

Dear Parents/Guardians of Freshmen,

The students of the Class of 2022 are off to a great start in their high school careers. Now that they have learned the Northfield Campus and have plunged into their course work, we know that they are eager to explore another aspect of high school life: school social events.

- A major event for freshmen is the **Freshman Mixer**. It will be held in the main gym at the Northfield Campus on Wednesday evening, October 3rd from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The following day is Freshman Go-to-School Night, so the school day does not begin until 6:00 p.m. Additional information about Freshman Go-to-School Night will be sent in the next several weeks. The Senior Helpers are hosting this dance and are excited to celebrate a social event with the Class of 2022. We feel it is important that our freshmen have an informal dance experience, one in which they have the opportunity to socialize with old friends and make some new ones without any concern about dates and semi-formal attire. Only freshmen at New Trier are invited to the Freshman Mixer.
- On Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 7:30-10:30 p.m., the **Trevapalooza Dance** will be held at the Winnetka Campus. This is the first opportunity for freshmen to attend a more formal dance.

School dances call into question issues such as dress, costs, curfews, and mode of transportation. New Trier wants to provide a safe and fun environment for our students. We greet students at the door, check bags, and work with Parents' Association chaperones to make sure all students enjoy the dance in a healthy way. In order to ensure safety once students arrive at dances, random students will be required to take a breathalyzer test.

It is important for you to know there is a police presence at all dances. If a student comes to a dance under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, we will call the student's parents/guardians and ask that they come to the dance to pick up their son or daughter. If someone cannot be reached, the police will take the student into custody. Since school rules apply at all school events, students will face disciplinary action if they are found under the influence or in possession of alcohol or other drugs. We want students to know our procedures and expectations so that our guidelines act as a deterrent.

Please reinforce that students can have a great evening without spending inordinate sums of money, using alcohol or other drugs, or staying out all night. We will continue to talk to our students about respect and personal responsibility throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, and thank you for helping to make this a great school year!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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