

Northern Lights

Brought to you by the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club



From the Principal

Dear North Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the final days of this beautiful summer. It's hard to believe, but the 2018-19 school year is nearly upon us.

Last year, North students continued to uphold our tradition of excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. In the last several months North ranked amongst the top high schools in the state and in the nation. In the Niche rankings, our teachers ranked No. 1 for the state of Michigan! North also received an A+ letter grade and is ranked twelfth in the state.

This year we continue to define and celebrate what we do here. A group of faculty members, called the Culture Club, has worked diligently to help articulate clear expectations for our Norsemen. Students and teachers will be walking through the expectations (which can be found on a chart later in this newsletter) during the first week of school to ensure that we continue to create a positive learning environment at North.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for sharing your son or daughter with us. They are your most prized treasure, and we are grateful for your trust. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure their success during these high school years.

If we haven't met yet, I look forward to meeting you this fall at one of our many activities. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Go North!

Kathryn C. Murray

SAVE THE DATE

The Grosse Pointe North Parents Club will host a party for parents of incoming freshmen at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at 1574 Lochmoor Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Woods. If you or someone you know has an incoming freshman (even if you or they already have students at North) please plan on coming. It's a chance to have some adult beverages and snacks and meet other parents of the class of 2022!

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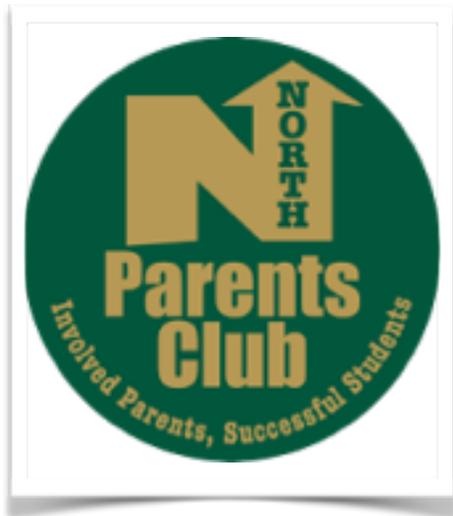
Just what is North's Parents Club?

The dates you need to know

Important information from the school counselors

From the President

Being involved in your student's high school life can be easy if they are involved in sports, band, theater or choir. But if your student doesn't do any of those things, you can still be connected by being involved in GPN Parents Club.



The most obvious way to do that is to attend meetings held once a month in the Commons area on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all North parents, grandparents, caregivers, etc.

A typical meeting involves an update on school happenings from Principal Kate Murray, reports from various committee members about upcoming events and opportunities for volunteers to become involved in various and sundry ways. (If you appreciated the use of that phrase for its uncommonness, you'll like Parents Club. If you didn't, come anyway.)

When you register your student online next week, you'll be asked if you'd like to become a member of Parents Club. Joining costs \$35, and if you're feeling generous we take donations. Because we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, your donations are tax

deductible.

Being a member has its privileges. You'll receive a discount at certain Parents Club events and students of members will be eligible for Parents Club scholarships. This year, scholarships will be awarded to students of any grade at the North's Got Talent show, coming this fall, and to graduating seniors in May at Honors Night.

Scholarships are just one part of Parents Club's mission. Our other focus is fundraising for Grosse Pointe North. In the past, we have raised money to refurbish the school's library, create a cross-curriculum learning space, and improve the overall GPN environment, inside and out.

We promise, our meetings are not stuffy, boring or cliquy. (Is that a word?) If you REALLY want to get involved, we even have a few positions that need to be filled:

- Secretary — Takes notes summarizing the meeting and emails to board members for approval
- School Board Observer — Attends school board meetings and relays highlights to the GPNPC meetings. (This is a good position for someone who was disappointed after reading the above statement regarding our meetings not being stuffy and boring.) This position can be shared by several people, each attending one or more board meetings throughout the school year.

If you have questions or are interested in the above positions, please email us at gpnparentsclub@gmail.com.

Gretchen Schock

Dates you need to know

Aug. 20: Senior registration and Picture Day A-L, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; M-Z, noon to 2 p.m.

Aug. 21: Junior registration and Picture Day A-L 8:30-10:30 a.m.; M-A, noon to 2 p.m.

Aug. 22: Sophomore registration and Picture Day A-L, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; M-Z, noon to 2 p.m.

Aug. 23: Freshman registration, orientation and Picture Day, 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Aug. 23: Freshman parents meeting, Performing Arts Center, 6 p.m.

Sept. 4: First full day of school. (See bell schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.)



Sept. 5: Sophomore parents meeting, Cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Sept. 5: Junior parents meeting, Cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10: Senior parents meeting, Cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Sept. 13: Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 20: Parents Club Meeting, Commons, 7 p.m.

Sept. 21: Homecoming Parade, Monteith Elementary, 5 p.m. football game follows.

Sept. 22: Homecoming Dance, Gym, 7 p.m.

[See the full calendar here](#)

Support Grosse Pointe North's Parents Club by enrolling your Kroger card. It's easy, and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus card or enter your alternative ID.

Create an account at www.kroger.com/communityrewards, select "Enroll Now" and type in Grosse Pointe North HS Parents Club or 84729. It's that easy. Thank you for your support.



Counselor's Corner — by Milissa Pierce

Planning Ahead

All Freshmen through Juniors will be preparing to take the SAT test in the spring of Junior year. In order to prepare for the SAT, we will first be taking the PSAT test this fall. All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 8 a.m. at North.

To help prepare for this test, students can create Khan Academy accounts for free personalized test prep for the SAT or PSAT. Create or sign in to your College Board account and find the Khan Academy link, which allows your student to improve and practice for the upcoming SAT or PSAT and use their previous test scores to identify what they need more help with. Counselors worked with most students during scheduling to help them create a KHAN account. Take advantage of this great opportunity! Now is a great time to get started or continue to review.

Seniors

Please remember that all college applications must be managed through Naviance. Students and parents should log in to Naviance through the North website; you'll find the link on the right hand side. Students will log in to the system using their North login information (student number and new password) Contact your counselor if you have any questions.

Follow the steps below when completing your college applications and remember: The earlier, generally, the better. We would like to see you complete your applications as soon as possible. Be aware of deadlines and early application dates!

APPLICATION STEPS

1. Add all colleges you are applying to, to your Naviance account on *Colleges I am Thinking About* Link.
2. Apply on-line to the college/s of your choice.
3. Once you have applied, move those schools to the *Colleges I am Applying to* Link. Then send your transcripts to the college via Naviance through the *Colleges I am Applying to* Link.
4. If you have not already done so, you must Send your SAT or ACT scores from the College Board (www.collegeboard.org) or the ACT website (www.actstudent.org) (Check your account to see if you already sent it!) North does not send test scores.

5. Keep your Naviance account current! Remember that counselors and teachers will not write a letter of recommendation unless you have submitted a Junior Survey on Naviance.
6. Personally contact any teachers from whom you need a letter of recommendation. If they agree to write you a letter of recommendation, notify them via Naviance under *Colleges, Apply to College, Teacher Recommendations*. Remember you MUST talk to them before asking them via Naviance to write a letter of recommendation.
7. If using the Common Application, you must begin your Common App and insert your Common Application email address into Naviance. Log into Family Connection, click the Colleges tab, click Colleges I'm Applying To.

The Common App Account Matching screen is displayed in pink. A student is eligible to complete the Common App Account Matching process if they have created an account on Common App, added colleges to that account, signed the Common App FERPA release.

Note: If a student has not completed the Common App Account Matching process, Naviance prevents you from electronically submitting Common App school forms for that student.

Juniors

College 101 is a program that helps us prepare our Juniors for life after North. The counselors will visit with all Junior English classes once a month to prepare, review and discuss the college and post-secondary process. During these lessons we will cover college exploration, ACT/SAT preparation and testing, financial aid, post-secondary options, working with Naviance, completing and submitting a college application, college essays and personal statements, exploring college majors and more. This monthly review with juniors will be shared with all parents via email, so that you can be aware of what we covered. Remember, you can always schedule a meeting with your counselor to ask questions at any time!

Sophomores and Freshmen

Your counselors are here to help. Please let us know of any circumstance or problem that your student might be experiencing that we can be of help with. Counselors will be happy to see you anytime. A good time to meet is after the first report card to review how things are going. We are always happy to take a look at what's ahead and how to best prepare for your child's future.

Athletics Boosters

The GPN Athletic Booster Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Foods Room, accessed via the back parking lot. Attend the meetings to learn about fundraising efforts (like the Golf Outing, see flyer), how we support GPNHS student athletes, and the fun ways to get involved, such as at the concession stands! In the meantime, follow us on Twitter @GPNABC or Facebook @GPNBoosters.



The GPN Athletic Booster Club sells Family Athletic Passes which are valid for all regular season home games in all sports (Freshman, JV & Varsity)! Starting at \$125, these passes are an exceptional value! Consider the math: If you and just one family member attend five home games/season for three seasons, that's \$150. And you know you'll be at a lot more events than that! If you did not purchase during registration, no problem! Simply visit www.bitly.com/GPNABCpass to order your GPN Family Athletic Passes.

News for the Class of 2019

Welcome to your Senior Year!

We have many things to look forward to, here are some of the highlights:

- Senior Registration Day Aug. 20
- Senior Parent Meeting Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- Homecoming Senior Spirit (Toga) Day Sept. 20
- Homecoming Pep assembly and Game Sept. 21
- Homecoming Dance Sept. 22
- Trivia Night Fundraiser for the All Night Party Oct. 27 (More information to follow at a later date.)
- Senior Prom May 18
- Graduation June 6 @ 6:30
- Senior All Night Party June 6 at 9 p.m.

Parents: Please make sure the email you provide in the online registration is correct. This is how we provide you with information during the school year.

If you are interested in helping with the Senior All Night Party, please contact Lisa Emig at lemig@comcast.net or Diane Peters at dpeters794@yahoo.com.

We look forward to a great year!

Liz Michaels & Paula Staperfenne

Senior Class Advisors

3rd Annual

GPN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB GOLF OUTING

The Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Grosse Pointe North's athletes and athletic teams through various fundraising efforts.

- All Volunteer Organization
- Provide \$8,000 in College Scholarships Annually
- 100% of proceeds go to GPN Athletic Teams

ST. CLAIR SHORES GOLF CLUB

THURSDAY,
SEP. 27TH
2018

8:30AM
SHOTGUN START

\$100
PER PERSON
\$400 PER
FOURSOME

LUNCH - SILENT AUCTION - HOLE PRIZES - 50/50 RAFFLE

HOLE SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

NAME & NUMBER: _____

PLATINUM \$500 GOLD \$300 SILVER \$200 BRONZE \$100

PLEASE SELECT: FOURSOME \$400 | INDIVIDUAL \$100

OR REGISTER ONLINE - WE WILL PAIR YOU UP IF LESS THAN A FOURSOME

GOLFER 1: _____

GOLFER 3: _____

GOLFER 2: _____

GOLFER 4: _____

CAPTAIN: _____

CAPTAIN EMAIL: _____



www.GPNAthleticBoosterClub.com

VISA - Master Card Accepted
Checks Payable to: GPN ABC
Mail To: 37 Hawthorne
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

GPNABC is a 501c3
For More Info Contact:
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Jason 313-720-7807

GPN 2018-2019
Bell Schedule

PLC MONDAY 1ST LUNCH		
PERIOD	TIME	
PLC	7:50	8:35
Period 1	8:42	9:26
Period 2	9:31	10:15
Period 3 - Announcements	10:20	11:08
1st Lunch	11:08	11:44
Period 4	11:51	12:38
Period 5	12:43	1:27
Period 6	1:32	2:16
Period 7	2:21	3:05

PLC MONDAY 2ND LUNCH		
PERIOD	TIME	
PLC	7:50	8:35
Period 1	8:42	9:26
Period 2	9:31	10:15
Period 3 - Announcements	10:20	11:08
Period 4	11:13	12:00
2nd Lunch	12:00	12:36
Period 5	12:43	1:27
Period 6	1:32	2:16
Period 7	2:21	3:05

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TUESDAY-FRIDAY 1ST LUNCH		
PERIOD	TIME	
Period 1	8:00	8:50
Period 2	8:55	9:45
Period 3 - Announcements	9:50	10:44
1st Lunch	10:44	11:20
Period 4	11:27	12:20
Period 5	12:25	1:15
Period 6	1:20	2:10
Period 7	2:15	3:05

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 2ND LUNCH		
PERIOD	TIME	
Period 1	8:00	8:50
Period 2	8:55	9:45
Period 3 - Announcements	9:50	10:44
Period 4	10:49	11:42
2nd Lunch	11:42	12:18
Period 5	12:25	1:15
Period 6	1:20	2:10
Period 7	2:15	3:05

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HALF DAY SCHEDULE		
PERIOD	TIME	
Period 1	8:00	8:21
Period 2	8:26	8:47
Period 3	8:52	9:13
Period 4	9:18	9:39
Period 5	9:44	10:05
Period 6	10:10	10:31
Period 7	10:36	10:55