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Dear Parent or Guardian of a Senior:

The **Newark High School Senior Privilege Program** honors the effort made by our upperclassmen to follow a personally established code of ethics that is consistent with the high school mission, vision, and values. Students regularly embodying these tenets are more likely to experience life-long success and as a result, are honored with privileges.

Over the years, our students have grown incredibly fond of the privilege programs at Newark High School, particularly those associated with the senior year. As a result, it brings us great joy to once again offer this program to our students.

Ms. Donice Mulberry (monitor) is the staff member responsible for the day to day supervision of seniors enjoying privileges. Additionally, an administrator will manage the process of regularly updating the privilege eligibility status of each senior.

A **senior with privileges** may:

- Utilize the Fox Den (senior lounge) and senior hall when assigned to lunch and study hall.
 - *Be advised, only a principal may extend privileges to another area, e.g. credit bearing class. Also, while in the Fox Den, students have the freedom to play video games rated for teens.*
- Leave school grounds when assigned to lunch and study hall.
- NEW!!! Be employed during the regular school day. To be clear, students seeking reduced/modified schedules to work during the regular school day require their senior privileges.

Students that will start their senior year with privileges meet the following criteria:

- Failed one or fewer courses in their junior year.
 - *When a course failure was evident, the failure must have been by ten or fewer points.*
- Did not accumulate more than three disciplinary referrals during the second semester of their junior year.
- Have completed or nearly completed all Capstone requirements. Specifically:
 - *Have documented evidence of 15 service hours*
 - *Have completed the sophomore paper*
 - *Have completed all healthy choices journals or a similar activity per the Capstone Office*
- Were not suspended or had a program change due to behavior during the second semester of their junior year.

**ATTENTION JUNIORS...
PLEASE READ THIS SECTION!**

In order for **seniors to maintain or earn their privileges during their senior year**, during the most recently completed quarter they:

- Failed one or fewer courses.
 - *When a course failure was evident, the failure must have been by ten or fewer points.*
- Did not accumulate two or more disciplinary referrals. A referral that includes a warning or probation counts towards this total.
- Did not accumulate three or more days of suspension.
- Did not fail to meet a graduation requirement e.g. Capstone service/paper/presentation, have a significant program change e.g. drop a class

Our programs, when they include privileges, lead our students to experience a level of joy that is difficult to quantify. However, I can tell you that my firsthand experience with seniors motivated by our Senior Privilege Program are always favorable and promote the esprit de corps across the building that I am regularly seeking for all members of NHS. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Roote". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas C. Roote
Principal

2019-2020 Senior Privilege Program

(RETURN THIS SHEET ONLY TO THE MAIN OFFICE)

_____ has my permission to participate in the Senior Privilege Program, I have read and understand the by-laws that govern the program.

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

NOTE: Return to the NHS Main Office by 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 22 to be considered for privileges on the first day of school.

For students missing the August 22 deadline, privilege paperwork reviews will occur once per week starting the first full week of the school year.