

NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The 2025 Homecoming Dance, “Lights of Rio,” will take place on Saturday, October 11th, in the main gym. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will proceed until 9:00 p.m. Tickets for the dance are \$25 per person. Tickets need to be purchased online through the school’s Booktix system at <http://nhhsdance.booktix.com/>. Ticket sales will open to students on September 18th and will remain open until the event date.

Homecoming Ticket Purchase

1. Navigate to: <http://nhhsdance.booktix.com/>
 - a. Select Homecoming as the event
 - b. Choose up to 2 tickets to be purchased
 1. North students should buy a “North Student” ticket
 2. Guests from outside of North should buy a “Non-North Student” ticket
 3. Review the information under “View Details.”
 4. Purchase your ticket
2. Print out the ticket or have the QR code on your phone
3. On the day of the event, bring your ticket/QR code and photo ID
4. Out-of-school guests must complete and submit the “Out of School Guest Form”, which can be found on the last page of this document, by **October 3, 2025**. The forms can be submitted to Mr. Petraglia in the Athletics office
5. Bring the ticket to the Homecoming Dance along with a photo ID

In order to be eligible to buy a ticket for the Homecoming Dance, your student must be in good academic standing and free from all outstanding obligations. If you believe that your student owes money for an obligation, please have this paid by October 6th. Payments should be submitted to Ms. Brogan in the Media Center during normal school hours. Any student who earned less than 30 credits during the previous school year (excluding current freshmen) is not eligible to attend this dance based on the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education Policy 2430.

Out-Of-School Guests

North Hunterdon students inviting out-of-school guests must have the guest approved by Mr. Petraglia in the Student Activities office (located in the Athletics Office) **before** purchasing the tickets. The **OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST form is attached below**. The out-of-school guest should purchase a ticket online, complete all the necessary information components, and print out the designated Non-NHHS Ticket. Under the Student ID of the guest ticket, enter the NHHS Student ID as "Guest." We recommend submitting the forms to Mr. Petraglia in the Student Activities office (located in the Athletics Office) as soon as your child decides to attend the dance, but no later than October 3, 2025

Students and out-of-school guests will be required to present their printed tickets and photo ID at the door for entry into the dance. Acceptable forms of photo ID include, but are not limited to: an NHHS ID card, an identification card from another school, a driver's license, a passport, etc.

Homecoming Guidelines:

1. You must bring your printed and signed Homecoming Ticket
2. You must bring your NHHS photo ID (or other photo ID) to Homecoming.
3. You may not bring water bottles/other containers or large bags into the dance. Water will be provided inside the dance. Any small bag is subject to search by NHHS staff.
4. Once you are checked in, you are there for the whole event! If you leave the building for any reason, you will not be allowed to return.
5. A reminder: State law prohibits smoking on school grounds by anyone, including non-students.
6. Guests aged 21 and over are not permitted to attend.
7. Administration reserves the right to deny guest requests for any reason.
8. Students are expected to follow all school policies and procedures, including the dress code.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm for students to begin checking in. No student will be admitted to the dance after 7:00 pm. This is a semi-formal event, and students are encouraged to dress appropriately. No jeans or sneakers will be permitted. Acceptable clothing choices include dress pants and a dress shirt (suits/tuxedos are not necessary), long/short dresses, or a skirt/slacks with a dress shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baratta (kbaratta@nhvweb.net) or Mrs. Luick (mluick@nhvweb.net).

We expect our North Hunterdon High School students to conduct themselves at school-related functions in a manner that would make their parents and our community proud. We hope, as their parents do, that our students will always present themselves as persons of integrity. However, sometimes students ignore the law and school regulations by engaging in activities that are questionable or illegal. We hope to ensure that students understand the repercussions of their actions should they choose to use prohibited substances at a school-sponsored event.

Fundraising:

All proceeds from the Homecoming Dance will be used for student activities, student recognition programs, student scholarships, and other student-centered purposes.

REASONABLE SUSPICION

According to New Jersey Statute 18A: 40A-12, school personnel have a legal obligation to report and test students who are suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The following excerpt from the statute provides a basic explanation of why any students suspected of using illicit substances must undergo an alcohol and drug screening conducted under the direction of a physician as well as a physical examination.

Under this statute, school personnel cannot make any determination of the medical status of a student by testing via a swab or by breathalyzer.

“Whenever it shall appear to any teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel of any public school in this State that a pupil may be under the influence of substances as defined pursuant to section 2 of this act, that teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel shall report the matter as soon as possible to the school nurse or medical inspector as the case may be, or to his designee. The principal or his designee shall immediately notify the parent or guardian and the Superintendent of Schools, if there be one, or the administrative principal and shall arrange for an immediate examination of the pupil by a doctor selected by the parent or guardian, or if that doctor is not immediately available, by the medical inspector, if he is available.” 18 A: 40A-12

Students with positive test results will be suspended for ten days and undergo a minimum of five counseling sessions with our Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). Other disciplinary measures may be imposed.

RANDOM BREATHALYZER TESTING

Random Breathalyzer Testing will be used at the Homecoming Dance and is one facet of a comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention program. The purposes of random breathalyzer testing are to deter students from using alcohol and to identify students who are using so that families can take the appropriate steps. The approach to random breathalyzer testing is therapeutic. Students who test positive are suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for a minimum of two weeks, as well as parking privileges. Students are required to participate in sessions with the Student Assistance Counselor.

Homecoming is one of the highlights of the student experience at North Hunterdon High School. I hope that many of our students will take advantage of this opportunity and have a safe, fun, and memorable night with their peers.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gregory Cottrell
Principal

***HOMECOMING OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST
PERMISSION / SIGNATURE FORM***

*Fill out the following if you are bringing an **OUT OF SCHOOL** guest only*

NHHS Student Name: _____

ID Number: _____

We have read and reviewed the North Hunterdon Student Handbook and understand that all North Hunterdon High School rules and regulations will be strictly enforced for all students and guests. I will ensure that a parent, guardian, or the designated emergency contact will be available during the evening of the dance in the event that our son/daughter and/or guest is required to leave.

NHHS Parent Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number(s) of Emergency Contact: _____

NHHS Parent Signature: _____

Out-of-School Guest Name: _____

Guest Signature: _____

Signature of Out-of-School Guest Parent/Guardian: _____

Date _____

Guest Home Phone Number: _____

Guest Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Guest Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number(s) of Guest Emergency Contact: _____

Name, address, and phone number of the school guest attends/place of employment:

Signature of Administrator from *GUEST'S* School/Employer: _____

****In signing this permission form, I am speaking on behalf of our school in saying that the student in question does not strike me as a person who might cause a disruption at your event based on their prior record.****

(An administrator from the guest's school, or if they are in the workforce, their boss must sign off on this form before the form is submitted to an NHHS Administrator.)

Printed name of Administrator from *GUEST'S* School/Employer: _____

SIGNATURE OF NHHS Student Activities Director: _____

(All out-of-school guests must be approved by their school's administration AND the North Hunterdon Administration prior to confirming tickets. In order to bring an out-of-school guest, this form must be turned in to the Student Activities Director, Mr. Petraglia, no later than October 3rd.)

This permission form must be completely filled out and signed PRIOR to confirming your tickets.