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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I am very excited to begin this new school year and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

***Classes will begin for students on Thursday, September 6, 2018. School will be in session from 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ALL students. The classroom assignment for your child can be found on the affixed mailing label.***

As always, we welcome and appreciate the opportunity to work together and provide your child with positive academic experiences. The staff here at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 remains committed to ensuring that every child achieves excellence and as a school community, we will hold high expectations for every child academically as well as behaviorally.

We invite you to join us in creating an environment that will promote respect, personal responsibility, positive character, academic achievement, and success. Our staff will work diligently to provide clear and continuous communication between the school and the home so that you can stay informed and your involvement in your child's education will remain at a high level.

As the summer comes to an end, I would like to describe some procedures for the first days of school, as well as important changes to the instructional program at Victor Mravlag School No. 21.

#### **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

The procedure for morning arrival will continue to be drop-and-go to maintain a continuous flow of traffic on Shelley Avenue. ***Parents who wish to stay and watch their child enter the building should park their car in the surrounding neighborhood and walk their child to their designated entrance. Please do not park in the drop-and-go area on Shelley Avenue.*** The doors for arrival and dismissal for each grade level will be marked with signs and are contained in the table below:

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Grade	Arrival Door	Dismissal Door
Pre-K	Edgewood Rd #1	Edgewood Rd #1
K	Edgewood Rd #2	Edgewood Rd #2
1	Shelley Ave (Main)	Harding Rd #3 (Gym)
2	Shelley Ave (Main)	Brady (2-107) – Shelley Ave (Main) Donaldson (2-211) & Ferreira (2-213) – Edgewood #1
3	Shelley Ave (Main)	Shelley Ave (Main)
4	Shelley Ave (Main)	Shelley Ave (Main)
5	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
6	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
7	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
8	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #1
Buses	Harding Rd #2	Harding Rd #2

Students arriving to school *after 8:25 a.m. are considered late* and must enter the building through the main entrance and get a late pass from security. *Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Students lose valuable instructional time when they are signed out of school before 3:00 p.m. Please make every effort to schedule appointments after 3:00 p.m. to prevent the loss of instructional time and to ensure your child's academic success.*

### **Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served daily from 7:50 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Students in Grades 1-4 will eat their breakfast in the cafeteria. Students in Grades 5-8 will eat their breakfast in the gym. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will eat their breakfast at 8:20 a.m. in their homerooms.

### **Supplies/Materials**

During the first few days of school, students should bring the necessary academic materials with them: pencils or pens, a notebook or paper, and a backpack. Teachers will send home information regarding additional school supplies that may be required once school begins.

### **Uniform**

Students at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 are required to wear the neighborhood school uniform as mandated by the district's uniform policy (see attached and please read carefully). All students must wear the uniform with the *Leap* logo. Additionally, the district will no longer provide a first uniform for free for new students. Parents should read and sign the attached uniform contract and have their child return it to their homeroom teacher. **The district uniform policy will be strictly enforced this year.**



### **Forms**

The following forms are important for informational purposes; **several forms require parental signatures that will need to be returned to the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.**

**Please read each one carefully. They include:**

1. 2018–2019 School Calendar
2. **School Uniform Policy/Contract\***
3. **2018-2019 Record Form\***
4. **Cell Phones in School Policy/Contract\***
5. **Notice Regarding Physicals\***
6. **Emergency Form\***
7. Tdap Vaccine (6<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
8. Arrival/Dismissal Maps

**\*Must be filled out and returned to the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.**

### **Instructional Program Changes**

***The Teach To One (TTO) Math program will no longer be implemented in Grades 5-8 at School No. 21.*** Students will now receive mathematics instruction in a traditional classroom setting. Similar to most schools in the district, the Everyday Math program will be implemented in Grade 5; the Connected Math program will be implemented in Grades 6 & 7; and the Agile Mind Algebra I program will be implemented in Grade 8.

### **Grade 4 Departmentalization**

This year, two of our Grade 4 homerooms will be departmentalized. Students in these homerooms will have Mrs. Armento for Language Arts & Social Studies and Mr. Marsal for Math & Science. Students in the remaining homeroom will have Ms. Dietz for all academic subjects.

### **Enrichment Programs**

Students in Grades 5-8 will have an opportunity to take enrichment classes in the following areas: Geography, S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Lego-Robotics, Musical Theater, School Band, School Choir, A.V.I.D, Visual Arts Club, “Knighly News,” and the National Junior Honor Society. **There will also be an Afterschool Program starting in October of 2018 and ending in May of 2019. There will be more information to follow.**

***Our Fall Open House/Back to School Event is on  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.***

***Our First General PTA Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.***

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Please check your child's backpack every day for important school notices. Visit our school website at <https://www.epsnj.org/mravlag> for information specific to our school.

We are confident that together, as an educational community, we will once again have a successful upcoming school year.

Warm Regards,

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