



NHS STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

JULY 28, 2020

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

YEAR-LONG COMMITTEE LEADERS MEETING

All details for the scheduled Year-Long Committee Leaders Meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 remain unchanged. The 2020-21 Executive Board and Advisor look forward to greeting and collaborating with the 2020-21 Year-Long Committee Leaders!

For more information on the meeting, please reference the [July 16, 2020 Student Council Update](#), including COVID-19 prevention protocols and parent waiver requirements.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

FALL SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE LEADERS MEETING

All details for the scheduled Fall Short-Term Committee Leaders Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 remain unchanged. The 2020-21 Executive Board and Advisor look forward to greeting and collaborating with the 2020-21 Fall Short-Term Committee Leaders!

For more information on the meeting, please reference the [July 16, 2020 Student Council Update](#), including COVID-19 prevention protocols and parent waiver requirements.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

SUMMER RETREAT

The Executive Board and Advisor have been working with NHS Administration to determine the viability and logistics of the 2020-21 Summer Retreat. We have developed a plan to accommodate representatives by dividing the usual Retreat attendees into two distinct groups. This will reduce gathering size while allowing Year-Long and Fall Short-Term Committees to form and begin work towards their objectives.

The first group that will gather will be elected representatives for their grades. All representatives of the 2020-21 senior, junior and sophomore classes may be in attendance. Total attendance for this event will be 56 individuals (including the Executive Board and Advisor). The meeting will occur in the NHS auditorium, and a minimum of 6 ft. will be maintained for every individual throughout. This meeting will occur from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesday, August 12.

The second group that will gather will be interested freshmen who have provided an RSVP for the event. Total attendance for this event will not exceed 57 individuals (including the Executive Board, Advisor and Committee Leaders). The meeting will occur in the NHS Commons, and a minimum of 6 ft. will be maintained for every individual throughout. This meeting will occur from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 12.

As with all other meetings planned, layers of safety protocols will be enacted to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please see the safety protocols below:

- Gathering size will be restricted for all meetings, and when students are collaborating in groups, pre-planning will ensure a minimum distance of 6 ft. between them.
- All representatives will arrive and enter through Door 1.
 - Mr. Mesiar will open all doors to avoid student contact.
 - Representatives MUST maintain a distance of at least 6 ft. from one another while waiting to enter. Spacing will be marked on the concrete at the entrance to ensure a minimum distance is maintained.
- Upon arrival, all representatives will be required to wear a face covering prior to entering the building and while with peers.
- Upon arrival, all representatives will be provided hand sanitizer and required to sanitize prior to entering the building.
- Upon arrival, all representatives will be screened for body temperature with an infrared scan. In accordance with [CDC recommendations](#), any Representative with a temperature reading of 100 °F or greater will not be allowed to enter, and the primary guardian will be contacted by the Advisor.
 - **IF YOU ARE FEELING ANY SYMPTOMS RELATED TO COVID-19, PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.** [Click here](#) to see a listing of symptoms provided by the CDC.
- During the meetings, representatives will be allowed to use the restrooms in the Commons.
 - Only 2 students may use the men's room at any given time.
 - Only 2 students may use the women's room at any given time.
- No food will be allowed at either meeting. Pre-filled water bottles will be allowed.
 - No students will be allowed to refill water bottles at school, so please plan accordingly.
- Following the meeting, representatives will be provided hand sanitizer again and required to sanitize prior to leaving the building.
- Representatives will be escorted from the building.
 - Mr. Mesiar will again open the doors to avoid student contact.
 - Representatives will again maintain a distance of at least 6 ft. from one another while leaving the building.

FOR 8/12 MEETING IN AUDITORIUM...

- Each elected representative will be seated in the auditorium at a pre-designated location. This will ensure appropriate spacing and no potential cross-contamination between students during Committee meetings. The following identifiers will be used to determine student seating:
 - Seats identified with an **ORANGE** post-it note may be used initially and during general meeting time.
 - Representatives will write their name on this post-it and use this seat throughout. A Representative folder and writing utensil will already be present at each location.
 - Seats identified with a **PINK** post-it note may be used during Year-Long Committee meeting time.
 - Seats identified with a **BLUE** post-it note may be used during Short-Term Committee meeting time.

FOR 8/12 MEETING IN COMMONS...

- Each freshman representative will be seated in the Commons at a pre-designated location, if they have provided an RSVP for the event.
 - Each freshman seat in the Commons will be separated by a minimum of 6 ft. Representatives will be required to remain in those locations throughout.
 - A Representative folder and writing utensil will already be present at each location.

Attached with this update, representatives and their families will also find the ECASD Waiver and Release of Claims regarding student activities as they pertain to COVID-19. We recognize the challenge families may face in printing and completing this document, so the Executive Board and Advisor request the following:

Parents/Guardians:

- please read the ECASD Waiver and Release of Claims in its entirety.
- generate an email to Mr. Mesiar (kmesiar@ecasd.us) confirming the contents of the ECASD Waiver and Release of Claims.
 - If the representative travels between multiple households, both parents/guardians MUST submit an email to Mr. Mesiar confirming the contents of the ECASD Waiver and Release of Claims.

We recognize that this year's events have been faced with significant challenges. Despite these challenges, we will prevail. The Executive Board and Advisor are proud of Student Council for persevering in the face of adversity, and we are confident we can do so in a way that not only advances our school and community, but keeps all of the aforementioned healthy and safe! To that end, unlike in past years, no lunch will be provided this year. 😞

The Executive Board and Advisor are looking forward to seeing and working with you all!

PS Reps: All elected representatives are encouraged to actively recruit their freshman peers! Interpersonal communication from YOU means far more than a letter from the Executive Board and Advisor. Do your best to do your part!