

Dear New Heights Families,

I want to begin by thanking you for choosing and trusting us to educate your child. Our mission to prepare every child for college is bold, but we know that it is achievable! Over the past few months, we have recruited some of the best talent in the nation to fill our vacant staff positions, and we are ready and eager to begin the important work of preparing our students for college and beyond. Please see below for important updates for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

2017-2018 Schedule:

- First day of school – **Monday, August 28th**
 - Our start date has been scheduled based on an additional week of professional development for our staff during the week of August 21st. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we believe the additional training will enhance your child’s experience in his/her classrooms.
- First week of school – **Monday, August 28th & Tuesday, August 29th will be half days.**
 - To allow for a smooth transition for students, the first two days of school will be focused on school culture, setting expectations and community building.
 - **Dismissal will occur at 1:00pm on both days.**
- Daily Arrival - Students are expected to be in their homeroom no later than 7:40am. **Students arriving after 7:40 will be considered tardy.**
- Daily Dismissal – All students will be dismissed Monday – Thursday at **4:00pm**. Friday dismissal will continue to be **1:00pm** except where otherwise noted on the school calendar.
- After school programs – More information will be communicated about after-school programming in early September.

Transportation:

- **Brockton Buses:** Students living in Brockton that qualify for Brockton Public School buses, will have bus routes and bus numbers that are similar to last year. Please note that students only qualify for BPS transportation if they live **at least 2 miles** from the school. If you have questions or would like to confirm that you qualify for transportation please contact First Student at **508-559-5048**. Please see the attached list for bus routes.
- **Taunton Buses:** A van will be provided for all students living in Taunton. Routes will be posted on our website no later than Monday, August 21st under the “announcements” tab.
- **Randolph Buses:** Thank you for your feedback and patience as we worked through creating a solution that was beneficial for both our families and New Heights. Over the previous two weeks, NHCSB was able to renegotiate with the bus company a better rate for all of our buses and the bus company identified a solution that lead to a reduction in the number of buses needed and significant savings for the Taunton route. We are so pleased that this year we discovered several solutions that will allow us continue to provide busing free of charge thanks in large part to your participation. However, we know that we will need additional buses for Randolph and Taunton in the upcoming years, which will require us to work together to find a sustainable financial solution. Due to these changes, we are working on finalizing a bus route which will be posted out our website no later than Monday, August 21st under the “announcements” tab.

Uniforms:

This year, parents will have the option of purchasing uniforms from L & M or through a new vendor HGX. Both companies have comparable prices, but some parents expressed a desire to purchase from another company.

- All checks for uniforms order should be made out **NHCSB PTO**
- Uniforms can be ordered online <http://www.hgxpromoshowcase.com/showrooms.htm>. You will be prompted to enter the password: **nhcsb2017**
- The New Heights Uniform is comprised of the following items that **all** students must wear:
 - Black, burgundy, white **New Heights polo** shirt
 - Khaki colored (tan) dress pants, shorts, or skirts that are knee-length or longer.
 - Khaki pants, shorts, or skirts **may not be:**
 - Cargo-style (defined as more than two front pockets and two back pockets).
 - Baggy, overly tight or made of denim or corduroy.
 - Black, grey, or white solid socks (no patterns)
 - Black, white or black & white dress shoes or sneakers

- The following items are optional:
 - White Oxford dress shirts with school logo
 - Black V-neck or cardigan sweater with school logo
 - Maroon crewneck sweatshirt with school logo: must wear black, burgundy white polo with school logo underneath.
- The following items are permitted under the following conditions:
 - Hooded zip-sweatshirts with school logo – only allowed as outerwear to and from school and earned dress down days
 - Maroon Sweatpants and T-shirts with school logo- allowed during PE, earned dress down day, and after school activities
 - Maroon Gym Shorts with school logo –allowed during PE only
- Accessories:
 - Solid Black or Brown boots may be worn during inclement weather (November – March)
 - Hair accessories – solid black, white, maroon or NHCSB headbands only
 - Headscarves - solid black, maroon or white can be worn for religious/cultural purposes only

Please refer to the Student Handbook, which will be given out the first week of school for additional information and details regarding the New Heights student dress code.

School Supplies:

- New Heights will be providing all students with basic supplies and technology for classroom use during the day. However, to ensure students have additional supplies for at home use and content specific projects please see the list below for suggested items to purchase.
 - Pens (blue or black ink)
 - Pencils
 - Highlighters
 - Thin dry erase markers (black)
 - (3) Lined Composition Notebooks
 - (7) Two-pocket folders
 - (2) 1 inch binders

Student Summer Assignments:

- All students will be expected to turn in their completed summer reading assignment when they return to school. Please make sure that your child begins the school year with a strong grade by completing his or her required reading.
- Reading assignments can be found on our new website under “announcements.”

Important Dates:

- Please feel free to stop by the school between **9:00-2:00 pm** to preview (we have sample items & sizes) and order uniform items.
- New Heights will be open **Thursday, August 24th 6:00-8:00pm** for families to view the school and to have any questions answered by our Administrative Team.

Please make sure to check out our new school website (<http://www.newheightscharterschool.com>) to access additional important information about the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the main office at **508-857-4633 (ext. 1)** or e-mail the school at info@nhcsb.org.

We cannot stress how excited we are to begin this school year with you. Enjoy your last days of break and we will see you very soon.

Sincerely,

Janice Manning
 Head of School
 New Heights Charter School of Brockton