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 are excited to welcome back our students in Cohort A - Monday & Tuesdays and Cohort B - Thursday & Friday’s. All our students that are continuing on Full Distance make sure to zoom in to your classes Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

The energy around here will soon feel a little bit normal. Please encourage everyone to follow all the rules to help keep students, staff, and families safe. Remember to complete your symptom checks before coming to school, wear your mask at all times, wash your hands frequently, and watch your social distancing.

**NUHS Hybrid Model Bell Schedule:**
NU reopens Monday, October 12th. **Only Cohort A will be on campus on Monday. Please do not arrive on campus prior to 8:15am.** Please make sure you look at the schedule as the bell schedule is not the same as it has been on distance learning. This is a brand new bell schedule with 79 minute classes and 7 minute breaks. We will not have bells during this first week of school, so please make sure your students have a copy of the bell schedule. We will have paper copies available for anyone who needs one in the front office.

**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 : See the “COVID 19” tab
  - 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
- Check in during first period of day (1st or 4th): Phone or chromebook required
- **Assigned seating in all classrooms**
PREPARATION FOR RETURNING TO CAMPUS:

Students will check their StudentVUE in Synergy for their Cohort A (M-T) or Cohort B (Th-F) or Full Distance assignment and school class schedule / room numbers.

An All Call/Email has been sent to all households today, Sunday, October 11, with your student’s assigned Hybrid Schedule. Students on Full Distance will not be able to change to a Cohort until the Semester ends January 15, 2021 for classroom balancing. Students/Parents need to adhere to their assigned Cohort for safety, including classroom sizes that have been appropriately balanced.

**Wednesdays** will continue as full distance for all students with teacher office hours. Students will continue with their classwork on Wednesdays.

**Cohorts will come prepared** to campus on their assigned days with:

- Symptom Checks Complete
- 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. This form can be found on your Chromebook in the Bookmarks at the top of the screen.

On Cohort days, the cafeteria will be open for students to pick up food between 12:45 and 12:55 prior to the buses leaving at 1:00pm. Students will not be allowed to eat in the cafeteria.

Lunches are free to all students and will be served out of the cafeteria after classes are released at 12:45. There will be no cash accepted for food services. Follow all directional arrows and keep the lines moving, practicing social distancing please.

A 4-day meal bag with 4 lunches and 5 breakfasts will be available 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 and 12:30. The weekly bags can be picked up in the Cafeteria during the appropriate times.

Students in Cohorts will physically attend classes on their assigned Cohort days and virtually on the opposite Cohort's on-campus days. Distance learners will connect virtually on both of the Cohort days from home. Distance learners will not be allowed on campus during the school day.

Please note that the bell schedule times are different from the full distance schedule. Don’t be caught off-guard. Put the class times in your phone or calendar so you aren't late checking in to class. Breaks are only seven (7) minutes long and will go very quickly. All Zoom Links can be found in your Schoology accounts by class.

Buses will be running. 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; not parked cars or waiting. Do not drop off at the front steps of the school.
**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.

**Mask Policy:**
- Masks will be worn all day inside and outside (teachers will facilitate a walking break to use the restrooms, get a drink of water, have a small snack (if they have one), and take a short walk to get a break).
- Forgot your mask: teachers/staff can provide you with one
- Refusal to wear a mask: Student will be sent to the office and possibly sent home
- Continued refusal: Student will be move to Full Distance Education (school work from home for the remainder of the semester)

**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. The map is not on our website for safety reasons.

**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 won’t be available for distribution until the end of October. If your student is using equipment at home for distance learning and are in need of a device, please contact Ann McCormick at the Library. You may email her at 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.

**PARKING PERMITS:** If you have a parking permit from last year (2019-20), it’s valid through June of this year! If you are in need of a new parking permit come see Scottie, our new Campus Supervisor, out in front of the school (in the drop-off area). She will have parking permits from 1:15-2:30 pm on Tuesday, & Friday (Oct. 13, & 16) - please drive through! Parking permits are free this year.

**Student parking is available only in the front two lots of the school.** Students may not park in the theatre lot or the Wrestling lot. Students are not permitted to drive down Ali Avenue during school hours.

**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](#)!
ATTENDANCE:  
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.

FIRST QUARTER GRADES:  
The end of the first quarter is upon us. The last day of the quarter was Friday, October 16th. Grades will be emailed or mailed home during Fall Break.

SENIORS: 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.

FUTURE DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

Fall Break - No School: October 19-23, 2020

Second week of Hybrid Model school instruction: Monday, October 26, 2020

Have a great weekend!!

GO...MINERS!

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