

Back-to-School Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning, we're thrilled to begin another year of learning and partnership with you and your student. Here is some key information as we head back to school:

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Find everything you need—schedules, book lists, iPad information, transportation, food service, fees, athletics, performing arts, and more on our [Back-to-School web page](#).

The [Student Guidebook](#) contains information on student services, school policies and procedures, and students' rights and responsibilities. Daily schedules and calendars are on the [Calendars page](#).

Student Class Schedules and First Day Plans

Schedules: Log in now to view your student's 2025-2026 schedule on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Click on “*Resource Links*” on the left side navigation and select 25-26 schedules to see your student's classes. Teachers' names will be shared on the first day of school.

[First Day Details:](#)

- **Class of 2029 (Freshmen):** Arrive at 8:00 a.m. for orientation, schedule review, tour, and lunch.
- **Class of 2028 (Sophomores):** Arrive at 8:20 a.m. for adviser meeting and campus tour.
- **Class of 2027 (Juniors):** Arrive at 9:15 a.m. for adviser check-in.
- **Class of 2026 (Seniors):** Arrive at 9:15 a.m., meet your adviser at the field on Trevian Way.
- **Dismissal:** Early release – 1:10 p.m. (Northfield), 1:30 p.m. (Winnetka)

Block Schedule App: The best tool to track periods, Blue/Green/Anchor days, and holidays is the New Trier Block Schedule App. Preloaded on student iPads or search “New Trier Block” in app stores: [Apple](#), [Android](#). Students input their schedules.

Traffic and Parking

Expect delays during the first week. Use these maps for designated drop-off/pick-up areas:

- [Winnetka Traffic Map](#)
- [Northfield Traffic Map](#)

Attendance, Devices, and Communication

Attendance Reminders

Consistent attendance not only enriches the classroom experience but also fosters a sense of connection and belonging within our school community. Review our full procedures with your student in the [Attendance Handbook](#).

- **Sign-In/Out Required** for partial absences at the campus Attendance Office (B Building, 2nd Floor, Northfield; Room 279 Winnetka) or Attendance Kiosk (Winnetka only, Trevian Way entrance, Door N16). No sign-in/out = unexcused absence.
- **Adviser Period:** Daily attendance required. Multiple tardies and/or unexcused absences can result in consequences including detention, Saturday school, or loss of extracurricular privileges.
- **Make-up Work:** Contact teacher within 1 day of absence; complete in 5 days.
- **Student Leaders:** Must maintain 90%+ attendance to keep their leadership positions.

Mobile Devices

New Trier does not allow the use of cell phones during adviser period and class time to minimize distractions and support student engagement and learning. Review the [Mobile Device Plan](#).

- Students must silence their phones and place them in caddies at the start of class/adviser period.
- Students may use phones during lunch and free periods.
- Starting this year, all student iPads will be locked to educational apps only. There is no opt-out of these restrictions.

ParentSquare and PowerSchool

New Trier communicates with families and students via ParentSquare, a one-stop shop for all school emails. Review our [New Trier Parent PowerSchool Resources](#).

- Sign up for the ParentSquare app: [Apple](#), [Android](#) – or register for the [desktop login](#) to see all New Trier emails in one place, searchable by topic.
- Customize your preferences in the app/desktop dashboard. By default, parents will get all information to their personal email as it is sent. See the resource page to [switch preferences](#) to a daily digest, texts, preferred language, and more.

PowerSchool is New Trier's student system to share grades, schedules, report absences, and submit important forms. This year, we have upgraded to the MyPowerHub dashboard. Review this [MyPowerHub video](#) for more information.

- Access the PowerSchool app for the same upgraded experience: [Apple](#), [Android](#).
- Find more information on the [PowerSchool web page](#).

We know that transitions can be overwhelming, especially in the first weeks. Encourage your student to reach out to their adviser with any questions or concerns—we are here to help. We are grateful for your partnership and excited for a fantastic school year ahead!

Sincerely,

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