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### MISSION STATEMENT:

North Port High School will inspire tomorrow's leaders by providing rigorous instruction, maintaining a safe and respectful environment and developing socially responsible individuals in their community and beyond.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://northporthighschool.net>

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## SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS 2024-2025 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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JULY 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st - 5th - 240 Staff Non-Work Days  
 15th - 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

5th - 196 Staff Return  
 12th - First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

2nd - Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

17th - End of 1st Grading Period  
 18th - Professional Day, Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27		

25th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff  
 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2024				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

20th - End of 2nd Grading Period  
 23rd - 31st - Winter Break - Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1st - 3rd - Winter Break - Students, All Staff  
 6th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28

17th - Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

13th - End of 3rd Grading Period  
 14th - Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff  
 17th - 21st - Spring Break - Students, All Staff

APRIL 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

18th - Mini Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

MAY 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

26th - Memorial Day - Students, All Staff  
 28th - Last Day for Students, 186 Staff  
 30th - Last Day for 196 Staff

JUNE 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

12th - Last Day for 220 Staff

\*Orange highlighted days will be used as inclement weather makeup days if needed



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- [www.sarasotacountychools.net/northporthighschool](http://www.sarasotacountychools.net/northporthighschool)
- @northportscs on Instagram (Official page)

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- @noponation on Instagram (Athletics Dept)
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## VPA

North Port High School Visual and Performing Arts continues to excel and grow. NPHS VPA offers high quality instruction in a diverse selection of fine arts in Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts. NPHS Dance offers courses in ballet and modern jazz dance, as well as a performing ensemble. The Summer Dance Intensive offers students the opportunity to work with special guest choreographers and to prepare for the rigors of the year ahead. NPHS Music offers specialized courses in band, chorus, jazz band, modern music, orchestra and percussion. Early this summer NPHS hosted a strings camp for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students, and band camp with color guard is going on just prior to school starting. NPHS Theatre presented a production of Sussical Jr. with middle and high school students at the conclusion of their three-week summer camp. NPHS Visual art students donated their time to paint a mural at the AMVETS POST 312.



## SGA

The Student Government Association of North Port High School is gearing up for another fun filled and busy year! We will “hit the ground running” at the start of the school year in preparations for Homecoming and all the festivities that go along with that. The Homecoming game will be on September 27, and our spirit week before Homecoming promises to be action and fun packed! SGA is also going to host District 4 Fall Rally! This event will take place on our campus in October. Our SGA officers are excited to start the school year because they will finally have their own “office” in Mrs. Kinker’s room. They have been busy this summer decorating this space and making it a comfortable place to hold board and committee meetings. Our club has also been busy this summer volunteering for our community and sold concessions for the 3rd annual Alumni Basketball Games on August 3rd. We are excited to be able to communicate with our members through many different avenues this upcoming year. Members can receive information through Thrill share, Schoology, and the SGA Instagram run by our Executive President, Layla Brownell. We are looking forward to an action-packed year at North Port High School!

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# A I C E

## AICE

The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program at North Port High School provides a challenging, internationally recognized curriculum designed for academically advanced students. Since NPHS achieved Cambridge International School status in 2012 and began awarding AICE diplomas in 2016, the program has consistently issued around 150 diplomas annually and has generated over \$3 million in Bright Futures funding each year for its students. The AICE diploma, awarded for passing seven college-level exams, is recognized by universities worldwide for its emphasis on independent research, critical thinking, and deep subject knowledge.

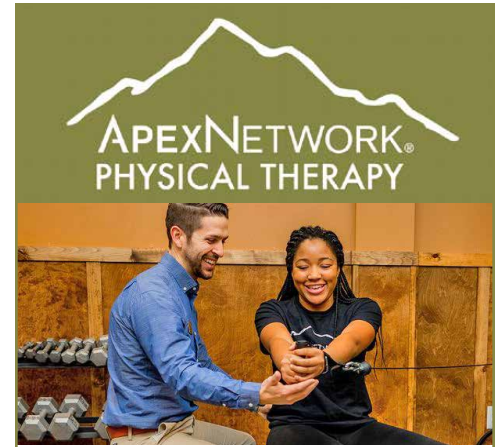
The AICE program requires students to complete coursework in three categories: Math and Science, Language, and Arts and Humanities. It equips students with essential skills such as critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication, which are highly valued in both academic and professional settings. Additionally, students who achieve the AICE diploma and complete 100 community service hours are eligible for the Florida Academic Scholars Award, covering full tuition and fees at a state school in Florida or providing a significant financial benefit for private institutions. For more information or to apply, please visit [www.NorthPortAICE.com](http://www.NorthPortAICE.com).

## PARENT PORTAL FOR STUDENT PROGRESS

Grades and attendance can be accessed at any time via the Focus parent portal. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their academic progress and attendance regularly on the Focus Portal. Progress reports and report cards are also made available through this portal.



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The NPHS Alliance Marching Band is actively seeking business sponsors to support our upcoming season. As a vital part of our community, the marching band relies on the generosity of local businesses to fund uniforms, travel expenses, and equipment.



Sponsoring our band not only provides essential financial assistance but also offers businesses the opportunity to be prominently featured in our events and promotional materials, demonstrating their commitment to the arts and youth development. Join us in making this season a memorable and successful one for our talented student musicians!

## NPHS PARTNERS WITH ACHIEVA BANK

For the first time, NPHS students will have the chance to hold a Bobcat debit card! Achieva Bank has been working with NPHS for over a year providing lessons on financial literacy and how to get started post high school. Now, NPHS students have the chance to put those lessons to good use! When NPHS students open a student account with Achieva, they earn discounts on purchases at school, get free money for good grades and graduating, and a bobcat logo debit card. The Achieva reps will be speaking at the opening assemblies to participating students when we return to school.

## CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may not use electronic devices during school, while on school property or vehicles or at or while engaged in a school-sponsored activity to access or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school or in a manner prohibit by District policy or law, without explicit authorization. In special circumstances with permission from a supervising District employee, a student may so use an electronic device. The requirement that electronic devices must be turned off will not apply when the electronic device is being used for an educational or instructional purpose with the teacher's permission and supervision.

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For more District information on cell phone policy, please refer to: [https://core-docs.s3.us-east1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/4647/SCS/4001444/Student\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.us-east1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/4647/SCS/4001444/Student_Guidelines.pdf)



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## ATHLETICS

We have some wonderful activities planned for our NPHS Bobcats. To start off the year we are inviting our North Port community to come out to Bobcat Football on Friday nights. At the football game you can sit in the SGA Touchdown Club which is located at the end zone. This will allow you to have a direct view of all the excitement of Bobcat Football! In the Touchdown Club you can enjoy food and beverages from our famous Grid Iron Grill. SGA Wait Staff will take your order and bring you your bill, so you never have to leave your seat!!! Come on out and enjoy Bobcat Football!

If you are a Sports Fan, NPHS has the perfect solution! Season Tickets are now on sale at all sporting events, or your student may purchase them at the posted "sale times". Adult tickets are \$70 and NPHS student passes are \$35. This ticket allows you to enter ALL Bobcat sporting events on our campus for the 2024-2025 school year! Your season pass will allow you entrance to the Touchdown Club.

If you are NPHS alumni, neighbors of NPHS or families of NPHS, please mark your calendar for September 27th when the Bobcats take on DeSoto. During this game we will announce the HOCO King and Queen of NPHS along with their court. Please wear your best Navy, Silver & White and cheer for the Bobcats!

## APPROVED BAGS

- Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12"W x 12" H x 6"D
- One-gallon clear plastic bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Purse or a small clutch bag approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap (can be carried separately or within a plastic bag)

## NON-APPROVED BAGS



## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Anyone possessing PROHIBITED items will be asked to return them to their cars, take them to one of our Bag Check stations or dispose of them in the garbage cans provided at the gate.

- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs
- Animals (except service animals)
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- Bicycles, skates, scooters or skateboards
- Cans, glass, hydration packs, thermos bottles, metal bottles (more than 20 ounces), open containers
- Horns and artificial noisemakers
- Laser pointers
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**Regular Bell Schedule**

4th Lunch	# min	5th Lunch	# min	6th Lunch	# min			
1st	7:30-8:25	55	1st	7:30-8:25	55	1st	7:30-8:25	55
2nd	8:30-9:18	48	2nd	8:30-9:18	48	2nd	8:30-9:18	48
3rd	9:23-10:11	48	3rd	9:23-10:11	48	3rd	9:23-10:11	48
Lunch	10:11-10:41	30	4th	10:16-11:04	48	4th	10:16-11:04	48
5th	10:46-11:34	48	Lunch	11:04-11:34	30	5th	11:09-11:57	48
6th	11:39-12:27	48	6th	11:39-12:27	48	Lunch	11:57-12:27	30
7th	12:32-1:20	48	7th	12:32-1:20	48	7th	12:32-1:20	48
8th	1:25-2:15	50	8th	1:25-2:15	50	8th	1:25-2:15	50



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4th Lunch	# min	5th Lunch	# min	6th Lunch	# min			
1st	7:30-8:13	43	1st	7:30-8:13	43	1st	7:30-8:13	43
2nd	8:18-9:00	42	2nd	8:18-9:00	42	2nd	8:18-9:00	42
<b>PRIDE</b>	<b>9:05-9:54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>PRIDE</b>	<b>9:05-9:54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>PRIDE</b>	<b>9:05-9:54</b>	<b>49</b>
3rd	9:59-10:41	42	3rd	9:59-10:41	42	3rd	9:59-10:41	42
Lunch	10:41-11:11	30	4th	10:46-11:28	42	4th	10:46-11:28	42
5th	11:16-11:58	42	Lunch	11:28-11:58	30	5th	11:33-12:15	42
6th	12:03-12:45	42	6th	12:03-12:45	42	Lunch	12:15-12:45	30
7th	12:50-1:32	42	7th	12:50-1:32	42	7th	12:50-1:32	42
8th	1:37-2:15	43	8th	1:37-2:15	43	8th	1:37-2:15	43

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