

MANASQUAN HIGH SCHOOL



"Excellence in Education "

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Dear Students and Parents:

I hope this letter finds you having a relaxing and restful summer. During the month of August, our thoughts focus on the upcoming academic year. The teaching staff and administration have been working diligently over the summer, revising curriculum, upgrading facilities and planning for our opening. Manasquan High School will begin the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, September 6th.

Due to the science/technology wing construction schedule, we were charged with finding alternate locations for instructional space for the 2017-2018 school year. We have been very fortunate in working with groups in our school community who have provided us with temporary space for classrooms, and we are in the process of preparing these locations as useful instructional spaces for our teachers and students. Some classes will be meeting in the Manasquan First Aid Building on Broad Street. We will be discussing the logistics of these moves with students during class meetings in September.

Listed below are important dates and key information for the upcoming year:

1. **Teacher In-Service Days-** Our first has been scheduled for the afternoon on Wednesday, September 6th on that day, students will be released from school at approximately 12:05 p.m. On Monday, October 9th and Monday, January 29th we will have **full-day in-service days**. Students will not have school on these days.
2. **"Back-to-School Night"** will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Parents will follow their child's schedule and meet their teachers for 15 minutes. During this time the teacher will explain the course's overview and proficiencies, as well as his/her expectations of the students. Follow-up parent conferences can be scheduled through your child's guidance counselor.

3. We are pleased to announce that Manasquan High School will provide PSAT testing on Wednesday, October 11th for sophomores and juniors during the school day. Testing will start promptly at 7:30 am. Non-testing students should report to school by 10:15 a.m. Busing for testing students and non-testing students will be provided so please plan your schedule accordingly.
4. Due to the "Pest Management Policy" approved by the Board, all food and drink bottles will be prohibited in all classrooms and specified areas of the school building (gymnasium, auditorium).
5. Also attached is the Permission to Photograph Form from Mr. Cahill regarding your wish not to have your child be "photographed and published" in our school newspaper, yearbook, or internet for sports, awards, achievement, etc. **This form must be returned to the Athletic Director's Office no later than September 15th.**
6. A reminder to parents and students- assigned lockers are the property of the school, and periodic unannounced locker searches will be conducted during the school year.
7. Please thoroughly review all contents of the Student/Parent Handbook with your child.

Please check the high school web page for daily announcements and important updates, including new phone extensions for all offices and personnel in the high school. Once again, I hope that the remainder of your summer vacation is enjoyable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Rick Coppola
Principal