



NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian and member of the Class of 2023,

Welcome to New Milford High School!

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer as you prepare to start a four-year journey that you will remember for the rest of your life. High school is a time in your life for tremendous growth, not only growth academically, but socially and emotionally as well. I often refer to the “high school experience”. To me, the high school experience is just that...an experience. It’s a time to hopefully come to grips with who you are and to find yourself not just as a student, but also and more importantly as a person.

New Milford High School is a big place and can be a bit overwhelming at first. So in an attempt to ease your anxiety and get you the information you need to successfully start your school year we have a wonderful opportunity for you. **All incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to an orientation session on Tuesday, August 20th starting at 10:00 a.m. in our theater.** The agenda for the day is as follows:

- Outline the new graduation requirements in effect for the Class of 2023
- Students will leave the theater with their assigned student leaders
 - Students will receive a **copy of their schedule and locker assignment** and tour the building
 - During this tour, students will have an opportunity to ask questions of fellow NMHS students that many new students have. Our student leaders volunteer their time in an effort to make your transition a smooth one.
- Parent Q&A session in the theater with the principal
- The program will conclude (@12:00 p.m.) with a pizza lunch in the cafeteria.

Additionally, freshmen will have the opportunity to have their class photo taken during the tour. Photo forms will be mailed home directly from Lifetouch studios. Lifetouch will also be available from 9:00-9:45 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m. for students who wish to come early or stay late to have their photo taken.

Regarding lunches, students at the high school level are allowed one emergency lunch loan in the event of insufficient funds. Please be sure your student has money in their account to avoid interrupted service.

Work ~ **A**chieve ~ **V**alue ~ **E**mpower

New Milford Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

A reminder regarding SUMMER READING: The summer reading assignment will count as extra credit in the first quarter for every subject. The assignment due date will be the second B-day of school, which is August 30, 2019. On summer reading day, students will not only submit their assignment, but also be able to share their thoughts on the book with a staff member and other students in their 3TR class (Take Time To Read). Below is the link to the summer reading page on the NMHS website:

<http://nmhs.newmilfordps.org/?PageName=%27Library%27>

I urge you to follow your dreams, passions, ambitions, and to reap the benefits that New Milford High School provides. Get involved with a club, activity, sport and most importantly stay on top of the academic work. The high school experience is what you make it. Make it an experience that you'll remember for the rest of your life.

See you on Tuesday, August 20th!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg P. Shugrue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being the most prominent.

Greg P. Shugrue
Principal