



Saddle Brook High School

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Dear Families:

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year! As always, our priorities as a school are your child's safety and to provide them with a 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.

Genesis Forms & Access:

Please sign off on all of the forms in Genesis so your children can access their schedule. If your child is in 11th or 12th grade, permission to leave for lunch must be granted by the parent. There is a form in Genesis to sign off for this. Any requests for schedule changes must be submitted by the student through the Schedule Change Request Form ([click here](#) to access). The counselors will follow up with these requests. The Google form is only accessible through student emails. Lastly, your child's schedule will be unavailable if there are any outstanding fines.

Arrival/Start Time:

Children are permitted to arrive as early as 7:30 AM (at the main entrance) only if they are having school provided breakfast. The side doors off the parking lot will open at 7:50 AM. Anyone who arrives before 7:55 AM must report to Cafeteria B. Everyone must be in their period 1 class by 8:00 AM or will be marked tardy.

What's New for 2024/2025:

We make changes every year to all aspects of the school. For this upcoming school year, we're excited about some changes at the High School which include:

- **New Courses** - Social Media Marketing, Fashion Marketing, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Dual Enrollment Entrepreneurship, and Introduction to Neurodiversity.
- **Facility Improvements** - The Media Center has been updated with new furniture. New walkways have been added in the front of the building and from the back of the building to the football field. Last, but not least, the floors in the front of the school have been redone.
- **Technology Enhancements** - Most classrooms have been upgraded with Interactive Whiteboards.
- **Genesis Updates** - We will utilize the check in feature for students as they arrive in the building each day. Additionally, parents will be able to report absences and upload notes/documentation only beginning this year through the "Notify Office" feature under Attendance. More information on reporting absences through Genesis can be found by [clicking here](#).
- **Student Phones/Electronics** - Phone Holders will be utilized in all classrooms in the High School. During instructional time, phones and other devices will be restricted so that students focus only on learning. This will be strictly enforced.

Student IDs and Lanyards:

Students must have their school IDs and lanyards with them every day. Lanyards will be distributed during the first few days of school. Students should use last year's IDs until the new ones are issued in October. New students will be provided with IDs. Any returning students who lost an ID will be charged for a replacement. ID tags will be replaced at the student's expense of \$5.00. Lost lanyards are an additional \$5.00. The replacement fee for both is \$10.00. If you lost your ID, please fill out [this form](#).

Picture Day:

Picture day for underclassmen is on Tuesday, September 10th. Seniors will have their ID/Genesis pictures taken. This will be done during their Gym periods. Shared time tech students should stop by the Auditorium when they are able to. Therefore, Option II for Alternative PE is canceled that day.

Back to School Night:

The High School Back to School Night will be on Monday, September 9th at 6:15 PM. That day will be a half day for students, with school ending at 12:25 PM. A detailed schedule will be sent out that week.

Chromebook Maintenance/Damage Fee:

All students will be provided a district Chromebook. The annual \$25 maintenance/damage fee must be paid by Wednesday, September 4th. Additionally, anyone who has fines from previous years must also resolve that. The fees can be paid via Payschools or by check made out to Saddle Brook Board of Education. If payment is not received by September 4th, the Chromebook will be deactivated.

Clubs and Activities:

We want your children to get involved in our various clubs and activities. Please [click here](#) to see what we have going on along with the advisors.

Dress Code:

Our dress code is Board of Education Policy and can be reviewed [here](#). Please keep in mind that flip flops or slides are prohibited, all shorts/skirts must go past the mid-thigh, all midribs and undergarments must be covered, and everything must be school appropriate. The dress code for Physical Education is the same as the school dress code but students must wear rubber soled sneakers. We encourage all of our students to show off their school pride by wearing their Spirit Wear. If you are looking to order some, please [click here](#).

Lockers:

Locker numbers and combinations can be seen on your child's schedule in Genesis. They are located in the following hallways:

- Grade 9 - Science Wing
- Grade 10 - Cafe B Hallway to Main Gym Doors
- Grade 11 - History Wing to Main Gym Doors
- Grade 12 - Math/Art Wing

Guidance Counselor Assignments:

Please [click here](#) to see the guidance assignments for this upcoming school year.

Senior Parking:

The senior parking application can be found on the class of 2025 Guidance Google classroom page. If your child has not joined yet, they can [click here](#) to join.

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. Additionally, check out the Spirit Store by [clicking here](#). 20% of your purchase will go directly to the PTO.

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

All of this information is also on the website. As always, if you have any questions, you can feel free to reach out. We're looking forward to a great 2024/2025 school year!

Sincerely,

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