



Incoming Freshman Information Night

Class of 2025

Wednesday, March 17, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome
- Counseling
 - Supports and resources
 - ParentVue
 - Course Selection
- Freshman Orientation & Back to School Night
- Parent Involvement
- Athletics
- ASB

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When to Contact Your Student's Counselor

- Navigating High School
- Four year planning and academic progress
- College and Career Development
- Supporting classroom success and learning
 - First Intervention: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Communication
- Medical/health conditions and concerns

Peer Helpers and Wellness

Peer Helpers support Freshmen through...

- Monthly classroom visits
 - Building rapport and connection within freshmen class and with upper classmen
 - Modeling positive behavior
 - Supporting high school transition
- Available for peer counseling and conflict mediation

When to contact Ms. Calpotura-Wagner about your student....

- Death in the family
- Recent behavior changes
- Lack of motivation
- Self harm
- Social challenges
- Life stressors

ParentVUE

- How do parents/guardians access ParentVUE?
 - Parents are provided an activation key over the summer to activate their ParentVUE account
 - Link on TNHS website and accessible through mobile app
- How ParentVUE can support you and your student
 - Grades and attendance
 - Tracking your student's progress
 - Communication with teachers
- How often should you check ParentVUE?
 - Every 1-2 weeks

Freshman Course Selection

- All freshmen are required to take six classes: English, Math, Biology, Physical Education, Health, and one elective
- Students will select and rank 4 elective options via a google form, [Freshman Course Selection](#)
 - First choice electives are not guaranteed
 - Courses are year long and class changes are only made in the case of computer error or academic misplacement
- Incoming 9th grade Enriched English Placement Test
 - TBD
- Math placement is received from the middle schools and is based on multiple measures
 - Students will have the opportunity to take a math placement test at the start of the school year.
- Spanish placement is based on teacher recommendation and performance on a cumulative exam from middle school
- Please review the [21-22 Course Catalog](#) for more detailed course information

Registration

- All students must be pre-registered with JUHSD.
- During the month of May, you will receive an email prompting you to confirm your student's registration and upload all necessary documentation:
 - Three proofs of residency
 - A TB test or TB screening taken within the last 12 months
 - Immunization records
- Please remember to fully complete all registration agreements in your online profile and include at least three emergency contacts

Freshman Orientation and Link Crew

- What is Link Crew and how does it support incoming freshmen?
 - Student-led Orientation (Date and Specific Details TBD)
 - Welcoming and introduction to TNHS community
 - Relationship building
 - Campus Tour
 - All freshmen assigned to Junior/Senior Link Leaders for duration of freshman year

****Please note that students will not be able to receive their schedule or start on the first day of school unless all registration steps are completed****



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

➤ WHO WE ARE

- Terra Nova's PTO is dedicated to enabling families, teachers, staff and the community to join forces to promote a positive learning environment for all students.

➤ WHAT WE DO

- Encourage communication among the school, home and community at large.
- Provide support to the school in the form of volunteers, financial and resource contributions, and parental representation in school-wide decision making and activities.
- Mini Grants for Teachers for items that they would like to purchase that will enhance classroom teaching.
- Staff Appreciation Week for all the teachers and staff in May to appreciate their efforts all year long.

➤ WHEN WE MEET

- Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Library.

➤ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- There are plenty of ways that parents can help from becoming a PTO board member to donating to bake sales and teacher appreciation events

Athletic Participation

- **Register on SPORTSNET** – A link can be found on the TN athletics website, www.Terranovasports.com
- **Upload Physical** – good for one year
- **Terra Nova has the most Sports in the District. *Most* teams are No Cut.**
- **Freshmen: Academically Eligible first 6 weeks then a 2.0 GPA required**
- **School Policies**
 - **Must attend 4 full periods day of game** (or day before if Saturday game)
 - Must attend school to participate – If you can't practice, you can't play
 - There is NO MPR in high school
 - NO CONTACT SUNDAYS
- **Athletic Booster Club**

Leadership and Student Activities

- Registration - Link Crew Orientation/Pictures/Schedules
- Leadership Class
- Freshman Elections - September
- Homecoming - Fall sports/Tiger Cage
- Spirit Rallies
- Class meetings
- Drama
- Band
- Clubs and Club Fairs