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## A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS...

NPHS Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Pinna, winning District High School  
Teacher of the Year 23-24



## 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>



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**Mr. Pinna**



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- @noponation on Instagram (Athletics Dept)
- NorthPortHighSCS on Facebook

# 2023 2024



## POINSETTIA PARADE

Come out and support your North Port High School clubs at the North Port Poinsettia Parade at City Hall, sponsored by the City of North Port. Anyone interested in walking alongside of our float and passing out candy can join us! All are welcomed and your participation is encouraged. Come enjoy Christmas around the world! December 2nd @ 5 pm, students will show up at 4:30 to set up. Please see Mrs. Kinker (7-201) if you are interested.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Benchmarks (USH/BIO/Alg/Geo) – November 13 – 17 (more info to follow)
- FCLE (Government EOC) – all students enrolled in a government class – November 28, 29, 30. One day test done in computer labs.
- FAST ELA Retakes – all students who have already sat one time for the FAST Gr. 10 ELA and need to pass – December 5 & 6. One day test done in computer labs.
- BEST Alg EOC – all 11th and 12th grade students needing an Algebra concordant score – December 7 & 8. One day test done in computer labs.
- BEST Geo and NGSSS USH/BIO EOS's – for all students who need to test – December 12 & 13. One day tests done in computer labs.
- December 14 – Winter Test Window makeups (one last opportunity this window for kids to take tests that they need).
- LEOC's/Midterms – December 18 – 21.
- Half-days – December 20 & 21.
- Professional Day December 22 (possible makeups for LEOC's/ Midterms) – no transportation provided for students

### 2023-2024 Midterm Exam Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023: 8th Period Exam					
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:10 (40 MIN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:10 (40 MIN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:10 (40 MIN)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15-8:55 (40 MIN)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15-8:55 (40 MIN)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:15-8:55 (40 MIN)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00-9:40 (40 MIN)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00-9:40 (40 MIN)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00-9:40 (40 MIN)
Lunch	9:45-10:15 (30 MIN)	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-10:25 (40 MIN)	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-10:25 (40 MIN)
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7 <sup>th</sup>	11:50-12:30 (40 MIN)	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:50-12:30 (40 MIN)	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:50-12:30 (40 MIN)
8 <sup>th</sup>	EXAM: 12:35-2:15 (100 MIN)	8 <sup>th</sup>	EXAM: 12:35-2:15 (100 MIN)	8 <sup>th</sup>	EXAM: 12:35-2:15 (100 MIN)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023: 3rd and 7th periods (No 8th)					
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:05 (35 MIN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:05 (35 MIN)	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:05 (35 MIN)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:10-8:45 (35 MIN)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:10-8:45 (35 MIN)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:10-8:45 (35 MIN)
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023: 1st and 4th or 5th if you have 4th lunch (HALF DAY)					
1st	EXAM: 7:30-9:10 (100 MIN)				
4th/5th	EXAM: 9:15-10:55 (100 MIN)				
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023: 2nd and 6th or 5th if you have 6th lunch (HALF DAY)					
2nd	EXAM: 7:30-9:10 (100 MIN)				
5th/6th	EXAM: 9:15-10:55 (100 MIN)				

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# ART SHOW

## THE BLOCK

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## VISUAL ARTS

Winter Art Show  
in the PAC  
December 6th,  
2023 – January  
10th, 2024. It  
will be open to all  
current art students  
to display their  
semester 1 work.

## DANCE

The NPHS VPA Repertory Dance Ensemble will be presenting Sleeping Beauty's Curse on December 1st at 7:00pm in the PAC. The evening performance will also be extra special with pre-show hors d'oeuvres and post-performance desserts provided by NPHS Culinary. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults, they can be purchased during lunches at the PAC box office or online at <https://northporthighschool.csstix.com/>.

November 8th at 7PM

"Let the Beat Move You" will feature all our Dance Technique Dancers grades 9-12 and our Advanced Percussion Ensemble!. Tickets are on sale at our box office Mon – Thurs from 10Am-1PM.



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## CLUB BENEFITS

North Port High School is home to an abundance of clubs that students of all ages have an opportunity to get into. Some of our popular clubs are: NP HS, Key Club, and SGA. However, there are also hidden gems like: Anime Club, K-pop Club, and African American club. Overall, there is a wide variety of clubs to appeal to the interests of all students. Furthermore, these students can reap multiple benefits off joining these clubs such as:

- The opportunity to increase volunteer hours count
- The opportunity to make life-long friendships
- The opportunity to improve your college resume
- To further involve yourself with the school spirit

**Join clubs now!**

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## INTERESTED IN TUTORING?

Do you do well in your pre-AICE, AICE, or math classes? Do you like helping others? Are you considering a career in education or related fields? Do you need community service hours, project hours, or something to put on college applications? If so, apply to be a peer tutor. You do NOT need to be available after school, and the time commitment is only 1-2 hours per week. To apply, use the QR code below. If you have questions, see Dr. Little, Mrs. Hunt in 4-206, or your counselor.



## ACADEMIC AWESOMENESS

Our PBIS PRIDE team has a great deal to celebrate and will soon be announcing the 4.0 and higher and 3.0 and higher awards along with two new teacher nominated awards from each classroom: The Brainy Bobcat for a student who does something academically amazing and the True-Blue Award for the one who just exemplifies the Bobcat way! Almost 2/3 of NP HS students currently hold GPA's at 3.0 and above! Way to go, Bobcats!

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### SENIOR DATES

Senior Sunrise 12/6/2023  
AICE Senior Banquet 4/8/24  
Grad Bash 4/12/24  
Prom 4/27/24  
Senior Signing day – TBD  
Senior Awards Night (Invite Only) 5/2/24  
Senior BBQ 5/9/24  
Graduation Practice 5/15/24  
Senior Walk 5/15/24  
Graduation 5/16/24  
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## COLLEGE AND CAREER

The Student Success Center (SSC) aids students with college applications, scholarships, resume writing and job applications. The center hosts military recruiters, college representatives and business partners. Check on the School Events section of Schoolinks to see what's going on in the SSC!

## ATHLETIC EVENTS BAG POLICY FOR ALL SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Tony Miller, Athletic Director

Similar to policies found at professional sporting events, Sarasota County Schools has a clear bag policy to ensure the safety of all athletes and spectators. Spectators may carry a small clutch bag and/or a clear plastic bag up to 12" by 12" by 6." Specific prohibited items are listed on the infographic and include but are not limited to: outside food or drink, wheeled equipment such as skateboards, laser pointers, tobacco products, weapons, noisemakers, and anything that may disturb the view or walkway of another spectator (such as selfie sticks).

### 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)
- Balls, frisbees, whole fruit or other potential projectiles
- 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
- Open umbrellas
- Poles, sticks, monopods and tripods
- Remote controlled devices of any kind (cars and drones)
- Strollers or portable chairs (unless ADA compliant)
- Tobacco products
- Weapons, replica weapons and fireworks

## BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

### 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

### BOBCAT PRIDE

#### Bell Schedule

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
PRIDE	9:05-9:54	49	PRIDE	9:05-9:54	49	PRIDE	9:05-9:54	49
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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## ID BADGES MANDATORY PART OF DRESS CODE

Student ID cards are required to be worn visibly at all times while on campus.

School safety is our #1 priority! During the first week of school, students will have a designated time when they will have their photo taken for their Student ID. Once they receive their ID, students **MUST** wear them on their person at all times. Students who lose their ID will be charged a \$5 replacement fee.

As a district and as a school, we have put into place measures to ensure that all students have their ID on their person at all times. It is part of our dress code, classroom rules, and campus-wide guidelines.

Dress Code updates for 2023-2024 may be found along with the Student Handbook on the NPHS official website at <http://northporthighschool.net>.

The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including parents, staff and students as they establish a school dress code policy. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a **RIGHT** to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without being offended or disrupted by the way other students are dressed.
- Comply with the school dress code.

Students have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
  - Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
  - Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
    - ◊ **No:**
      - exposed undergarments
      - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
      - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
      - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with the inseam or out-seam shorter than the mid-thigh
      - pajamas or slippers
      - excessively low-cut tops
      - see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above)
      - clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
  - Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
  - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)
  - Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
  - Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.
- \*Principal or principal designee decisions about dress code are final.*



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