



Jersey Shore Area High School
High School News and Notes
2018-19 Back to School Newsletter

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 29 @ 8:00 AM
(You must be in Homeroom by 8:10 AM)

Important Dates

- August 23.....9th Grade Orientation 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
August 23.....One to One Technology/Parent Meeting
6:00-7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium
August 23.....9th Grade Parent/Student Orientation
7:00-8:00 PM in the High School Auditorium
August 29.....First Student Day of the 2018-19 School Year
September 3.....School Closed – Labor Day
October 8.....No school/In-service Day
November 19 & 20...Parent Teacher Conferences

Welcome to JSAHS

Please join me in welcoming our new faculty and staff!

- Holly Barto, Guidance Counselor
- Heather Reeder, Technology Education Teacher

18-19 Student Schedules

Students will be notified by email and a One-Call Message when access is available to their online TENTATIVE 2018-19 Schedules. Students will receive an OFFICIAL schedule on the first day of school. Schedule changes are made based on educational rationale and requested by August 31, 2018. If you have any questions you should contact your counselor.

Any schedule changes requested after the deadline will need approved by the high school administration. Start by contacting your counselor. Remember, students who withdraw from a course after the first two weeks of the course start date will receive a grade of withdraw/fail on their transcripts.

Seniors must meet all graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony

Student ID (Picture Day-First Student Day)

All students and the professional staff will wear/display their ID's during the school day. Picture day will be **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**. All students and staff will have their picture taken. Students and staff will receive their new ID on the first day of school. Students do not need to buy pictures, but they must have their picture taken for their ID. *The Pictures Flyer is available on the JSAHS webpage and will be sent to students and parents via email. Hard copies of the flyer are available in the JSAHS main office. Pictures can be ordered on-line or by returning the order form with exact payment to the school photographer on picture day.*

ID's must be displayed when entering school in the morning or after hours and are used at lunch for purchasing meals, in the library to take out material, and to get into a number of school functions. This is part of the district's ongoing security plan. As a security measure, ID's identify that the student belongs in the JSAHS.

Entering School



In the morning the students will enter by using the main front door entrance only, (Entrance A). **Students must display their ID to security personnel.** All other doors are locked. The doors will open at 6:45 AM and will be locked at the start of the school day at 8:10 AM.

Students will be marked late if they are not in homeroom by 8:10 AM. After the start of the school day, students and visitors will enter through the "buzz in system" at the main front door. The system has a camera and you will be asked your name and purpose for entering before you are buzzed in. This is part of the security in the district. After school the main doors of the high school are unlocked from 3:30 – 6:00 PM Monday – Friday and monitored by security for after school sports and activities. Everyone entering the high school after hours will be required to display ID and sign in.

Beverages in Class

Students will be allowed to carry beverages in school again this year. Beverages (and food) should not be open around computers or in classrooms with carpet. Beverages should have a lid or a screw top that can be closed so if they are knocked over the chance of spilling is reduced. **Beverages may be checked by staff at any point to help insure the contents do not contain illegal substances.**

Cell Phones-Texting-Parent Contact

Limited use of personal cell phones or other similar devices will be allowed during the school day based on location within the building and teacher preference. The office counter phone is made available to students for the purpose of contacting a parent during the school day. Parents/guardians you may call the school office if you need to get a message to your child. Violation of cell phone expectations will be handled through the regular discipline system. The cell phone zones are as follows:

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| RED Zones: | Cell Phone Use is Prohibited |
| YELLOW Zones: | Administration, Faculty, & Staff Discretion |
| GREEN Zones: | Cell Phone Use is Allowed |

One-to-One iPad Technology

The senior high will continue the one-to-one iPad initiative for the 2018-19 school year. Students will receive their iPad the first week of school. The iPad is a vital educational tool. Students are required to have their iPad with full charge every day. The student/parent iPad orientation will be in the HS Auditorium on August 23 from 6:00-7:00 PM.

iPods etc...

iPods and other similar small electronic devices may be used during lunch and study halls. Ear buds and headphones required.

Dress Code

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In order to ensure that the clothes you will purchase for your child are appropriate for school, we have included a copy of the dress code that will appear in student handbooks in the fall. Please use this guide when selecting clothing and remember that the building is climate controlled.

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Footwear or other attire that constitutes a safety hazard is not allowed.
- Exposed midriffs, torsos, backless tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, and one shoulder tops are not permitted.
- Shirts/blouses that are extremely low cut in the front or back are prohibited.
- Skirt/shorts should not be revealing; as a general guideline skirts and shorts must exceed in length the student's fingertips when resting at his/her side which is approximately 6 inches above the knee. In addition, any clothing item that has a hole or a slit in it will follow the same guideline.
- Muscle/tank tops that are low cut in the front, back, or sides are prohibited. Straps are to be wider than one inch and fully cover undergarments. The top should appropriately cover the entire torso.
- Hats, bandannas, or other head covers are prohibited for all students.
- Undergarments must be properly covered.
- Clothing, buttons, jewelry or other attire/items displaying messages either explicitly or implied relating to drugs, alcohol, sex, gangs, profanity, or violence are prohibited.
- Chains (any length), spikes, or metal studs are prohibited.
- All students are expected to respect the school environment. In an effort to minimize any distraction to teaching and learning, face paint, makeup, or hairstyles that could disrupt or distract from the educational environment are prohibited.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The administration reserves the right to have any student change clothing or other items that reasonably present a danger to others, distract from the learning environment, or are prohibited by other school policies. Students found in violation of the dress code will be required to change into acceptable apparel or call home for appropriate clothing to be brought to the school. Students may also be detained from regular classes and sent to In-School Suspension (ISS) until appropriate attire is provided.

Parking and Parking Permits

Parking permits will be available to juniors and seniors only starting the first day of school. **All vehicles must have permits posted on their vehicles by Monday, September 17, 2018.** You can find a copy of the parking permit application in the main office or online from the high school website. Students may only park in the student designated areas, this includes all lots around the high school and soccer/track complex. Vehicles may be ticketed if a parking permit is not appropriately displayed. The cost of Parking Permits will be **\$10.00** for all students beginning this school year.

Remember at the end of the school day the parking lot is very congested. Everyone needs to have patience and be courteous to all drivers. Drive safely when entering and exiting the lot, stay in your lane.

Attendance and Excuses

The school firmly believes that good academic performance depends on good attendance. A full day at the High School is defined as being in attendance a full day (i.e. 8:10 AM – 3:30 PM). Attendance is recorded electronically each morning in homeroom. When a student is absent their excuse should be turned in directly to the office upon return to school. **You can find a copy of the attendance policy on the school district webpage.**

Public Displays of Affection (PDA)

Public Displays of Affection like kissing and hugging between couples are not permitted at the high school. Hand Holding is allowed.

Camera Security System

An extensive camera security system is in operation at the high school. Approximately 100 cameras are in operation. Please know the majority of the school both inside and out will be under constant security camera surveillance. Should any issues occur that need to be reviewed, please contact the high school's administration ASAP. Stored video can be reviewed for 1-2 weeks before it is digitally overwritten.

Breakfast and Lunch

A traditional lunch setting will be followed during the 2018-19 school year. Students will be assigned to one of three lunch periods during the day. All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria during their assigned lunch period. The VIP Lunch may be provided on a limited basis as a School-Wide Positive Behavior measure. Student schedules will identify their lunch period.

Breakfast is available for students at the Grab-n-Go Station in the auditorium lobby or in the cafeteria.

School-Wide Positive Behavior

Value Everyone and Everything **I**ndividual Responsibility **P**ositive Attitude

Be a **VIP** is the School Wide Positive Behavior Theme at the high school. A VIP ½ hour homeroom/remediation period is in place for students to get help, make up work and attend club meetings. The VIP expectations are defined in the student handbook and posted in the classrooms.

Senior(s)/Parent(s) – Mark your Calendars

June 2, 2019 – Senior Night (Awards, Baccalaureate) - 5:00 PM

June 7, 2019 – Graduation Practice 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

* Full attendance at practice is required to walk

June 8, 2019 – Graduation - 9:00 AM

** Check the Senior High web site for updates **

Have a Great School Year!

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Director of Career & Technical Education

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