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TO: Parents and Guardians of 9th grade students new to our district

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The faculty and staff at Novato High School are very excited to welcome all new students to the fall term in 2019! Our Counselors have been visiting students attending our district feeder schools this past week and we invite you to send your 8th grader to Novato High School on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 2 at 3:30 P.M. Students having a last name beginning 'A' through 'L'
- Thursday, April 4 at 3:30 P.M. Students having a last name beginning 'M' through 'Z'

This orientation and scheduling meeting will be held **in the school Library** where students will be provided information about course options for 9th graders.

The schedule options for 9th grade students are limited to their choice of Electives. All students are scheduled into the following required classes:

1. English
2. Math (Fundamental Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II are determined administratively)
3. Science – Biology
4. Physical Education
5. Health and College & Career Readiness

NHS offers a 7 period schedule so this leaves two elective choices for each student (although some students choose to take only 6 courses): Choices include the language option (Spanish/French); Visual, Performing or Technical Arts; AFJROTC; AVID; Medical Careers Program; Marin School of the Arts (MSA); School Leadership; Yearbook (Photo Journalism); or the School Newspaper - *The Swarm* (Journalism I).

Our counselors will guide students to sign students up for the elective options of their choice. The school website provides a variety of links where you can explore the various programs and course offerings at Novato High.

Log on to <https://novatohigh.nusd.org> and select the link for **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT** where you will find the following links:

- Under **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT**, click on the link for “Academic Program Guide” (APG) – This link provides you with descriptions of all the courses and programs (AVID – MSA – ROTC – Medical Careers) at NHS along with policy regulations related to enrollment, counseling services, Academic Enrichment & Recovery, Grading Standards, High School Diplomas and Certificates, college entrance and concurrent high school/college enrollment. You will also see links to a variety of helpful documents aimed at guiding the high school experience.
- Under the **ATHLETICS at NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL** link, you will find all the information needed to register for our sports program including **Physician's Clearance Form** for the physical that is to be dated **AFTER June 1st, 2019**. A **New Athlete Orientation** for parents & students will be held at NHS on **Thursday May, 23 beginning at 6:00**. This is **MANDATORY** for parents of any 8th grade student wishing to participate in our athletic program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Again, we are excited to meet your child and look forward to working with you over the next four years!

Go HORNETS!

The Counseling Department



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