



NEWMARKET HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to another great school year at Newmarket High School. We hope you are having a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Below we've provided you with some key information about school start-up. More information, along with our School Start-Up Package, the YRDSB Guide to the School Year, and YRDSB forms, will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Michelle, Brad and Carolyn
NHS Administration

IMPORTANT DATES FOR START-UP

September 4	Labour Day
September 5	First Day of School - Grade 9 Only (more information will be sent to Grade 9s in the coming weeks)
September 6	All Students Return - Grades 9-12
September 18	School Council Meeting and Elections - 6:45 p.m. - Library
September 19	Photo Day

Visit the [NHS website](#) for additional important dates.

NHS DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins at 8:05 a.m. Please encourage your child/children to arrive by 7:50 a.m. so they can visit their lockers and get organized for the day.

Period 1	8:05 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Period 2	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Period 3	10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Period 4	12:10 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.
Period 5	1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

TIMETABLES

By the end of the day on Friday, September 1, 2023, timetables will be emailed to students via their GAPPs account. Locker information will also be provided at this time. For those new to the YRDSB who do not have a GAPPs email, timetables will be sent to the parent/guardian email provided at the time of registration. New YRDSB students will receive their account information the first week of school. Students must follow their assigned timetable. Due to the limited space available in most courses, requests for changes will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and the "course change request" form must be completed. Links and more information are to follow.

LUNCH

Student seating for lunch is available in the cafeteria and atrium, as well as in designated areas on the first floor, and outside. Students are permitted to leave school property at lunch, and are reminded to be mindful of bell-times and to be positive ambassadors of Newmarket HS in our community.

ENHANCEMENT FEES

Given the fee guidelines from the Ministry of Education, there are no fees related to supplies for coursework required for graduation; however, the guidelines do allow fees for enhanced materials that are voluntary enrichments beyond what is necessary to meet the curriculum expectations. All students wishing to participate in school extracurricular clubs, councils, teams, and school activities are required to pay the Student Activity Fee. In addition, participation in athletic programs will require students to pay a fee for participation on teams. A breakdown of the costs for each team will be provided to students during tryouts.

You will receive an email indicating when items are available for purchase.

- **Student Activity Fee: \$30.00:** Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities that build school spirit and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom, including student cards, lockers, Student Council activities/events/theme days, co-curricular clubs and councils, conferences/guest speakers, and wellness activities.
- **Physical Education (Gym) Clothes** (optional but students must change into appropriate clothes daily). A variety of items/packages will be available for purchase.
- **School Parking Pass - \$3.00**

*Please note all costs include taxes and processing fees and are payable via [School Cash Online](#).

BUSSING

- Students who will be riding a school bus (or taxi) to and from school, will need to visit the [Student Transportation Services of York Region](#) website to determine their pick up and drop off locations / times. If you are unsure if you are eligible for student transportation, this can also be determined by visiting the website.
- To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca.

PARKING

- Student vehicles are to be parked in the Student Parking area (located in the South West corner of the lot). When dropping off / picking up students, please avoid the bus loading zone at the front of the school. Students may not park in the staff parking lot, which is the main parking area at the front of the building, or in the receiving area behind the school. Students driving recklessly or dangerously on school grounds will have their driving privileges on school property revoked.
- All students driving and parking their vehicles at school must register their vehicle in the school's Main Office and display a valid tag. Please visit the Main Office to complete the Parking Registration Form.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is run by parents, for parents. Council meetings are an excellent way to become informed about and involved with your child's school community. Meetings are open, informal discussions on school matters, with a focus on student success. We encourage our students' parents/guardians to participate in our School Council. Information about our School Council and their meetings will be provided in our electronic newsletter. Our first School Council meeting will be held on **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. in the school Library**. School Council Elections will take place at this first meeting. If you are interested in one of the positions, please complete and submit the "School Council Candidate Nomination Form", which will be sent home next week.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any other questions.