



Saddle Brook High School

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Dear Families:

Welcome to the start of the 2022/2023 school year! As always, our priorities as a school are your child's safety and to provide them with an authentic and meaningful educational experience. I'm highlighting some important items that I want you to be aware of as we move into this new school year. I look forward to continuing our close partnership.

Forms in Genesis:

Please sign off on all of the forms in Genesis so your children can access their schedule and receive their Chromebooks. If your child is in 11th or 12th grade, they are allowed to leave for lunch but only if you grant them permission. The sign off for this is in Genesis.

Arrival/Start Time:

Children are permitted to arrive as early as 7:30 AM (at the main entrance) only if they plan to purchase breakfast. The side doors off the parking lot will open at 7:45 AM. Anyone who arrives before 7:55 should report to Cafeteria B. Everyone must be in their period 1 class by 8:00 AM or they'll be marked tardy.

What's New for 2022/2023:

For the upcoming school year, we're continuing our priority on mental health. We have an additional counselor who will be housed in the building (Jessica Oliveira) and we're continuing our partnership with Thrive Alliance Group. Additionally, we are incorporating wellness days and weekends throughout the school year. Those can all be found on the school calendar on the high school website.

Academically, we have some exciting changes to announce with three new courses: *Exploring Aviation & Aerospace*, *Public Speaking*, and *Tomorrow's Teachers*. *Exploring Aviation & Aerospace* is the first course in a sequence that prepares students for taking their pilots license exam. *Public Speaking* is a practical general elective for 11th and 12th graders. *Tomorrow's Teachers* is a dual enrollment course (earn college credit while taking a course at the high school) through Rider University that exposes students to the world of Education. Additionally, *Pre-Calculus Honors* is now offered as dual enrollment through NJIT and we've added *Basic Skills* for *English* and *Mathematics*.

Our honor roll system has been adjusted for this school year to a GPA based calculation. The categories are as follows:

- Honor Roll - 3.2 GPA or higher with no less than a B- in all courses.
- High Honor Roll - 3.8 GPA or higher with no less than a B+ in all courses.
- Superintendent's Honor Roll - 4.4 GPA or higher with no less than an A- in all courses

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to welcome our new additions in the high school:

- Caitlynn Alvarez - English and Special Education
- Kristina Baffi - Paraprofessional
- Nick Boragine - Custodian
- Laurie Brett - Attendance Clerical
- Moe Ghotok - Physical Education/Health
- Marian Kleinman - English and Basic Skills

- Suzanah Lee - Spanish (transfer from Elementary)
- Jessica Oliveira - Counselor
- Emilinda Salcie - Paraprofessional
- Elizabeth Sondej - Special Education
- Abel Rojas Valdes - Spanish
- Catherine Vincent - Business/Technology

1:1 Chromebook Initiative:

All students in the high school will be provided a Chromebook this school year. 9th and 12th graders will be issued Chromebooks and 10th and 11th graders will use the same chromebook that was provided last year. Everyone is required to pay the \$25 insurance/maintenance fee and sign off on all of the forms in Genesis. The fee can be paid via Payschools or by check made out to Saddle Brook Board of Education.

Dress Code:

Our dress code is Board of Education Policy and can be reviewed [here](#). It was adjusted in April 2022 and allows students to wear spirit wear and black leggings. There will be dress-down days on the last Friday of each month and during additional fundraisers throughout the year. If there are extenuating circumstances for your family concerning the dress code, please reach out to the main office. If you have not yet ordered clothes for school, please [click here](#) to see some local options, one of which also directly supports our PTO by donating a portion of their sales.

PTO:

Please get involved with our PTO. This is a great way to stay informed about what's going on at the school. The meetings have been virtual which allows you to attend from the comfort of your home. The cost is \$20 per family and you can sign up by [clicking here](#). Payment options are listed on the sign up form. For this upcoming school year, the PTO is looking for active/paid PTO members to serve as grade level liaisons. If this is something you're interested in doing, please reach out to ptosbmshs@gmail.com.

Athletic Live Streaming through NFHS:

If you're unable to attend our athletic competitions in person but want to watch from home, we've joined the NFHS network. You can subscribe for a monthly fee to gain access to all NFHS Network events which covers 27 different regular and postseason sports, as well as other high school activities. We've installed 2 cameras on our campus: one on our main football field and the other in our main gym. We invite you to join and or send the information to family and friends who might not be able to attend games in person. [Click here](#) for more information and how to subscribe. If you have any other questions about this, you can feel free to reach out to Chris Ianneillo at cianneillo@sbpsnj.org

As always, if you have any questions, you can feel free to reach out. We're looking forward to a great 2022/2023 school year!

Sincerely,

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