

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools

September 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families:

On behalf of the staff here at *Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy* it is with great pleasure that we welcome all of our families to the 2020 – 2021 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you in order to ensure that our children reach their highest academic potential possible. As partners, we will work together to nourish a rich and rewarding education for our students.

The 2020 – 2021 school year will begin remotely on *Friday, September 11th, 2020.* Classes will be in session between the hours of *7:30 a.m. until 12:22 p.m.* Your child's classroom schedule is available in the PowerSchool parent portal. Please keep in mind that students must log in to their computers every day starting at 7:30 A.M. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each instructional period on a daily basis. Students will participate in teacher-led daily interactive on-line lessons using video conferencing. All teachers will meet regularly with their students following the below schedule.

Revised 9th through 12TH Grade Schedul	Revised	9 th through	12'"	Grade	Schedule	_
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Grade 9-12	START TIME	END TIME
Remote Learning Schedule	7:30 AM	12:22 PM
PERIOD 1	7:30 AM	8:10 AM
TRANSITION	8:10 AM	8:12 AM
PERIOD 2	8:12 AM	8:52 AM
TRANSITION	8:52 AM	8:54 AM
PERIOD 3	8:54 AM	9:34 AM
TRANSITION	9:34 AM	9:36 AM
PERIOD 4	9:36 AM	10:16 AM
TRANSITION	10:16:AM	10:18 AM
PERIOD 5	10:18 AM	10:58 AM
TRANSITION	10:58 AM	11:00 AM
PERIOD 6	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
TRANSITION	11:40 AM	11:42 AM
PERIOD 7	11:42 AM	12:22 PM
VIRTUAL SUPPORT	1:41PM	2:14PM

All students have a district issued device with access to all instructional programs to begin their lessons on the first day of school. In addition, we will be providing additional learning materials to support lessons for our self-contained special education classes. These materials will be made available for pick up on September 10th through September 14th. You will receive your scheduled date and time for pick up via email, text and robo-call.

It is extremely important that we have the most updated phone numbers, email and home address to receive updates from the district. All parents must have an active Parent PowerSchool account set up at https://epsnj.powerschool.com/public/ to stay informed. Please note that all of the required forms must be completed



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on the Parent Portal by September 11, 2020. Please contact our Guidance Counseling team if you need assistance in setting up a PowerSchool account:

- Marc Korbman, korbmanma@epsnj.org, 908-436-6607
- Patricia Makras, makraspa@epsnj.org, 908-436-6611
- Ilona Sekiewicz, sekiewiczil@epsnj.org, 908-436-6608
- Chanel Williams, <u>williamsch@epsnj.org</u>, 908-436-6606
- Veronica Vega, <u>vegave@epsnj.org</u>, 908-443-5103 (Annex Building)

Our Back-to-School Orientation will be held remotely on September 11, 2020 from 7:30a.m. to 12:22p.m. You can access the orientation on your child's device by clicking the **Microsoft TEAMS** icon. High school students will then follow the bell schedule and click on the corresponding class icon for each period at its respective time. During each period, your child's teacher will provide specific information about the new school year along with an opportunity to answer any of your questions. Please find below step by step instructions on how to access Microsoft TEAMS.

STEP 1: Click on Microsoft TEAMS icon on School issued device



STEP 2: Select your Period 1 Class (please refer to Outlook calendar for invite)

STEP 3: Click on Join Now icon



STEP 4: Repeat process each subsequent period at the respective time in the schedule

We look forward to reuniting with you on September 11th as we begin another successful school year together! Our Re-Opening Together Plan will ensure that your child succeeds in all aspects of school, both academically and socially. Together we will promote respect, personal responsibility, positive character, academic achievement, and, ultimately, student success!

Warm regards,

C. Van Vliet

Christopher R. Van Vliet Principal