



Jersey Shore Area High School
High School News and Notes
2020-21 Back to School Newsletter

First Day of School

Thursday, August 27 @ 7:45 AM
(You must be in Homeroom by 8:00 AM)

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL DAY
SCHOOL HOURS ARE 7:45 AM – 3:15 PM
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING OPENS AT 7:30 AM

Important Dates

- August 25**.....High School Open House - Virtual
 9th Grade Parent / Student Virtual Orientation
 5:00-7:00 PM
- August 27**.....First Student Day of the 2020-21 School Year
- September 7**.....School Closed – Labor Day
- October 9 & 12**.....No School / Act 80 Day
- November 23 & 24**...No School / Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 25 – 30** School Closed – Thanksgiving Break

Welcome to JSAHS

Please join me in welcoming our new faculty and staff!

- Ryan Marshall, Custodian
- Kelly Walker, Learning Support Teacher

Returning to School

Due to COVID-19 and the JSASD Pandemic Plan, many previous school procedures have changed. Below is a list of some of the changes. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Students will learn additional classroom/school-wide modifications during school trainings.

- School Day has changed from 7:45 AM to 3:15 PM
- School Building opens at 7:30 AM – Students will not be permitted into the building prior to 7:30 AM
- Students must wear a mask / face shield when entering the school
- Students must show their student ID upon entering the school
- Students must have their temperatures checked at the temperature scanner before entering the school
- Students need to proceed to the holding area (before 7:45 AM) or homeroom (after 7:45 AM)
- Breakfast is available in the lobby kiosk and cafeteria
- Students must be in homeroom by 8:00 AM
- No loitering in the hallways or hanging out with peers
- Masks and/or Face Shields are required to be worn ALL day

School-Wide Positive Behavior

- S - Safety**
- H - Honesty**
- O - Ownership**
- R - Respect**
- E - Enthusiasm**

SHORE is the School Wide Positive Behavior Theme at the high school. The SHORE expectations are defined in the student handbook and posted in the classrooms.

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. Temperature scanners will be located at the entrance of the building. ALL students must stop to have their temperature scanned upon entering the building. All other doors are locked. The

doors will open at 7:30 AM and will be locked at the start of the school day at 8:00 AM. **Grades 9 and 10 use Entrance A (Main Office). Grades 11 and 12 use Entrance B (Pool Lobby).**

Students will be marked late if they are not in homeroom by 8:00 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. **The school is closes at 4:00 pm. Access to the building will be restricted at the end of the school day.**

2020-21 Student Schedules

Students will be notified by email and a One-Call Message when access is available to their online **TENTATIVE 2020-21 Schedules**. Students will receive an OFFICIAL schedule on the first day of school. Schedule changes are made based on educational rationale. **The window for scheduling changes is August 17-26, 2020.** If you have any questions you should contact your counselor.

Any schedule changes requested after the deadline (August 26, 2020) 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. Homeroom lists will be posted in the main lobby.

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

Masks are REQUIRED

In compliance with the COVID-19 Pandemic Plan requirements, and orders from Governor Wolf, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, ALL students, faculty, and staff MUST wear a mask or face shield while they are in the school building.

If a student is unable to wear a mask, a medical document from the family physician must be provided stating the request for not wearing a mask. A 504 / IEP Accommodation Plan will need to be completed by the parent, student, Director of Pupil Services, and 504 / IEP Plan Team. The student is not permitted to be in the building without a mask until these plans are complete. Online / Remote instruction may be the alternative educational option for students who are unable to wear a mask.

Students refusing to wear a mask may be sent home and re-assigned to online / remote instruction until the 504/IEP Plan procedures are complete. Again, this is the directive from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2020-21 Hybrid Instructional Model

Jersey Shore Area Senior High School Hybrid Model: The Jersey Shore Area Senior High School will follow the Day 1 / Day 2 schedule for hybrid instruction. All hybrid students will attend school in-person on either Day 1 or Day 2 and will be separated alphabetically based on their last name (A-L and M-Z). Hybrid students will participate remotely on the opposite day. The first half of the alphabet (**students last name A-L**) will attend school in-person on Day 1 for the full day and will participate in class remotely on Day 2. **Students with last names M-Z** will attend school in-person on Day 2 for the full day and remotely on Day 1. The instructional school day will follow the daily school schedule, Periods 1-8, both in-person and remotely. Students enrolled in Career & Technical Education Programs may need to attend in-person on a daily basis to meet the industry credentialing requirements. Faculty and students will be using their school issued iPads incorporating Schoology, Microsoft Teams, and other curriculum specific programs for instructional lessons and activities. The first day of school, August 27, 2020, is Day 1.

A **Microsoft Forms Survey** will be provided for parents / students who signed-up for the Hybrid Option to register.

Students enrolled in a Career and Technical Education Program of Study may complete their core academic courses remotely and participate in the skill-based CTE courses in-person.

Student ID (Picture Day)

All students and the professional staff will wear/display their ID's during the school day. Picture day will be **Thursday, August 27, 2020**. All students and staff will have their picture taken. Students and staff will receive their new ID on picture day. Students do not need to purchase pictures, but they must have their picture taken for their Student ID. *The Picture Flyer is available on the JSAHS webpage and will be sent to students and parents via email. A new company, Inter-State Studios, will be managing school pictures this year. Pictures can be ordered on-line through Inter-State Studios.*

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 student ID's identify that the student belongs in the JSAHS.

Student Handbook

The Jersey Shore Area Senior High School Student Handbook is provided to students in an electronic format and can be found on the high school website. Students are responsible for reading and adhering to the student handbook.

Breakfast and Lunch

A modified lunch setting will be followed during the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19. Students will be assigned to their homeroom or cafeteria. The lunch period will be 64 minutes long consisting of a rolling lunch period and remediation time. Breakfast is available for students at the Grab-n-Go Station in the auditorium lobby or in the cafeteria.

*Challenges strengthen Character...
Character strengthens Patience...
Patience strengthens Success...
The struggles we face today
builds the strength we need for tomorrow*

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 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:

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 is a one-to-one iPad school. Students must bring their iPads to school every day, beginning Day 1. Students without a JSASD issued iPad will receive an iPad the first week of school. The iPad is a vital educational tool. Students are required to have their iPad with them and full charged every day. Insurance for the iPad is available for a fee.

Ear Buds, Headphones, Pods etc...

iPods and other similar small electronic devices may be used during lunch and study halls. Ear buds and headphones are required. These devices are not to be used during class unless directed by the teacher. Students should not walk through the hallways with ear buds in due to safety.

Appropriate Dress Code

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.

- Face Masks or Shields **MUST** be worn at all times in school.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Footwear or other attire that constitutes a safety hazard is not allowed.
- Exposed midribs, 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.
- Skirts/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 appropriate apparel or call home for appropriate clothing to be brought to the school. Students may also be 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 through an online application. Once the online application is submitted and approved the payment of \$10 must be provided to obtain the permit. Directions for payment will follow approval of the application. All vehicles must have permits posted on their vehicles by Monday, September 14, 2020. 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.

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. 7:45 AM – 3:15 PM). Attendance is recorded electronically each morning in homeroom. When a student is absent their excuse should be turned in directly to the office dropbox in the vestibule upon returning to school. **The Student's First and Last name must be clearly printed on the excuse. The date of absence and parent signature are also required on the excuse. You can find a copy of the attendance policy on the school district web page.**

Fitness Center - CLOSED

Due to COVID-19, the High School Fitness Center is **CLOSED** before and after school until further notice.

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.

Food and 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.**

Vaping Devices / Juuls

Vaping is a significant health risk to teenagers. Vaping devices are not permitted on school property as described in JSASD Policy #222. Please review this policy at www.jsasd.org.

Open House 2020-21

Due to COVID-19, the 2020-21 Jersey Shore Area Senior High School Open House will be a virtual event. Welcome Back videos will be posted on the Jersey Shore Area School District website (www.jsasd.org). The Virtual Open House will occur on **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 PM**. Teachers will be available through Microsoft Teams. Additional information will be provided by the JSASD Technology Department soon.

Visiting the High School Offices

Visitation and access to the Jersey Shore Area Senior High School Offices will be restricted in order to reduce the risk of the COVID virus. Parents / guests will not have direct access to the office without prior approval and / or an appointment. Items dropped off for students or student pickups will be housed and managed in the main lobby vestibule. **Masks or face shields MUST be worn when entering the school.**

COVID Rules

Keep Your Distance

6 feet apart – As Much As Possible

Wear Mask / Face Covering

ALL the Time in School

Keep Your Hands to Yourself

and Your Belongings

Clean Touched Objects

Do Not Touch Your Face

Eyes – Ears – Nose – Mouth

Cover Your Coughs & Sneezes

Wash Your Hands Frequently

20 Seconds with Soap & Water

Stay Home If You Are Sick

Counselor Breakdown

Grade 9: Mrs. Mallory Myers

Grade 10-12 (Last name A-L): Mrs. Holly Barto

Grades 10-12 and CTE (Last name M-Z): Mrs. Katie Steppe

Guidance Extensions

Guidance Secretary: 1006

Mallory Myers: 1007 • Katie Steppe: 1008 • Holly Barto: 1009

Stay Informed!

Website: www.jsasd.org

Facebook, www.facebook.com/jsasd

Twitter: @KeenPrincipal @JSCTEDirector

Instagram: Jersey Shore Area Senior HS

It's a Great Day to be a Bulldog!

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