

June 13, 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As students depart school to begin their summer vacation, I wanted to share some important information to assist you in planning for your child's return to Northwestern High School in the fall. Northwestern will be implementing a "Mandatory School Uniform" for the upcoming school year. This means that all students will be required to wear one standard uniform. We strongly believe that this policy will minimize distractions to academic achievement and improve our ability to create a safe and orderly learning environment.

Effective the first day of the 2007-2008 school year, August 20, 2007, a mandatory school uniform, as described in the enclosed "Mandatory Uniform Policy," will be worn by all Northwestern students in grades 9-12. Students will be required to report to school daily in full uniform and must wear their uniform throughout the school day. Students will also be required to wear their uniform on school-sponsored trips unless written notification is received to indicate an exception. In addition, work-study and early release students are also expected to wear their uniform while at school.

Northwestern has chosen Campus Outfitters (www.campusoutfitters.com) to provide uniforms for our students. They are conveniently located in College Park, Maryland. The Prince George's County Board of Education has decided that you may opt to purchase the uniform from the approved uniform company—Campus Outfitters—or purchase the same style and colors, without any logo, from the store of your choice. If you decide to do the latter, the uniform must meet the same standards as the adopted school uniform. We are enclosing an order form from Campus Outfitters for your immediate use and reference. Please do not hesitate to contact Northwestern with any questions.

The "Mandatory Uniform Policy" is but one change coming to Northwestern High School. In a few weeks, I will be writing you to share all of the other exciting initiatives your child will be involved in as we strive to help your child reach academic highs and prepare for a bright and promising future. Your support is encouraged, and we welcome any suggestions you may have to support the efforts of the Northwestern High School community.

Sincerely,

Jerome E. Thomas
Principal