



John W. North High School United Student League

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If you have not already done so, please join Miss Porter's Remind class before the first USL Meeting on July 30 to receive USL text message reminders throughout the year! Parents are welcome to join, too!!

Text
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to 81010

Dear 2019-2020 USL Officer:

I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer! A special thank-you to executive officers and program leaders who attended summer leadership camp and/or were involved in planning meetings over the summer. There are many decisions to be made and groundwork to be established throughout the summer months in order to be ready for the start of the school year. Your time and effort are very much appreciated!

In May, we said farewell to eight amazing staff members due to retirement, but are excited to welcome many new teachers and support staff, along with Assistant Principal, Mr. Sanchez, who will join Mr. Nakamura's Administrative Team. We are also proud to announce the addition of a fourth leadership class, Link Crew, which will be led by former North USL President and Class of 2000 graduate, Mr. Dean. We have confirmed that our Student Activities Local Control and Accountability Program (LCAP) funding has unfortunately been reduced by 30%. With our current student body budget and allotted monies, however, we will continue to work hard to make sure all of our Huskies continue to have access to our programs and extracurricular activities.

As we look forward to the 2019-2020 school year, we are continuing online registration. Please remind your parents that they will be required to set up an Aeries Parent Portal and complete required authorizations and paperwork. Paperwork will need to be printed and turned in by students at back-to-school registration. Computers and printers will be available on campus during registration. Please let your parents know they are encouraged to set up their portal before registration day. Information on how to create a parent portal and how to complete paperwork can now be found on our website at north.riversideunified.org.

I am proud to announce our 5th Annual Leadership Retreat ~ *There Is Power Within Every Husky* ~ #POWERFUL. The event will be held on **Friday, August 2** in North's theater, multi-purpose room and gym from **5:00 p.m. - midnight**. This evening of bonding, leadership training and goal setting will include members of North's key leadership groups: United Student League, Link Crew, Multi-Cultural Council, Renaissance and Class Officers. We have also invited members of the Blue Star Regiment and Pep Squad to join us. Representatives from all clubs are also welcome to attend. Our hope is to spread a leadership message of love, inclusivity and the empowerment of our fellow Huskies! Check-in begins at 4:30 and you are encouraged to begin your powerful new year by wearing your favorite super hero gear! Don't have super hero gear? No worries! Feel free to wear black and white. All leaders in attendance will receive a black spirit shirt at the end of the evening. Supervision at the retreat will be provided by our Administrative Team, Class Advisors and a Campus Supervisor, and students and parents are asked to park and pick-up from the back parking lot on this evening. The front gates will be closed. Dinner and snacks will be served. USL Executives and program leaders have worked over the summer to put together an agenda that provides a foundation for student leaders for the upcoming school year. **All USL Officers are required to attend the Leadership Retreat in order to be enrolled in 4th period Student Government.**

In addition to the Leadership Retreat, please be reminded of the upcoming **United Student League Summer/Back-to-School Meeting Schedule** and activities for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. The summer meeting schedule is posted online at north.riversideunified.org under USL Summer Meetings and was shared as part of the application process and again during the USL Installation Luncheon in May. **Please note that the first meeting is scheduled for July 30. A reminder that all summer meetings are mandatory in order to be enrolled in USL next year!**

It is very important that you remind your parents of your commitment to student leadership at North by sharing this information and understanding the expectations and commitment of North's student leaders. As was discussed prior to elections and appointments last spring, attendance and punctuality at each meeting and activity is required for participation on this year's United Student League Student Council. **Student leaders who miss a meeting or USL event/activity due to a non-school related activity will be required to make up time missed in order to participate in the next event. Repeated absences may result in removal from leadership class. Please plan your personal calendar around the USL calendar. Thank-you!!**

Summer/back-to-school planning meetings will be held on the dates listed below in Room #156. Please arrive 15 minutes before each meeting begins to ensure a timely start. Use the front parking lot if you plan to drive a car or be dropped off (the back of campus will be locked at 6 p.m. each night).

- **Meeting #1: Tuesday, July 30** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (dinner included)
- **Meeting #2: Wednesday, July 31** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (dinner included)
- **Meeting #3: Thursday, August 1** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (dinner included)

All meetings are mandatory in order to be enrolled in 4th period USL!
Students who miss a meeting/event/activity must make up time missed in order to participate in the next event (school events excused).
Leaders who miss required meetings/events/activities may be removed from leadership class.
REMINDER!! LEADERSHIP IS A HUGE COMMITMENT!!!

In preparation for our first meeting, please print the following items that are available on our website at north.riversideunified.org under **USL Summer Meetings** and bring with you on **Tuesday, July 30**:

- **Summer/Back-to-School Meeting Schedule**
A reminder that all meetings and activities are mandatory!
- **July/August Calendar**
Please sign and have your parent/guardian sign.
- **USL Job Description & USL Personal Leadership Goals**
Briefly outline what you believe to be the responsibilities of your position.
What is your passion? What do you hope to accomplish as a USL Officer? Set two personal leadership goals for the 2019-2020 school year and describe how you will reach each goal.
- **Leadership Retreat Permission Slip**
All USL Officers must attend the Leadership Retreat in order to participate in USL this fall. Please ask parents to sign and return at first meeting.

Other items/ideas to bring to our first meeting on **Tuesday, July 30**:

- **Planning Calendar/Journal** ~ Please keep track of dates, timelines, etc. You will be provided with an Activities Planner, but you are welcome to bring your own, as well!
- **Favorite snack** to share with one person (under \$2)
- **Ideas** of how we can empower every Husky on our campus! What activities/projects/events should we keep, change or create? How do we ensure a campus culture of love, compassion, inclusivity and empowerment? ☺
- **Ideas** for Homecoming and Annual Leadership Exchange
- **Ideas** for implementation of **School +2** program (Think of innovative ways to connect our students to North!)

Start thinking of how we can explore our vision of fostering Power Within Every Husky at North High School for the 2019-2020 school year! We will spend 48 summer hours working together, serving others and therefore our school, and developing student activities goals for our campus. It is up to each one of us to put forth our best team effort to make this year special for all North students and staff!

Summer/Back-to-School Meetings are instrumental in the planning of school activities for the upcoming year and laying the groundwork of our leadership team. **All meetings are mandatory as was communicated with all USL candidates through the application process!** You will be given an opportunity to learn the skills needed to work together successfully. Needless to say, the new school year has already begun! Please come to the USL Summer/Back-to-School Meetings with an open mind and be prepared to think, share, get to know others and hopefully enjoy the beginnings or continuation of your leadership experience.

I am looking forward to a successful school year. Please contact me or leave a message if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Miss Porter

Miss Porter
Student Activities Director
J.W. North High School



Important Contact Info

Miss Porter's Cell

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Texts are welcome ~ please identify yourself in case I do not have your contact info in my phone!

Miss Porter's Email

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My response to emails is quicker than voicemails!

*Best way to make contact during the summer and throughout the school year!

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- Planning Calendar/Journal (You will be provided with an Activities Planner ~ feel free to bring your own, as well!)
- July/August Calendar
- USL Job Description & USL Office Goals
- Leadership Retreat Permission Slip
- Favorite Snack to Share With One Person (Under \$2)
- Ideas, Ideas, Ideas!! *How do we bring love, compassion, inclusivity and empowerment to our campus?!!*

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