



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The Hackensack Public School District will reopen on September 3, 2020 with full-remote learning. Hackensack High School's plan for reopening has been developed to be consistent with the requirements in the NJDOE's Restart and Recovery Plan: The Road Back.

Here are a couple of notes regarding the High School's Virtual Phase:

- Students will follow the regular school day schedule (attached). Students will be guided and instructed by teachers mirroring our regular day bell schedule. The virtual day will follow a traditional school day with appropriate breaks and independent assignments replicating the in-school classroom experience.
- This schedule will have the normal eight 40-minute periods of instruction. Students will have direct instruction with their teachers via Zoom, independent and group work, and assessments during the class period.
- Homework will be assigned as applicable.
- Attendance will be taken during each class period. Extenuating circumstances will be handled administratively.
- This will also include traditional grading and assessments.
- The first two days of school, Thursday, 9/3, and Friday, 9/4, are half days for our students. Classes will end at 12:30 p.m.
- Students will receive Google Classroom invites from each teacher via student email prior to the start of classes. All classes will meet, except period 1 on Thursday, September 3.
- Monday, 9/7, school is closed for Labor Day.
- Student schedules can be found in the Genesis Parent Portal. Once you log on to the portal, you must fill out the required, yearly forms to attain access.

Please be assured the Hackensack High School staff have been working diligently to ensure that the virtual learning experience will parallel, as closely as possible, the education that our students traditionally receive in person. Virtual learning will utilize our district-developed curriculum and will be taught by teachers via Zoom, FlipGrid, Google Classroom, etc., and teachers will upload all assignments online via Google Classroom and other virtual school platforms. Students will be expected to adhere to the district's attendance policy, just as they would in person. To that end, virtual learning will follow a set schedule --- Monday through Friday.

I have attached a calendar to assist in scheduling and planning.

Also, here are a few upcoming events (all conducted virtually):

- September 15; 7:00 – Grade 12 Parent Meeting
- September 16; 7:00 – Grade 11 Parent Meeting
- September 17; 7:00 – Grade 10 Parent Meeting
- September 23; 6:45 – Back to School Night

Thank you,

Jim Montesano  
High School Principal

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