



**NEW ROCHELLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Hello Ninth Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to New Rochelle High School! I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I know the pandemic has impacted our community in many ways causing anxiety over the various uncertainties we are now facing in our lives. As summer comes to a close we are about to start a school year in a manner which is new to all of us. Despite the challenges we are all facing, our administration, secretaries, faculty and staff have been hard at work this summer preparing to make this upcoming school year – your first at New Rochelle High School -- a great one!

I am returning this year to New Rochelle HS as Interim Principal after a three-year absence. I retired in 2017 after thirty years as the Social Studies Department Chair for the Secondary Schools. Also, returning as Assistant Principal, after a year at Albert Leonard MS, is Camille Edwards-Thomas. We are joined by Interim Assistant Principal Rachel Cornelius. We look forward to working with a highly qualified and dedicated staff who are eager to provide you with a robust and enriching educational experience.

Please review your enclosed schedule. If you have any requested changes please, see *Program Changes Request Information for Students* link under School Announcements on the NRHS website (<https://nrhs.nred.org>). This link directs you to the change forms which will be sent directly to your counselor.

During this time of social distancing we want to ensure that each of our high school students continues to have access to high-quality curriculum and assignments. We plan to deliver instruction through a virtual learning environment, and we need your support to ensure the success of our efforts! Please take a moment to review our plan below and talk with your children about their responsibilities during this time.

Please fill out the CSDNR device loaner form that is posted under School Announcements on our website (<https://nrhs.nred.org>). This form needs to be filled out by every student and their parent/guardian regardless of whether they have a personal device or a device borrowed from the school district at home.

During the week of September 8, asynchronous modules will be posted on NRHS CLASS OF 2024 google classroom **CLASS CODE: ztotxl3**. Students are expected to complete these during the week. Completion of these modules will serve as your attendance each day. Beginning on Monday, September 14, the regular eight-period day (the schedule is on a separate page) will begin. Teachers will send their Google-classroom codes before then. Instruction will be synchronous through either Zoom or Google-Meet. Teachers will be available through email or posted “office hours.” The current reentry plan has students returning to school in person utilizing a hybrid model with a three-day rotation in October. You will receive an email with more specific information in a few weeks, including a planned on-site orientation and tour of the high school, several days before you arrive. In the meantime, students should check the high school website regularly for important updates.

On Friday, September 11, ninth grade students are asked to come the gym entrance on Clove Road in order to have their school ID photos taken and pick up Chromebooks, if needed. Please arrive according to the following schedule:

| Time               | Letter of Last Name Starts With: |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:30 -9:30 am      | A-C                              |
| 9:45-10:45 am      | D-H                              |
| 11:00 am- 12:00 pm | I-M                              |
| 12:15-1:15 pm      | N-R                              |
| 1:30-2:30 pm       | S-Z                              |

What are the overall student/teacher expectations for remote instruction? We expect that greater interaction will take place during the 2020-2021 school year than during remote learning last school year. All students will be expected to log into Google Meet or Zoom meetings and will follow a regular bell schedule for each course (see below). Please be reassured that we are committed to providing remote learning that is engaging and promotes a positive environment that supports the development of our students. Students will receive consistent feedback and progress monitoring. They will earn numerical grades in all courses.

| Period | Time        |
|--------|-------------|
| AM     | 7:22-8:10   |
| 1      | 8:15-9:03   |
| 2      | 9:07-9:55   |
| 3      | 9:59-10:47  |
| 4      | 10:51-11:39 |
| 5      | 11:43-12:31 |
| 6      | 12:35-1:23  |
| 7      | 1:27-2:15   |
| 8      | 2:19-3:07   |

We want to assure you that, whether in person or in the virtual space, our faculty, administrators and support staff are here to assist you with earning your high school diploma and having the best possible experience while doing so. We hope that during your four years at NRHS, you challenge yourself to work your hardest, explore new interests, hone your talents and fully develop your potential.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for your understanding, compassion, resiliency, patience and support as we make decisions on the fast pacing circumstances and the impact they have on our educational system. I look forward to coming back to you with more information as it is available, as we strive to bring students the best possible educational experience in as safe a manner as possible for our whole school community. There is still a lot to be excited about Please check your email and our website for updates on the details of the upcoming school year.

Working together we can and will overcome any challenges we face.

Sincerely yours,



Steven A. Goldberg  
Interim Principal