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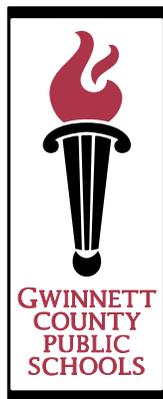
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North Gwinnett High School celebrates 60 years of service to the community

The weekend of September 21-23 will be a special homecoming for the students, staff, parents and community members with ties to North Gwinnett High School (NGHS) as it will be a weekend full of celebratory activities connected to the school's 60th anniversary celebration. The festivities kick off on Friday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the NGHS pavilion (by the football field) where students, alumni, and community members will meet for food and fellowship. This gathering will be followed by the Homecoming Court presentation which will feature the appearance of former homecoming queens from the past 60 years. Kickoff for this year's homecoming game against Discovery High School is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The school will offer reserved seating for each decade's graduates and will conduct alumni recognitions throughout the game.

The celebration continues with a reception and formal program on Sunday, September 23, from 2-4 p.m. The reception will be held in the NGHS Commons, with the program beginning at 3 p.m. in the school's theater. In addition to remarks from Principal Nathan Ballantine, the program includes District III Board of Education Member Dr. Mary Kay Murphy, CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, and North Gwinnett alumnus and former Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Wayne Hill. Attending the Sunday celebration will be former NGHS principals Dr. Franklin Lewis, Dr. John Green, and Ed Shaddix.

"In its 60 years, our school has established a tradition of excellence, leadership, and community that is unparalleled," says **Principal Nathan Ballantine**. "The success of today's students is built on the hard work and dedication of those who have attended and served this school in the past. From the families who have sent generations of their children here to those who are new to the community... North Gwinnett High School is a beacon of what's right in public education. This celebration is a reminder to us all that good things do stand the test of time and that our work to continuously improve continues to aid us as we focus on teaching and learning and preparing our young people for their future."



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