

Dear Parents/Guardians of New Trier,

We are all looking forward to this year's Homecoming Spirit Week, October 2 - October 6. The theme for the week is *GlowCo*, and events include dress-up days at both campuses, Lagniappe-Potpourri performances, an evening student rally, athletic competitions, and our Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 7 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Northfield Campus Gymnasiums for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Freshmen have their own dance mixer Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Northfield Campus and do not attend the Homecoming Dance.

Every student has a unique way of engaging with these events. Whether they come solo, join in with a group of friends, club members or extracurricular members, or come with a date, every mode of participation is celebrated. Please encourage your student to be a part of the week. Encourage them to think about how they'd like to experience the event(s), and who might join them. It's a wonderful opportunity to build memories, foster friendships, and nurture a sense of belonging. With that in mind, this letter includes important information about the event.

### **TICKET SALES**

Tickets will be sold online. **Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores may purchase tickets from 8:00 a.m. September 26 - October 7, until 8:30 p.m.** [Link to purchase tickets.](#)

### **TICKET PRICES AND STUDENT ID**

Tickets are \$20 per person. The ticket price includes DJ, activities, and festive decorations. There will be no paper tickets; individual ticket purchases are linked to a student's unique ID. Current student ID cards are required for entry and will be scanned at the door. Students may obtain a [replacement ID card](#).

### **GUEST REQUEST FORM AND GUEST TICKETS**

In order to bring a guest who does not currently attend New Trier, students must complete the [Guest Request Form](#) and present the completed form IN PERSON to the Activities Office in room W021D on the Winnetka Campus *no later than the end of the school day on Friday, October 6*. This form must be signed by the guest, their parent/guardian, and an administrator from the guest's school. Guest tickets must be purchased in the Activities Office (credit card, exact cash, or check made payable to NTHS). Guests must also bring a current photo ID to enter the dance.

### **ATTIRE**

The dress traditions for this event have been created by students. Juniors and seniors tend to wear group-themed costumes and sophomores tend to wear semi-formal attire, but it is completely up to the students to wear what is comfortable and appropriate.

### **TRANSPORTATION, PARKING AND ENTRY**

**Student Parking on campus** - Parking will be allowed in the lot south of the Cornog Auditorium (E Building) or the west lot off Happ Rd. Parking is not allowed in the drop-off lanes in front of the Cornog Auditorium, the stadium, or D Building.

**Student Drop off** – Student drop off will be in the athletics drop-off lane outside the F Building just south of the stadium.

**ADA Drop off** – ADA drop off will be in the drop-off lane in front of the D Building, and ADA entry to the campus will be between the D Building and the Cornog Auditorium off Happ Road.

**Entrance to Dance** - Students will enter the dance from the ground floor doors of the F Building (F2 & F3). The main level gym doors (F8) will be available for ADA access only. Current student ID cards are required for entry in order to scan into the dance. Guests must also bring a current photo ID to enter the dance. There will be no in and out privileges and no admittance after 8:30 p.m.

## **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

At dances and other social events, New Trier's priority is to provide a fun and safe environment for our students. We greet students as they arrive and work with the NTPA chaperones to make sure all students enjoy the dance in a healthy manner. New Trier supervisors will require random students to take a breathalyzer test; bags and vehicles may also be searched. Students will not be allowed to remain in cars, buses, or limousines in lieu of entering the dance.

**Parent Support** - As our students prepare for this event, it is important that parents are involved in any plans. Your guidance is essential to assure students do not engage in unsafe behavior.

***Parents should network with other parents regarding Homecoming-related plans. Please talk with other parents about guidelines or questions you have about the evening.***

As with all other school events, the use of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, vaping products, and other prohibited substances (as defined in the Student Guidebook) is strictly prohibited and will result in consequences. In addition, each student attending the Homecoming Dance is expected to adhere to all school policies and rules.

We appreciate your support in helping our students set expectations and parameters for an enjoyable and safe Homecoming.

## **HOMECOMING EVENTS**

Thursday, October 5 - Homecoming Night Rally 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Winnetka Campus Main Gym

The Night Rally is a Trevian tradition, for New Trier students only, in which ALL FOUR classes come together to celebrate our school spirit and Trevian pride. Students attending will be seated in the bleachers by grade level.

Throughout the week, there are several athletic and performing arts events for students to attend. Check the [Athletic schedule](#) and [Performing Arts schedule](#) for a complete list.

If you have any questions about these events, please do not hesitate to contact your student's adviser or the Activities Director, Stacy Kolack [kolacks@nths.net](mailto:kolacks@nths.net), or visit the [Homecoming Dance Webpage](#). This information has also been shared with students through their adviser room and Canvas.

Sincerely,

Denise Dubravec

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