



New Providence High School

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"Dedicated to Excellence"

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

With the long summer nights coming to an end, it is a tell-tale sign that brisk fall mornings and the hustle and bustle of starting a new school year are quickly approaching. We hope that our students and their families have had a relaxing and restful summer and are as eager to start the new school year as we are. The summer at New Providence High School has been quite busy once again, with exciting facility upgrades for our students to enjoy!

A goal moving into this school year is to continue to create spaces that replicate "School Community Hubs," similar to our popular media center, where students and teachers can use the space to collaborate academically, take a break during lunch/professional period and for the additional use of our evening programs. To that end, as we bring our students back for the new school year, we are eagerly anticipating their use of our newly renovated courtyard. We are thankful to the PTSA for their generous donation towards our courtyard, as well as four new water filling stations that have been installed throughout the school building. Further, we have begun to update our cafeteria. At the start of the new school year it will be freshly painted with new flooring. Lastly, we have updated our turf field and our athletic corridor outside of the weight room for our student-athletes. We are very excited to welcome our students to these new spaces throughout our facility!

Below is important information for the opening of school:

- **The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4th. The school day begins promptly at 7:44 a.m.** All students will report to their 1st period class where they will receive their schedules. An email will be sent to all student email accounts specifying their 1st period classes. Additionally, we will have 1st period classrooms posted on our media boards throughout the building. Wednesday, September 4th will be an A day. Please [click here](#) for the ***Rotating Drop Schedule*** and [here](#) for the ***Full Year Rotation Calendar***.
- When dropping off your child in the morning, please pull your car all the way up to the end of the circle, so not to back up traffic on Pioneer Drive. **Please do not cut the line.** Also, please look before you pull away from the curb, since there are students and adults walking through the parking lot at this time. Please be cognizant that the traffic on the outer circle has the right of way. Following these guidelines will ensure the safety of our students and allow the drop-off line to move quickly for parents and guardians. At no time should a vehicle be left unattended in the front of the school building. Additionally, for the safety and well-being of the children who attend OLP School, it is **imperative** that NPHS parents do not use the OLP lot for dropping off or picking up students.
- Throughout the school year, we will communicate electronically with parents/guardians. Please make sure you add NPHS@npsdnj.org to your email address book so that you will receive these communications. If, during the school year, you are not receiving electronic communication or you change your email address, it is important that you contact Mrs. Barletta in the main office so that we can address your concern.

- Process for completing forms/updating student information—

Acknowledgement of District Policies & Agreements/Student Information

It is important for parents of returning students to update their child's information as well as acknowledge District policies and agreements before the first day of school, September 4, 2019. Parents can complete this process by logging into PowerSchool and clicking "Returning Student Registration 2019-20". If you are not able to access your child's account to complete this process, **please contact the main office immediately.**

- iPad information was sent to incoming ninth-grade parents/guardians on August 5th and 23rd. iPad insurance for the 2019-2020 school year must be purchased by August 30th. Instructions for purchasing insurance were included in the electronic mailing. Instructions can also be found on the High School website. On **Tuesday, September 10th**, all ninth-grade parents must attend a mandatory informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. about their child's iPad in the High School auditorium. In order for parents to pick up their child's iPad at the end of this meeting, we must have the signed Acknowledgement and Consent form on file and iPad insurance must have been purchased prior to this meeting.
- Attention Junior and Senior Parents/Guardians—the [Open Lunch Contract](#) for the 2019-2020 school year was sent on August 23rd to all junior and senior students and parents/guardians. Please note that junior and senior students will not be permitted to participate in our Open Lunch Program until the main office has received a signed copy of the Open Lunch Contact.
- Back to School Night this year will be on **Thursday, September 19th** and will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- The PSAT will be offered to 10th and 11th grade students on **Wednesday, October 16th**. A special schedule for 9th and 12th graders is forthcoming.
- The PTSA would like to invite parents/guardians to attend the first PTSA meeting on **Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School media center.** Becoming a member of the PTSA is a great way to stay involved in the school community and support our students.
- For the 2019-2020 school year, all visitors entering the HS/MS will report directly to the security vestibule when entering the building where the secretary will assist you. You must state your name and purpose when you ring the doorbell to gain entry. If you are picking up your child, you will be asked to sign them out with attendance and wait for your child to report to the security vestibule. If you have a scheduled meeting, you must sign in and the secretary will direct you from there. For any student items that must be dropped off, there will be designated drop-off bins where you can leave the item for your child to pick up. **We are not responsible for the item or letting your child know that there is an item waiting for them. Please be reminded that this includes any school owned equipment, such as iPads. It is the student's responsibility to bring any essential items to school with them in the morning so that they are prepared for the day. We recommend that you do not leave any valuable items in the bins. Under no circumstances can we accept outside food and/or drinks to be dropped off.**

Lastly, please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. The administration, faculty and staff look forward to a productive school year. If you have any questions regarding any summer electronic mailings, please contact the main office at (908) 464-4700.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Respectfully,



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