



## NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear North Reading High School Family:

I am hopeful that you have been enjoying your summer and that you are looking forward to the new school year. This letter is intended to serve as a reminder of some important items relative to the 2017-2018 school year. Please know that additional information will be mailed to you in the latter part of the month of August. At that time, students can expect to receive their schedule of classes for 2017-2018. An additional mailing in August will include a parent/student handbook and a calendar of activities for 2017-2018 among other important items. I am confident that this information will answer many questions that parents and students may have.

For the time being, however, please note the following:

### ***Family ID:***

This on-line program is used to collect important student and contact information as well as to register students for athletics and extra-curricular activities. It is my hope that the use of Family ID will prove helpful to families in providing this important information rather than through completing paper forms which can be time consuming for families.

All families are encouraged to create an account with Family ID. To do so, please visit the high school's website at [hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us](http://hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us). On the left-hand side of the home page you will find is the Family ID tab. Click on the icon and you will find three selections: North Reading High School Family ID page, North Reading High School Athletics, and Student Extra-Curricular Registration. You must first establish an account with Family ID using a self-created password in order to complete the Student Data Form or to register your child for extra-curricular activities and athletic programs.

***It is respectfully requested that each family establish an account with Family ID and complete the Student Data Form prior to August 18, 2017.***

The Family ID program is a very user-friendly program and the technical support is excellent. Please contact Family ID directly with any technical issues that you may have with the use of the program.

### ***Class of 2021 Orientation and Luncheon:***

Our Student Leadership Academy and Mentoring (S.L.A.M.) program will be hosting an orientation program and luncheon at the new North Reading High School for incoming freshmen students on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Students planning on attending this event

are asked to please register at <https://sites.google.com/a/north-reading.k12.ma.us/slam/> by August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Incoming freshmen students are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation program as a means of achieving a smooth transition to high school life. Student representatives will be in attendance to present the various extra-curricular activities available to students at North Reading High School. This will be a nice opportunity for freshmen students to learn more about the activities in advance of registering to participate in them in the fall. Students are asked to please mark your calendar for this important program and plan to attend.

### ***Athletics:***

Parents and students are reminded that sports physicals expire thirteen months from the date of the physical examination. Regulations issued by the Department of Public Health require that students have an up-to-date physical examination for their continued participation in athletics. This regulation mandates that upon the expiration of a student's physical examination, again, which is valid for thirteen months, the student is immediately not eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics until such time that a valid physical examination report is filed with the office of the Athletic Director. If your child's physical examination is due to expire during the athletic season or school year, make sure you schedule well in advance another appointment with your child's physician for a new physical examination so that your child remains eligible to participate.

Registration and payment of the athletic user's fee for fall athletics must be done through the Family ID program, which can be accessed from the tab on the home page of the high school's website at [hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us](http://hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us).

The schedule for the fall athletic program will soon be posted on the School News section of the high school website. The "Tryout" schedule is currently posted under the Athletics tab. Parents and students are also urged to check the August editions of *The Transcript* for specific times and locations. ***All fall athletics registrations, physical examinations, and athletic user's fees should be submitted as early as possible.***

### ***School Supplies for 2017-2018:***

It is recommended that, for the first day of school, students bring with them basic school supplies such as a notebook and pens or pencils. In September, teachers will identify for students any specific supplies that may be needed for the school year. While many students may choose to save work on a Google site, one recommended item to consider purchasing in advance is a Micro Flash Drive (commonly referred to as a "thumb drive" or "flash drive") with at least one gigabyte of memory. The Micro Flash Drive can be used by students to store any work that they may do on a school-based computer, thus lessening the risk that the work may be lost or destroyed. This will be particularly useful for students who prepare long-range and involved projects and/or presentations.

All students are strongly encouraged to purchase a Texas Instruments graphing calculator for use in their mathematics class. The recommended calculator is the TI-84 Plus. This single calculator purchase will provide each student with calculator support for all mathematics courses.

### ***Summer Reading:***

The North Reading High School Summer Reading Program information is posted on the high school's website at [hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us](http://hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us). It is hoped that the books on the "Summer Reading List" will be enjoyable and interesting to students. Due to the mature content of some of the books on the summer reading list, parents are encouraged to participate in the summer reading program with their child. Students are reminded to be reading their books as part of the requirements of the "Summer Reading Program." Students will be assessed in the fall on their reading of the two books assigned to their grade level as part of their English class.

### ***Advanced Placement Course Summer Assignments:***

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes for 2017-2018 are reminded to complete the "summer assignments" for the respective classes. All AP Summer Assignments are available on the high school's website at [hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us](http://hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us) under the High School News tab.

### ***Community Service:***

The summer is a good time to get a head start on community service. Juniors and seniors are urged to consider making arrangements for a community service project that will meet the outlined requirements. Information about the Community Service program and the requisite forms to be completed are available on the high school's website at [hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us](http://hs.north-reading.k12.ma.us).

### ***Class of 2018 Yearbook Portraits:***

Class of 2017 students are reminded that, if you have not already done so, you must arrange to have your yearbook photo taken by O'Connor Studios. **Only photos taken by O'Connor Studios are acceptable for inclusion in the 2018 yearbook.** If you have not had your senior portrait photo taken, you are urged to call O'Connor Studios immediately at 978-640-6250 to arrange for an appointment time. O'Connor Studios will be on site at North Reading High School on July 24<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup>, to take senior portrait photos for students with a scheduled sitting. **These portraits are scheduled to take place in room G-3 located behind the high school gymnasium. Please enter the high school through the side door by the Girls Locker Room; access is NOT provided via the Gymnasium or Main Street.** Information about senior yearbook photos and appointment times have been mailed home directly to students from the staff of O'Connor Studios.

### ***Senior Year Expenses:***

Senior students and their parents are also reminded that a student's senior year of high school can be very expensive. There is the cost of the senior prom, the graduation cap and gown, senior portraits, the yearbook, and a class ring to name but a few expenses. By bringing this information to your attention at this time, I am hopeful that you may have adequate time to budget accordingly for the many expenses that senior students and their parents will encounter during the upcoming senior year.

### ***Student Parking Permits:***

All students wishing to park a vehicle at the high school will need to have a parking permit. If a student received a parking permit during the 2016-2017 school year, this permit is **no longer** valid. Parking permits were reserved during the last weeks of school and distributed during the summer. Any student seeking a parking permit who was not able to do so on the designated days may do so by visiting the Main Office Monday – Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or when school opens. Students are asked to please complete a "Student Vehicle Registration Form" which can be

found on the high school website. You must present your driver's license at this time. There is no fee associated with the acquisition of a parking permit. There are a limited amount of parking permits which will be issued; students are asked to respect the parking policies outlined in the Student Handbook.

Thank you very much for your attention to the information contained in this letter. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful remainder to the summer and know that additional information about the opening of the 2017-2018 school year, including students' class schedules, is due to be mailed on or around August 22, 2017.

I am very much looking forward to an exciting and productive school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Loprete". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "J".

Anthony J. Loprete, *Principal*