

Welcome to Summer 2019, Stars!

On May 31st, 2019, North High School graduated 355 students. What a tremendous evening as we celebrated the success of our many graduates. This was the first year that we held the event at the Rabobank Arena, and what a tremendous experience that wonderful venue provided. Our Superintendent (and former NHS Principal), Dr. Bryon Schaefer, was our guest speaker. His challenge to our graduates was tremendous as he encouraged all to engage in their pursuit of excellence. His inspirational message even provided an opportunity for our Class of 2019 to participate in one last “Red, Gray, Stars, Hey” cheer. We are very proud of our graduates and wish them the best as they enter the military, college or a career.

The following Monday, June 3, we welcomed more than 750 students to Summer School, 2019. This includes more than 100 incoming freshmen, who are now fully engaged in their first high school course. Fall sports have started, and our football team is working hard in early morning sessions to prepare for what we hope is a very successful football season. We have the athletes and the experience to battle for a Valley Championship, but more importantly we are working hard to build character, perseverance and commitment into the daily practices of all of our student athletes. We are also able to showcase our beautiful gymnasium this summer, as North serves as the host school to all KHSD Summer Basketball League games.

We are excited to open the 2019-20 school year to more than 1,850 students. Preparations are underway to make sure the Link Crew is ready to greet all of our new Freshmen. Our teachers are working hard to make sure the materials are in place and ready to go, and that our focus on learning is consistent throughout the year. The 2019-20 school year will be fantastic, and we can't wait to again see our halls filled with smiling students.

For now, I wish you all an enjoyable summer. Please take time to relax and rest. Spend time with friends and family. Enjoy vacations and come back ready to learn!

Mark Balch, Principal