/B groups assigned by last names.
 - Group A (Last names A-K)
 - Group B (Last names L-Z)
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Flu Clinic

This year our flu clinic will be held on Tuesday October 27th from 3pm-6pm in the high school cafeteria. .

FREE FLU CLINIC

"Now, more than ever, you must protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu. The flu vaccine is your best protection."

— NICOLE ALEXANDER SCOTT, MD, MPH
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH



Hosted at:

**North Kingstown High School
150 Fairway Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02852**

**Tuesday, 10/27/2020
Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Location: Cafeteria**

Participants: Students and Staff/Faculty Only

How to Register? Go to schoolflu.com

Registration with appointment time required. Registration closes at noon the day before the clinic

See all clinic dates and locations at health.ri.gov/flu



Hablamos español
Falamos português

For questions with online registration or help in other languages
call 401.222.5960 / RI Relay 711



You **must** register online at schoolflu.com to schedule an appointment.

No walk-ins allowed.

Registration will close at **noon** the day before your school clinic.

Appointment times will help to limit the number of people inside the clinic.

Staff are trained on health and safety measures.



Face coverings are required.



Social distance of six feet required.



Hand sanitizer will be available.

[Bell Schedule](#)

**North Kingstown High School
2020-2021
Hybrid Bell Schedule**

Period	Start Time	End Time	Time (minutes)
Adv (Period 1 teacher)	7:15	7:30	15
1	7:30	8:44	74
2	8:49	10:03	74
3	10:08	11:31	83 74 class, 9 snack
4	11:36	12:50	74
Dismissal	12:50	1:00	Lunch Pickup

- Grab and go breakfast/snack is available in the cafeteria 7:00 - 7:20 am
- Grab and go lunch will be available 12:50 - 1 pm
- Both grab and go services are available for all students at no cost.
- Students must report directly to Advisory (period 1 class) when they enter the building.
 - Note - Your child's advisory teacher is their first-period teacher for this year.

[Morning Drop Off](#)

This has been going very well since we adjusted.

- **7:00-7:15 Student drop off is in the rear**
- **After 7:15 Student drop off is in the front bus loop**

[Aspen Workflows](#)

Annual Aspen workflows need to be completed before the start of the school year. The daily covid screening needs to be completed every day. Click the tutorials below.

- [Annual Back to School Workflows - TUTORIAL](#)
 - Parent Permission
 - Annual Health Collection
 - Student Emergency Card
- [NEW DAILY COVID Screening Workflow - Tutorial](#)
 - Covid Screening Tool

[Student Parking](#)

- Students travel through the Annaquatucket Rd entrance/exit only.
- If a student receives their license at any point during the school year we can provide a spot. As long as we are in a hybrid schedule we have ample parking. Reach out to the Student Offices at any time.

[Parent access to the building](#)

- Item drop off
 - We are restricting any parent access unless you need to drop off items that are considered emergency items, such as medications.
 - Student Dismissal
 - If you're picking up your child, buzz the front door and wait in the vestibule for assistance.
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- Meeting with faculty or staff
 - Most meetings with parents and faculty/staff will occur virtually.
 - Please call ahead to make an appointment.

[Attendance](#)

If your child is not feeling well, please call the office and let us know by calling the attendance office.

- 268-6239
- Jennifer_deblois@nksd.net

We can;

- Mark a student Absent if they are unable to participate, distance learning or in-person.
- Make a notation in Aspen that that you have called and your child will be distance learning for the day.

[Lockers and Backpacks](#)

- All student lockers have been secured shut. There will be no locker access this year.
- Students will be permitted to use a backpack during COVID restrictions.
 - String bag is preferred
- PE Lockers
 - Lockers will not be used
 - Students are asked to come ready to participate in PE by wearing the appropriate clothing - sneakers are required.
 - Sneakers can always be brought in a bag.
 - If your child needs to change, ask them to see their PE teacher.

[Materials](#)

- Bring your own materials; pens, pencils, binders, etc. We are discouraging sharing of materials as a part of our safety protocol.

Masks/Face Coverings

- All students are required to bring and wear their own masks. Click Here to access the [School Committee Mask Policy](#)
- Spare masks will be available if needed.

Guidance Department

NKHS School Counselor Breakdown 2020-2021

Grade 9	CTE Students	Counselor	Counselor Email
A - Cam	IT	Mrs. Parvo-Brown	elizabeth_parvobrown@nksd.net
Car - Den	none	Mrs. Toro Department Chair	mia_toro@nksd.net
Der - G	Engineering	Mrs. Ward	erin_ward@nksd.net
H - Pl	none	Mrs. Mancini	barbarajean_mancini@nksd.net
Po - So	Music	Ms. Caromile	bethany_caromile@nksd.net
St - Z	Business/Finance	Mrs. Giguere	jessica_giguere@nksd.net
Grades 10-12			
Grades 10-12	CTE Students	Counselor	Counselor Email
A - Cr	IT	Mrs. Parvo-Brown	elizabeth_parvobrown@nksd.net
Cu - Er	none	Mrs. Toro Department Chair	mia_toro@nksd.net
Es - Han	Engineering	Mrs. Ward	erin_ward@nksd.net
Har-Mo	none	Mrs. Mancini	barbarajean_mancini@nksd.net
Mu - So	Music	Ms. Caromile	bethany_caromile@nksd.net
Sp - Z	Business/Finance	Mrs. Giguere	jessica_giguere@nksd.net

Level Changes

All level changes must occur by October 13th. Level change requests must be submitted in writing to the student's school counselor by October 5th. In order for a level change to be approved all possible avenues for success must be attempted which includes completing all assignments and seeking out extra help from the teacher. Please see Page 16 of the Program of Studies for more details.

Senior Parents

School counselors held virtual College Application Information and Help Sessions for students Monday, September 21 through Thursday, September 24 at 1pm. If your child was unable to attend all information shared is posted to the Class of 2021 Guidance Google Classroom.

College Application Help Sessions

A school counselor will be available every Wednesday from 1:00 - 1:45 to help students with their College Applications. Students can drop in to the session via a google meeting link shared on the Class of 2021 Guidance Google Classroom.

Virtual Senior Parent and Financial Aid Night - Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm

6:30 - 7:00 - School counselors will review the college application process and answer questions.

7:00 - 8:00 - A representative from the College Planning Center of RI will present information about financial aid and answer questions.

College Application Deadlines

Seniors are asked to notify their school counselor of an upcoming college application deadline two weeks in advance in order for the counselor to process and submit their portion of the application on time. Please see the table below for notification deadlines. An invitation to the student's common application account and selection of a decision plan is considered proper notification.

Application Deadline	Counselor Notification Deadline
October 15, 2020	October 1, 2020
November 1, 2020	October 19, 2020

November 15, 2020	November 2, 2020
December 1, 2020	November 10, 2020
December 15, 2020	December 1, 2020
January 1, 2021	December 7, 2020
January 15, 2021	December 23, 2020
February 1, 2021	January 15, 2021
March 1, 2021	February 5, 2021

“Studying in the Ocean State” will take place via Zoom Webinar on **Thursday, October 8 at 7 PM** and is open to any students exploring post-secondary options in the Ocean State. The program will begin with a brief introduction from each Rhode Island college or university that covers what's distinctive, unique, and different about their institution. Students will then have the opportunity to attend two, 20-minute sessions on the institutions of their choosing to learn more detailed information about their programs and offerings. Registration is now available at www.riaao.com.

FASFA Assistance

The [College Planning Center](#) in partnership with RIDE, would like to help you get ready to file your FAFSA. Filing FAFSA begins on October 1st, 2020.

STEP 1: You must create your FSA ID, which is very quick and simple. Click on this [video](#) to show you how.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A FSA ID must be created for both the student and one parent or guardian. Also, once you submit for your FSA ID the process takes 48 hours to verify. So, take this step now so you will be ready to file your FAFSA soon.

If you have any questions about your FSA ID or filling your FAFSA, contact the College Planning Center for assistance. The College Planning Center experts are taking appointments by phone to answer your questions and this service is free. [Book an appointment online](#), and they will call you directly at the time of your appointment to answer your questions and assist with FSA or FAFSA completion. [Spanish](#) speaking counselors available upon request.

[Athletics, PTSO, Clubs, Activities, Etc...](#)

[ATHLETICS](#) fall season starts 9/21

New Assumption of Risk form: <https://www.riil.org/page/3250>

[Click Here for FALL TRYOUT INFORMATION NEW!!!](#)

Fall Sports Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director: Chris Cobain (christopher_cobain@nksd.net) 401-268-6281

Boys Cross Country: Paul Tetreault (Coachjpt@cox.net); Matt Colavita (Mcolavita1@yahoo.com)

Boys Soccer: Paul Fanning (Paul_Fanning@nksd.net)

Field Hockey: Julie Maguire (Julie_Maguire@nksd.net); Kris Graham (Kris_Graham@nksd.net)

Football: Fran Dempsey (Francis_Dempsey@nksd.net) **season postponed**

Football Cheer: Shelby White (Onsitestyle@gmail.com)

Girls Cross Country: Brian McNeiece (Coachmcneiece@gmail.com); Matt Colavita (Mcolavita1@yahoo.com)

Girls Soccer: Mark D'Arezzo (Mdarezzo9@gmail.com)

Girls Tennis: Tim O'Neill (tjorhody@yahoo.com)

Girls Volleyball: Brian Garrepy (Brian_Garrepy@nksd.net) **season postponed**

Unified Volleyball: Keith Higgins (Keith_Higgins@nksd.net) **season postponed**

[NKHS Booster Club](#)

Welcome back to the new year at NKHS!! Things have been uncertain and, for a while, we were not sure we would be saying "welcome back" but here we are...and NKHS will be better than ever! Fall sports will kick off in a couple of weeks and our student-athletes will need our support now more than ever.

For those families new to the high school, the Booster Club is a volunteer, nonprofit organization whose overall purpose is to raise and manage funds in support of the athletic programs at the

high school. We meet once a month (generally the first Monday evening) and all are welcome to join ~ reminder emails are sent out prior to the meetings.

Ways to Support Athletics:

1) Join the Booster Club! The easiest way to support the athletics programs is to become a member of the Booster Club. There are 3 levels of membership with special rates this year due to our abbreviated seasons. See the attached [flyer](#) for details or follow the link below to purchase your membership! <https://north-gear.square.site>

2) Follow Boosters on social media for the latest sports information:

Facebook: North Kingstown Athletics Booster Club (NKBoosterClub)

Instagram: nkboosterclub

Twitter: @ NKBoosterClub

@NoKingstownHS (NK Athletics Twitter account)

3) Be on the lookout for our **POPUP GEAR SHOP!!** Opening later this week ~ links will be on social media ~ Facebook, Instagram, Twitter!!

4) **Fall Sports Registration has opened!!** Follow the link provided to register your fall athlete. **ALL** athletes (new and returning) are required to submit an Assumption of Risk form (found on the registration site), as it has been updated for Covid19.

<https://northkingstown-ar.rschoolday.com/>

Reach out with any questions to NKBoosterClub@gmail.com

Thank you ~ stay healthy ~ see you on the field soon!

NKHS Booster Club

PTSO: New School Year, New Board Needed!

NKHS PTSO October Board Meeting

Time: Oct 1, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99052976225>

Meeting ID: 990 5297 6225

The PTSO invites you to join our first meeting of the year, on Zoom, this Thursday night. Meet other parents at the school and get involved!

At this meeting, the board will vote on the nomination of Shelene Plante as Secretary. (We still have open leadership positions, President and Vice President, so grab a friend and make this opportunity yours! Email Michelle.Girasole@gmail.com to inquire or nominate.)

Join us on Facebook for updates: search groups for "NKHS PTSO". See you Thursday!

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