Dear Parents/Guardians of New Trier.

We look forward to this year's September 16 - 20 Homecoming Spirit Week. The theme for the week is "Trevian Tropical Rainforest", and a variety of exciting events are planned, including spirit week activities at both campuses, an evening student rally, athletic competitions, and the **Homecoming dance on Saturday, September 21, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.** in the Northfield Campus Gymnasiums for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Freshmen have their dance mixer on Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Northfield Campus and do not attend the Homecoming Dance.

Every student engages with these events uniquely. Whether they attend solo, with a group of friends, club members, extracurricular members, or with a date, all forms of participation are celebrated. Please talk to your student about participating in the week's activities. Encourage them to think about how they'd like to experience the events, and who might join them. It's a wonderful opportunity to create memories, foster friendships, and strengthen their sense of belonging.

TICKET SALES

Tickets will be sold online. Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores may purchase tickets from 8:00 a.m. September 9 - September 21, until 8:30 p.m. <u>Purchase tickets here</u>.

TICKET PRICES AND STUDENT ID

Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes DJ and activities. There will be no paper tickets; each ticket purchase is linked to a student's unique ID. A current student ID card is required for entry and will be scanned at the door. Students who need a <u>replacement ID card</u> can obtain one before the event.

GUEST WHO DOES NOT ATTEND NEW TRIER: REQUEST FORM AND TICKETS

To bring a guest who does not attend New Trier, students must complete the <u>Guest Request Form</u> and submit 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, September 20.* The 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 or check made payable to NTHS). Guests are required to bring a current photo ID to enter the dance.

ATTIRE

The dress traditions for this event have been shaped by students. Juniors and seniors often wear group-themed costumes, while sophomores typically choose semi-formal attire. However, it is entirely up to each student to wear what they feel is comfortable and appropriate.

TRANSPORTATION, PARKING AND ENTRY

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

Student Drop-off: 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, with ADA entry to the campus 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. A current student ID card is required for entry and will be scanned at the door. 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 our students a fun and safe environment. We greet students as they arrive and work with the NTPA chaperones to ensure everyone enjoys the dance in a healthy and positive way. New Trier supervisors may 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 instead of entering the dance.

Parent Support: As our students prepare for this event, it is important for parents to be involved in the planning. Your guidance is crucial in helping ensure that students engage in safe and appropriate behavior.

We encourage parents to connect with other parents regarding Homecoming-related plans and discuss any guidelines or questions you might have about the evening.

As with all 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. Additionally, all students attending the Homecoming Dance are 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

The annual Homecoming Night Rally is Thursday, September 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Main Gym at the Winnetka Campus. The Night Rally is a Trevian tradition for New Trier students only, where ALL FOUR classes come together to celebrate school spirit and Trevian pride. Students will be seated in the bleachers by grade level.

Throughout the week, there are several athletic events for students to attend. Check the <u>Athletic schedule</u> for a complete list.

If you have any questions about these events, please contact your student's adviser or the Activities Coordinator, Stacy Kolack, at <u>kolacks@nths.net</u>, or visit the <u>Homecoming Dance Webpage</u>. This information has also been shared with students through their adviser room and Canvas.

Sincerely,

Denise Dubravec

Principal/Assistant Superintendent, Winnetka Campus