

**10th Grade Parent Orientation Night Agenda
Wednesday, September 30th via Zoom 7PM**

Mr. Ronald Levine (Assistant Principal), Mr. Michael Neary (Director of Guidance)
and Ms. Amanda Reilly (Guidance Counselor)

- I. Welcome
 - a. Parent Portal/Infinite Campus
 - i. Monitoring Attendance
 - 1. The attendance office needs to be notified if a student will be absent, regardless of whether your child is scheduled to be home or in school.
 - ii. Gradebook
 - 1. Parent portal now has live grades for you to view. Therefore, there are no longer Progress Reports. Please make sure to check your child's progress throughout the year. Instructions and video were sent out via email from Dr. Holtzman to help assist you.

- II. Academics/Courses
 - a. Please check the guidance website often! Access it by clicking on North HS, Departments, then Guidance
 - b. Course Recommendation/AP Process/Electives
 - i. Students are recommended for classes for the following school year based on their performance in their current classes. Recommendations are made at the end of the second quarter.
 - ii. Course Catalog available on guidance website
 - 1. Details about every course we offer and any prerequisites are available.
 - c. 10th Grade Advisory
 - i. Last day for Sophomores – December 16th
 - 1. Utilize advisory period time to meet with teachers/study/check in with counselor for the remainder of the school year.
 - d. Extra-curricular Activities/Involvement
 - i. Via Zoom for now (no in person meetings)
 - ii. Google Classroom codes are available on website- under Students, then Clubs & Activities.

iii. Please encourage your child to get involved! It is so important for students to be connected to school activities, meet new people with similar interests, and further explore their passions.

e. Standardized Testing

i. PSATs – Wednesday, October 14th at North High during the school day, in person.

1. No classes for those who are not participating

ii. For sophomores, the PSATs are for **exposure and experience ONLY!**

1. If your child is anxious about taking the PSAT, or the grade they will receive, he or she should not take the PSAT in 10th grade. There will be another opportunity to take it in 11th grade.

2. The ACT and SAT assess three years of high school English and three years of high school math. As tenth graders, they have not been fully exposed to all of the curriculum.

iii. Check email and guidance website for the 10th grade registration letter.

1. Payment must be paid on Parent Portal. Afterwards, students bring the receipt to the guidance office to receive a test booklet and registration ticket.

III. Communication and Staying Connected

a. This school year is unlike any other we have experienced. It is so important that you are checking in with your child regularly. In addition, please encourage your child to check in with his or her teachers and guidance counselor for assistance throughout the year. We are in this together!