Hello Miners, this is Principal, Kelly Rhoden. These weekly messages can also be found on our website at www.NUMINERS.com on the “NU News: Media” tab select “NUHS Principal’s Weekly Messages”.

We hope everyone had a good Fall break! We had a great first week back to school on a Hybrid schedule. It was amazing to have students back on campus and maturely wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We had a few bumps in getting the correct cohorts out to families and appreciate everyone’s patience as we continue to work through cohort issues. It is important to know that staff are working diligently to assist with family requests and the issues that were created due to technology issues at our end which noticed families later than we would have liked. We are asking that all families/students adhere to their assigned Cohorts (A or B) or Distance Education so that we can properly account for students on campus and make sure that we have adequate seating in each classroom. We will continue to monitor class sizes and will notify families if we are able to free up space in a classroom. Neither Cohort is overburdened as a whole; however, some classes are at capacity in the classroom which prevents us from changing a cohort. **If you are planning to continue on Distance Education, please contact your counselor as soon as possible to let us know so we may free up classroom space for families/students who are in a hardship situation.**

**Please join the NU Band for lunch or dinner this Thursday, the 29th at Panda Express.** The times are from 10:00 am-9:30 pm. Please have your flyer to present when you order or have the digital version on your phone. If you are ordering online, please use 318188 in the promo code box during your check out! The band will earn 20% of the proceeds from the day’s sales. Thank you so much! We look forward to seeing you there and raising money to support the band! [Here is the link to the flyer](#)

**Please remember to complete your student symptom checks before coming to school, wear your mask at all times, wash your hands frequently, and watch your social distancing. Please do not come to school if you are not feeling well.**
COVID POLICY:
- Parents are expected to perform the COVID symptom check and temperature check prior to leaving home.
- We expect everyone in the high school to come to school and be safe.
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED EVERYWHERE ON CAMPUS
  - Students who choose not wear their mask may be put on distance education for the remainder of the semester.
  - Students will have access to masks if needed.
- See the District Website: www.njuhsd.com
  - Here you will find all the District Policy & Procedures related to COVID-19
  - Safety procedures and expectations when students return to campus and for visitors
  - COVID-19 School Site Protection Plan
- Assigned seating in all classrooms

PREPARATION FOR STUDENTS ON CAMPUS:

NUHS Hybrid Model Bell Schedule:
As a reminder, students should not come to campus before 8:15am except for a zero period class. As a second reminder, please look at the bell schedule (link above) as the schedule is not the same as it was for full distance learning. This is a brand new bell schedule with 79 minute classes and 7 minute breaks. **We will have bells starting this week.**
There is a bell signifying the start and end of classes only. We have eliminated the minute bell this year. We have paper copies of the bell schedule available on the wall at the registrars’ desk.

Cohorts will come prepared to campus on their assigned days with:
- Symptom Checks Complete at home
- appropriate face mask
- charged Chromebooks, power cord, headphones if desired for in-class use
- a refillable water bottle and snacks needed during the day.

We do have water filling stations around campus to fill your own personal water bottle. All vending machines are closed and our cafeteria is closed for ala carte food services.

- practice Social Distancing
- follow appropriate directional arrows
- Prior to entering classrooms complete your acknowledgement symptom check form to your teachers.
- Check-in during first period of day (1st or 4th): Phone or Chromebook required. See below:

The symptom check form on your managed bookmark tab is only for cohort students to complete 1st or 4th period (first period of the day) just before you enter your classroom.

Please do not do this from home and Distance Education students need not complete this step.

You will show your green check or your red x to your teacher before you begin class.

NOTE: If a student shows a Red X on their screen they will be sent to the nurse’s office to be assessed for COVID symptoms and possibly sent home for the day.

STUDENT COHORTS
Students in Cohorts will physically attend classes on their assigned Cohort days and virtually on the opposite Cohort's on-campus days.

DISTANCE LEARNERS
Distance learners will connect virtually on both of the Cohort days from home. All Zoom Links can be found in your Schoology accounts by class. Distance learners will not be allowed on campus during the school day. Distance learners are not allowed to attend 6th period classes in person to maintain the integrity of the Cohorts.
RULES FOR HYBRID PARTICIPATION:
All guidelines and rules for students to continue to participate in the Hybrid Model must be followed to keep all students, staff, and families safe. If at any time the rules set forth above, below, and by your teachers cannot be followed we will consider this a safety concern and disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary action could be to move students that cannot abide by school rules to a Full Distance Learning Model. These students will be expected to work from home.

Weekly School Meals: A 4-day meal bag with 4 lunches and 5 breakfasts will be available in the cafeteria on:
- Tuesday at the end of the day for Cohort A and
- Friday at the end of the day for Cohort B.
- A 5-day bag will be available for Distance Learners on Wednesdays between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm in the front of the school.

United Way will still have a station on Wednesdays in the front parking lot, also from 12:30 – 1:00pm.

BUSES: See the District’s website for the bus schedule which is managed by Durham Bus Services. Buses drop off and pick up at the top of the school in the Theatre parking lot. This entire parking lot is closed for parent/student parking and is also under construction. If you are dropping your student off, please use our drop off curb-side left-hand lane in front of the school at the Girl’s (West) Gym. This is a drop-off area only; no parking or waiting. Do not drop off at the front steps of the school.

SCHOOL MAP: All students have been emailed a campus map by our Student Leadership Team. Please have them check their school email. Student Leaders have also placed maps around campus. We will have some printed maps and bell schedules available for students in the front office.

PE CLOTHES: Students will receive instructions from their PE teachers for dress code requirements. Our locker rooms are closed.
- Students do not need to dress down but are expected to wear comfortable clothes on the day they have PE so they can participate.
- Tennis Shoes are a must
- Students will be expected to move, run, and play so make sure you dress appropriately for PE classes.

CHROMEBOOKS: Freshmen Chromebooks will be available the Week of November 2 during English classes. The teachers will schedule classroom visits to the Library for pickup. We will have insurance available for families.
If your Chromebook isn’t working before you check out a new one, please contact Ann McCormick in the Library by email: amccormick@njuhsd.com or phone 530-273-4431x2053 between 7:30am and 4:00pm to make an appointment. The Library is not open to students.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER:
3 Days to Clear! Starting Monday, October 12th, we will return to our normal attendance procedures. You will only have three days to clear your student’s absences. Please make sure we have your correct contact phone number and be proactive by letting us know when your student will not be present.

- If your student is having symptoms specific to the coronavirus please keep them home and notify us.
- If you are calling in and clearing your student with “Sick” please be specific about the illness. If we are not clear this call will create a different reaction now. We must do contact tracing for all illnesses related to COVID-19 so you will receive a follow up phone call from school personnel to confirm all symptoms. Your student may not be able to return to school until symptoms are clear or a negative COVID test is confirmed.
- Please be honest about the absence. If a student needs a “Mental Health Day” please let us know that. It will help us determine who is sick and who just needs a day for family or mental health.

I do want to thank everyone ahead of time for your patience and honesty related to attendance. In the past we as parents may call and clear our students with sickness instead of personal or mental health because it is easy and we (at least I as a parent) thought the school would still receive funding. We thank you for looking out for schools but those times have changed. We need a clear picture of what is going on so that we can keep all students, staff, and families safe.

SENIORS REMINDER: All seniors should go to the Counseling tab on the website to look at the Senior Presentation. This will give seniors information regarding graduation requirements, upcoming presentations, workshops, etc. If you have any questions, please email your counselor.

STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS: Now that students are back on campus, you’ll want to sign up for our student communications through our Daily Diggins. Sign up for the Diggins today to be sent to your email inbox!

FUTURE DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

Thanksgiving Week, November 23-27, 2020:
School on Monday and Tuesday; No School Wednesday through Friday.

Have a great weekend!!

GO...MINERS!

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PARKING PERMITS: If you still need a parking permit please see Scottie, our Campus Supervisor. Student parking is available only in the front two lots of the school.