

The Highland School

31 Highland Avenue
Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Highland School Weekly Updates

September 10th 2021

Highland Planners:

- The Highland School planners are not here yet. I can assure you the PTA and the school ordered them well in advance by the deadline to get them by September 1st, but for whatever reason, which seems more common than ever now, things do not move as fast as they used to pre-pandemic. As soon as we get those planners, they will be distributed.

Drop-Off:

- Drop off and student entrances with temperature checks have been smooth. Thank-you for helping with that. Since everyone knows where they are going at this point, and as we get into full swing, we are going to tighten up entrance a little bit.
- **Drop-Off Timeline:**
 - 8:00am- supervision provided at each entrance, with temperature checks, for students being dropped off to school.
 - 8:19am- students enter the building.
 - 8:23am- **late bell sounds**. Outside doors will close. All students arriving who can not get to their entrance by 8:23am, should then proceed to the front of the building to be let in through the main office. (when in doubt, go to the main office)
 - 8:25am- Morning announcements begin.

*** If it is raining, students will be let into the school at 8:10am (latest) from their same regular entrance. Grade 6 will then go to the cafeteria, grade 5 will be in the music room hallway, grade 3 and 4 will be stationed in their hallway outside their classrooms.

Chromebooks:

- New Chromebooks have been provided to every student in Highland. Your child should have submitted their old Chromebook, charger, and carrying case. At this time, grades 3-5 are keeping their Chromebooks in school, where they are charged overnight and then students pick them up in homeroom. Grade 6 students bring them back and forth daily (hopefully charged).

Consent Forms and Power School Contact Update:

- Thank-you to those parents who have completed the consent forms and Power School update (snapcode). This is important so we know who to contact and so your children have permission to access certain parts of the Highland program, like technology. Final reminder emails are being sent out from the district for those who have not finished the update/consent. At some point, those students who do not have technology consent forms signed will not be allowed access to technology. Hopefully we can avoid that.

Back to School Night:

- Please mark your calendars; Highland Back to School Night (BTSN) will take place on September 23rd at 6:30pm. BTSN will be in person. More specific information will come out next week.

Highland Picture Day:

- Highland Picture Day will also be on September 23rd. Individual pictures and class pictures will be outside. More information to follow.

Lunches:

- Lunch has been going very well and is as safe as we can possibly make it utilizing the gym and the cafeteria and desk shields. It is a lot of moving parts, but again, we are happy to do it because it keeps us in school full day. Right now K-6 we are not offering doubles, however, now that we are getting more efficient we are going to revisit doubles in the coming weeks to see if we can make it work. Please keep in mind, the lunch provided meets the daily recommended lunch portion by the state, however, especially for 5th and 6th graders, and myself, it may not be filling. Parents can always send in food as well.

Sincerely,

Peter Galasso, Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Galasso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".