

July 15, 2022

Dear North Gwinnett High School Parents,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer. For most, August 3rd is the unofficial end of summer as it is the first day of school and it is quickly approaching. Please take a few minutes to read this letter because it contains important information that will help facilitate a great orientation and opening of the school year for your child.

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting our ***Meet your Teacher Day*** this year on Friday, July 29th. Attached to this email is an Orientation Guide and explains how and when the orientation process will operate this year. Located on the top portion of the paper is our schedule for the day. Please make every effort to adhere to the times as scheduled and do your best to send a parent with the student to ensure that all important updates are complete before school begins. A list of other tasks you can complete that day is included as well as important information about parking and student pick-up. Our goal is to eliminate long lines so your time is more appropriately spent with our teachers and staff.

Our orientation process will continue to be supported through MyPaymentsPlus. MyPaymentsPlus is your avenue for viewing/printing documents required for the first day of school, making payments for various fees/activities, and also placing funds into your student's meal account. We have automated the orientation process and placed it online in hopes of bringing back the true focus of Open House – *less paperwork for our parents and more interaction with your student's teachers*. All parents are asked to visit www.mypaymentsplus.com to make sure their child is registered and ready for the first day of school. We consistently strive to find new and better ways to serve our students and our families, and we thank you for partnering with us in this effort. This process will go live on July 23rd. Everyone attending North Gwinnett High School will participate in the on-line process. If it is not completed before you reach North on Orientation Day, it will have to be completed when you arrive on campus in our Collaborative Learning Center.

Over the course of the last several years, our students and teachers learned and used some valuable technology tools during the instructional process. Although all instruction will be live, interactive, and engaging, there will be moments where some of these technology tools will be integrated. I am excited to let you know that Gwinnett County Public Schools will be providing a device to all students as part of their 1:1 initiative. Be on the lookout for more District Communication regarding this exciting new program. More information will be shared about the date and location of device distribution in the next couple of weeks.

If you have not registered for Parent Portal, you will be able to do so at orientation. A station will be set up in the commons during orientation for anyone that does not yet have access to Parent Portal. After school begins, parents that need to register for Parent Portal can do so at the front reception desk. You will need to have a picture ID with you to complete the Portal registration.

Before orientation day, please update emergency contact information through the Parent Portal, if needed. This is the information we use to update our records on any medical conditions as well as approved emergency contacts. The emergency contacts are used for student check-out and if parents cannot be reached. It is critical to complete this update.

Just in case you lose or misplace any of this information it can all be found on our website. I will send another update as we get closer to the start of school. We look forward to seeing you soon and to begin a great 2022-23 school year.

Sincerely,

Nathan Ballantine

Principal