

Dear HNHS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It is time to start another exciting year at Huntington North and we want to be sure to keep you as informed as possible. Our number one priority at Huntington North High School is to keep your child safe. We are excited to inform you that we partnered with the Indiana State Police and local law enforcement to provide an active shooter experience for all of our staff members across the corporation as we trained/retrained them in ALICE. ALICE is our response to an intruder in our building and stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

Throughout this school year, we will be conducting various drills so that our students and staff can be better prepared for an emergency situation. Those drills will allow us to practice our procedures for a fire, tornado, inclement weather, a medical emergency, or even an intruder/active shooter. Furthermore, we are blessed to have a wonderful partnership with local law enforcement which also allows us to do canine searches. **We care very much for your child and want to do all we can to maintain a safe environment.**

On the first day of school we went over safety procedures with your student during VIP time (Viking Ignite Program formally known as Homeroom) and we will continue to go through those in each of their class periods. In the case of an emergency, administration or staff may use the intercom system as one way to communicate clearly what situation is taking place. In most situations, teachers will be sure their door is shut and locked. If an active shooter enters our building, our staff and students will have the ability to make the best decision for a better chance at survivability. They may choose to lock down and barricade or evacuate. An evacuation protocol has been created for Huntington North and will be followed in the case of an event. To better familiarize yourself with ALICE, please take the time to watch an informational video with your child found at <http://tinyurl.com/HNALICE>. Our goal is to keep students safe by helping them to be better aware of their surroundings while in school, at the mall, hanging out with friends, or wherever they may be.

At Huntington North we want to keep you informed. Below are several ways for you to stay connected and in the know.

- ✓ **Twitter:** Follow @hnhsvikings
- ✓ **Remind101:** Parents and students text @hnvikes to 81010. You will receive important texts in regards to things taking place at HN.
- ✓ **Corporation Website:** www.hccsc.k12.in.us

We look forward to a fantastic year!

If you have any questions, please contact us at (260)356-6104.

Sincerely,
HNHS Administration