



NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Novato High School. NHS has a reputation as one of the best comprehensive high schools in the state of California. Our goal is to create an environment that nurtures rigor, relevance and relationships in the classroom and campus wide. The staff at Novato High School is excited to work with your students to help them compete in an exciting, always changing global society that demands their best.

Marin School of the Arts continues to be one of the premier Performing and Visual Art programs in the country with a broad spectrum of electives. Students at Novato High School will also have the opportunity to participate in exciting new programs like our Medical Career Pathways and the No Bells Initiative (NBI). These two, new, specialized programs are in addition to Physics of Making Things, Programming, Mandarin, Entrepreneurial Mindset (College of Marin on campus), AP Human Geography, Comparative Government, and Micro-Economics, which were all introduced last year. Lastly, we have robust and competitive athletic and extra-curricular activities at Novato High School.

2017-18 will be a first in Novato Unified School District (NUSD) and Novato High because it will begin the process of going “one to world” with our 9th grade students all receiving a Chromebook that will be theirs for the entirety of their time at NHS. The 9th grade class of 2021 will also be the inaugural class at NHS that will perform a portfolio defense of the NUSD graduate profile in front of a panel of teachers to show evidence that they are prepared to take on the next phase of their lives. The staff at Novato High School is completely invested in creating an educational environment and experience that speaks to all students.

As we move toward using technology as our primary communication tool with parents and students, we want to inform you that the bulk of our 2017-2018 Summer Packet, which consists of our annual forms, will be available to you online, first sent via Chalk Schools in an email, and then as a link entitled “2017-2018 Summer Packet.” Novato High School is excited to be the first school with Novato Unified School District to pilot the online submission of these forms using Chalk Schools. Please be sure to review the many important documents in this online packet. These forms *must* be completed and submitted to NHS via Chalk Schools or brought to the NHS Student Registration Day on Thursday, August 10th (9th & 12th), or Friday, August 11th (10th & 11th), for your student to gain entry into the Old Gym and receive their schedule of classes.

The following items will be located on our “2017-2018 Summer Packet” link at our NHS homepage, www.novatohs.org

“Achievement for All – Our Call to Action”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Maria Aguila, Debbie Butler, Cindi Clinton, Thomas Cooper, Derek Knell, Ross Millerick, Shelly Scott
<http://www.nusd.org>

- 2017-2018 Student Registration Day letter
- 2017-2018 College Admission Requirements; Career Technical Education
- 2017-2018 Acknowledgement of Parent/Guardian Annual Rights Notification form
- 2017-2018 Technology, Network & Internet Services Student Acceptable Use Policy form
- 2017-2018 11th/12th Grade Military Opt Out form
- 2017-2018 Parent Letter re: Emergency Contact Information & Emergency Card
- 2017-2018 Emergency Card
- 2017-2018 Critical Health Concerns form

There are some very important dates to remember as well. They are as follows:

August 10, 2017

Freshmen Orientation “Link Crew Welcomes the Class of 2021”, 9:00am-1:00pm, Gordon Gym
 9th Grade Link Crew Student Lunch, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Gordon Gym
 9th Grade Student Registration, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Old Gym
 12th Grade Student Registration, 11:00am-12:30pm, Old Gym
 NBI Parent Orientation, 9:15am-10:15am, NBI

August 11, 2017

11th Grade Student Registration, 8:00am-10:30am, Old Gym
 10th Grade Student Registration, 11:00am-1:30pm, Old Gym

August 14, 2017

MSA Orientation Night, 6:00pm-7:30pm, Gordon Gym

August 16, 2017

Medical Careers Pathway Orientation, 1:00pm-2:30pm, Room 3101

August 17, 2017

First Day of School (Non Block Day Schedule, Periods 1-7)

September 14, 2017

Back to School Night (Minimum Day Schedule), 6:00pm-8:30pm, NHS

Finally, I am requesting parents to continue their support of Novato High School and the many wonderful programs, teachers and staff that embrace teaching and learning. Your support as parents of Novato High School is deeply appreciated.

Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Matt Baldwin
 Principal