

NVD FRESHMAN PARENT 101

Being a new parent can be overwhelming. Here are some facts that should help you navigate the ins and outs of NVD...

REGISTERING

The first thing you will be asked to do is register your student. Parents receive an email in June of their student's eighth grade year from "noreply@nvnet.org" which contains a special link for each student to enroll in [Genesis Parent Portal](#). Follow the prompts, answer all the questions and pay the fees...

FEES

You will be getting a lot of emails about various fees that should be paid. Most of these can be paid online. Here are the basics of each one:

1. Technology Maintenance Fee

This fee is for a school issued laptop (which is optional but highly recommended and is what most people opt for). This fee is collected during the registration email you get in June. The laptop part is at the end. Also titled 1:1 technology program. Make sure this is done so you can cross it off your list! (Cost is \$75 for 2021-2022)

2. Activity Fee

This one-time annual fee is required for any student who plans on participating in any school sports, school clubs or any other co-curricular activities. This can also be paid in June during the online registration. (Cost is \$50 for 2021-2022)

3. PTSO

The Parent Teacher Student Organization devotes its energy to enhancing your student experience. From fun events to school renovations, the PTSO fills in the gaps to support the school. They also give out \$1000 Senior scholarships to 10+ students each year and only PTSO members for all 4 years are eligible! You should have received emails to sign up with a link but the easiest way is to go to www.NVDPTSO.org. If you do not already have an account you will need to create an account first with a username and password. Then simply click the JOIN NOW button. Membership is the most significant way the PTSO raises funds and is the best way for parents to stay in touch with school happenings, so it is important to take the time to join this optional organization. (Cost starts at \$35)

Note: You cannot log into NVDPTSO while logged into any lower school PTO site so make sure you are logged out of any other site first.

4. Booster Club

This club supports the facilities and athletes of the NVD community. While Membership is optional, it does have its benefits. Members receive two tickets for admission to all Football games, Basketball games, Volleyball games, and Wrestling matches which usually cost \$3-\$5 each. Members also receive two Norsemen Nation t-shirts. In addition, the Booster Club also gives out Senior scholarships and just like the PTSO, you need to be a member to be eligible. If you are already registered for a sport, you should have received an email from Karen Ayvaliotis with a link to join online at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/annual-nvd-booster-membership-2021-2022>. Any other questions can be further answered by Michael Oppido, the NVD Athletic Director. (Cost is \$55 for 2021-2022)

5. Norsemen Performing Arts Parents Association

If your student is involved in theater, choir, or music performance, check out the https://nvd.nvnet.org/academics/performing_arts site. It has information about courses offered, the faculty, performance calendar, ensembles, photos/videos, etc. For information about the NVD

Marching Band visit <https://sites.google.com/view/nvdmarchingband/home?authuser=0>. Join the Norsemen Performing Arts and Parents Association (NPAPA) to support the Music and Theater departments. Become a member via the www.norsemenpapa.org website. You can also purchase performing arts spirit wear through the NPAPA site.

6. Class Dues

These are collected by your student's class advisors and you will likely receive an email in late September. These dues are used to help pay for class trips, proms and the Senior Picnic for the class at the end of Senior year. Families have the option of paying these dues yearly or making a onetime payment for all four years. This is the only fee that is REQUIRED.

CALENDARS

School Year Calendar: Calendar shows school closings, delayed openings, A/B/C/D days. [Calendar 2021-2022 Rev. 1-21-2021](#)

Norsemen Athletics Calendar. Here's a link to up-to-date schedules for all Norsemen sports - <https://northernvalleyathletics.bigteams.com>. You can create an account and get alerts sent via mail or text for schedule changes!

COVID SAFE RETURN

NVRHS Restart Information: Contains all district information on the Covid Safe Return to school. <https://restart.nvnet.org/>

LUNCH PROGRAM

This is something you want to sign up for as soon as possible to make lunchtime smooth for your student. You should have received an email with the subject – **Pomptonian Food Services Welcome Back Information** – which gives information on the school lunch program. The payment website is www.PaySchoolsCentral.com – which allows you to put money into your student's account for them to pay for lunch. You can set it for auto-replenishment which means that if it dips below a certain amount it will charge your credit card automatically so your child will never be without funds. Students use their Student ID number to pay at the cafeteria checkout.

CLUBS

Clubs are a great way for students to get involved in the school and meet new people. Plus students get credit for their extra-curricular activities that are needed to be considered for the National Honor Society and can be used on college applications. There are plenty of clubs to join for every interest. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in something. Students will have an opportunity to join the clubs during the CLUB FAIR which is usually the second week of school. You will want your student to go to the school website (www.nvnet.org) and check out the list before the Fair to avoid being overwhelmed by too many choices.

DROP OFF TIPS

The best tip we can give is get to school EARLY! The amount of traffic that builds up on Knickerbocker is overwhelming. Entering the front loop is challenging, but utilizing an alternate merge between the traffic traveling North and the traffic traveling South makes it slightly easier so please try to follow that plan. If you choose to drop off behind the tennis courts on Franklin St. please make sure to be patient and don't speed. Another option is to enter the Senior parking lot and proceed past the school and down the hill to Columbus Ave. after dropping your student. And finally, please remind your student to only cross at designated crosswalks.