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Dear Students, Parents, & Guardians:

As you should be aware, the first day of school for the 2022-23 school year is Tuesday, September 6, 2022. We are truly looking forward to all our students returning to Highland Park High School's hallways and classrooms! We have planned to continue our tradition of excellent academic and extracurricular opportunities and our faculty and staff are ready to support our students' learning in every way. Remember we are the **H.P. OWLS** and our **Hope, Perseverance, Openness, Wisdom, Leadership, and Spirit** prepare us fully for a wonderful experience for all!

I hope you have found time to relax and read this summer. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses had required summer assignments, but all high school students were encouraged to read for pleasure this summer. If students have not done so yet, please review the required assignments for AP classes or the suggested reading list from the English Language Arts faculty. **You can find the complete assignment files on the high school website <http://hs.hpschools.net/> under the "Summer AP Assignments 2022" and "Summer 2022 Reading List" links.** Click on these links to download what you need. Additionally, if you have any problems with your school issued Chrome book, please email Ms. Puccio, our media specialist at jpuccio@hpschools.net for assistance as soon as possible and plan to drop your Chrome book off at the school for repairs if needed so you are ready for the start of classes.

I also want to make you aware that student schedules for 2022-23 are available starting today, **Thursday, August 18, 2022**, on the parent-portal of Genesis - <https://parents.genesisedu.com/hpschools/parents>. **Please use the username and password assigned to you for Genesis.** If you need help viewing this schedule, please contact the main office for log-in information. Instructions on how to use the parent portal are located here: [Parent Portal Instructions](#). It is imperative that students take note of their homeroom teachers and review their schedules prior to the start of school. Our guidance counselors have made themselves available throughout the summer to address scheduling concerns and they will be available to meet with students either in person or via Zoom, if preferred, regarding remaining schedule concerns in the **High School Guidance Office August 22 – 25, 2022**. Please click on the link for your counselor and sign up for an appointment because their availability varies, and they need to know whether you will come in person or via Zoom. The sign-up sheets are linked in the table and the first letter of your last name designates your counselor by grade level.

Ms. Gore	Ms. Peterson	Ms. Hayes
9 th Grade students A-D	9 th Grade students E-K	9 th Grade students L-Z
10 th Grade students A-H	10 th Grade students J-Q	10 th Grade students R-Z
11 th Grade students A-G	11 th Grade students H-Q	11 th Grade students R-Z
12 th Grade students A-H	12 th Grade students I-Q	12 th Grade students R-Z

Additionally, you will need to complete the following required 2022-23 forms found on the parent and student Genesis portal prior to being able to access student schedules.

- **Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Consent to Walk Home**
- **Open Lunch for grades 10, 11, & 12 - Parent & Student**
- **HS Photo and Media Consent form**
- **Military Information Opt Out**
- **Concussion Acknowledgement Form**
- **Cardiac Arrest Clearance Form - Parent & Student**
- **Steroid Consent Form - Parent & Student**

- Opioid Fact Sheet – Parent & Student
- NJ Family Care / Medicaid Document
- Athletic Permission Slip
- Teen Center Permission Form
- MS/HS Emergency Card

On August 29th from 8:30am – 12:30pm, we will be welcoming our incoming 9th grade to Highland Park High School with our Freshmen Orientation program beginning in the High School Cafeteria. We want to help students to be familiar with all the high school has to offer and our expectations for student success with this special program that will be staffed with our faculty and student leaders. New students to the district are welcome to attend as well. Registration is required and can be done by completing this [Registration form](#) via Google Forms by Monday, August 22nd at 3PM. The parents and students of the Class of 2026 should check your emails for the flyer that was sent out on August 11th with information. Follow up details will be sent to students registered.

Included in this letter is a linked calendar showing the [Calendar of Rotating letter days](#) and other important dates for the year. [A bell schedule](#) for this year and the updated [HPHS Student Handbook](#) for 2022-23 is linked as well. Our bell schedule remains the same, but the handbook has a few important updates on pages 18 – 22 regarding cell phone usage, dress code, and grade level privileges. We will continue allowing open lunch privileges to students with parental permission in grades 10 – 12 this year so that our cafeteria provides plenty of room for students to sit outside or inside depending on the weather. **A few additional forms will be mailed this week. These include Chromebook insurance renewal forms, PTSO membership, and others that must be completed and returned to your Homeroom Teacher on September 6, 2022, the first day of school.** Please complete all other forms required in your Genesis portal. Please be on time for “A period” at 7:48am, or in your homerooms by 8:22am if you do not have an “A period” class. **All students should enter through the main entrance of the high school for security reasons.**

I strongly encourage that all high school students be up to date with their vaccinations against COVID-19 if they are not currently. Vaccines are widely available, so please take advantage and get vaccinated so no interruptions to students attending school in person occur!

This year promises to be another interesting year full of its own challenges; however, if the past few years have taught us anything, they have shown that we can overcome any difficult situation if we all work together. Our students continue to accomplish amazing things, and although some have struggled, our faculty and staff remain committed to providing help to any who need it. Highland Park High School will always serve the students of our community by providing the best and most supportive learning experience we can offer. We look forward to our OWLS returning to the nest and the Class of 2023 graduating ready to soar off fully prepared for their next adventure.

**I look forward to another exciting school year with everyone staying safe and healthy!
Enjoy the remainder of your summer.**

