

## Welcome to Your Freshman Year at New Canaan High School

Dear Class of 2025 and your families,

In a few weeks, you will officially become part of the NCHS family, and we are excited to have you as one of our own. As your summer break comes to an end, I expect that you've begun thinking about and planning for the start of your freshman year and probably have a lot of questions about life at the high school. Hopefully, this letter will answer many.

Because of last minute construction and clean-up, we cannot hold a 'walk-through' before the beginning of school. However, on the first day of school - [Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>](#) - you will have time to locate all your classrooms, begin to figure out the route from class to class, and become familiar with the layout of the building. All your classes will meet that morning between 7:30 and 11:30 AM, then we'll give you lunch, and you'll get introduced to all the important people who'll be your 'team' at New Canaan High School.

Please don't worry about not knowing where all the classrooms are; everyone will be trying to figure out their way around the building and there'll be plenty of people to direct you. In the meantime, here is the [virtual tour](#) of New Canaan High School we offered last year's freshmen (who also could not do a walkthrough).

When you meet them, your teachers will tell you what specific supplies and materials you'll need for their class. For all your classes, though, you will need your own [device](#) -- laptop, Chromebook, Macbook, etc -- every day (we can provide one if you do not already have your own).

On the second day - Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - we will begin our regular [eight-day rotation calendar](#) with a Day A and continue with our daily [block schedule](#). You will have no more than four classes meet each day and plenty of time within each period to learn and work with your teachers. Lunchtime is during the third block of the day and your shift will be based on [which class you are taking at that time](#).

As freshmen, you will have a full schedule with subject courses, electives, Health and Physical Education, Study Hall, and any others (your individual schedule of classes will be available through *PowerSchool* beginning the afternoon of August 24<sup>th</sup>). Remember, if you have an unassigned period during the first or last block of the day, you have the option of sleeping in (and arriving in time for your next class) or leaving at the end of the third block. In both cases, you must have your parent call the Attendance Office if you are not in the building.

That's it for now. PLEASE introduce yourselves to me and ask whatever you are wondering. When the school year starts, be patient with yourselves. We're all learning and growing together.

Take care,  
Ari Rothman  
Assistant Principal and [your](#) Grade-Level Administrator