PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL PARAMUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August, 2025

Dear Paramus High School Learning Community,

Each year at this time of the summer our thoughts begin to turn from vacations toward the beginning of another school year. I hope that the past weeks have been relaxing and restful and that you are as enthusiastic about the upcoming year as I am. To assist you and your student in preparing for the first days of school, please find below some important information for you to review together. Please take some time to review and navigate this resource.

- * Communication As a district we continue to Go Green. Therefore, all important information will be shared through the Genesis Parent Portal, email, and our district and school website. Be on the lookout for bi-monthly newsletters.
- * Dress Code Our updated dress code is intended to support the teaching and learning process. I ask your assistance in this matter by ensuring that your student dress according to the school policy. I have included a copy of the dress code with this correspondence.
- * Student Attendance The best way for students to succeed in school is to be in school. However, we understand that situations will arise when students will not be in school. If your student is going to be absent, we ask that you submit this absence in Genesis.

Back-to-School Night will occur during the first week of school. Please mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, September 4, 2025. We will begin with a 9th Grade and New Student Parent Meeting at 6:30. Our program will begin promptly at 7:00.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, teachers, counselors, coaches, and advisors, I extend to you an invitation to work with us in educating your student. We hope to instill in each of our students the desire to be lifelong learners and to help each one to grow into a valuable community member and productive citizen. Please contact your student's counselor or teacher regarding any concerns. As partners in the educational process, good communication will be necessary for our efforts to be effective. We look forward to celebrating our students' successes and achievements with you. Together, we put the "us" in Paramus.

Respectfully,

Dominick J. Miller Principal

First Day of School Alternate Bell Schedule

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Homeroom 7:45 7:57 (12 min)

Period 1 8:01 8:41 (40 min)

Period 2 8:45 9:25 (40 min)

Period 3 9:29 10:09 (40 min)

Period 4 10:13 10:53 (40 min)

Lunch 1 10:57 11:35 (38 min)

Period 5 11:39 12:19 (40 min)

Period 5 10:57 11:37 (40 min)

Lunch 2 11:41 12:19 (38 min)

Period 6 12:23 1:03 (40 min)

Period 7 1:07 1:47 (40 min)

Period 8 1:51 2:31 (40 min)

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Back To School Night Thursday, September 4th

Parents and Families, please report directly to your students 1st Period Class

Our schedule for Back to School Night will be as follows:

| 6:30 - 6:50 | 9th Grade and New Parent Meeting |
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| 7:00 - 7:12 p.m. | Period 1 Announcements by Mr. Miller @ 7:08 |
| 7:17 – 7:25 p.m. | Period 2 |
| 7:30 – 7:38 p.m. | Period 3 |
| 7:43 - 7:51 p.m. | Period 4 |
| 7:56 - 8:04 p.m. | Period 5 |
| 8:09 – 8:17 p.m. | Period 6 |
| 8:22 – 8:30 p.m. | Period 7 |
| 8:35 – 8:43 p.m. | Period 8 |

The intention of this evening is for you to make that important connection with the teachers and to obtain an overview on each course.

If you have any particular questions about your child, please email the teacher directly so that you can arrange a more suitable time to discuss that matter.

Please have your child's schedule with you as you will follow their schedule throughout the evening.

Thank you for coming to this event and enjoy!

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To: PHS Learning Community

From: Paramus Transportation Dept.

Date: August, 2025 Re: Bus Memo

Bus passes for all 9th grade and new students were emailed out at the beginning of August 25, 2025. Please ensure that your student is informed about their assigned bus number. For all other students, bus numbers remain the same. If you have any questions please contact Annette Rodriguez arodriguez@paramusschools.org or Gisela Aultmon gaultmon@paramusschools.org in our transportation department.

Submitting Attendance



For Parents

| Log in to the Genesis Parent Portal. Navigate to Student Data > Attendance. | |
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| ♠ MESSAGE CENTER ♣ STUDENT DATA | |
| Summary Attendance Fees And Fines Forms Letters | |
| Click the Notify Attendance Office tab. | |
| DAILY ATTENDANCE CLASS ATTENDANCE NOTIFY ATTENDANCE OFFICE | |
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| You can also find the Notify Attendance Office button in the Summary tab. | |
| Summary Attendance Fees And Fines Forms Letters | |
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| Counselors THIS WEEK M T W R F | |
| Gencarelli, Joseph ATTENDANCE | |
| Age: 18 Notify Attendance Office | |
| Birthdate: 03/11/2004 | |
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| Under Student will be | a. |

Notify Attendance Office You may only notify the attendance office about today and/or future dates. *Student will be: *On Date: Up through and including (may leave blank): *Check off each student for whom this pertains: Paramus High Demo *Please leave a brief reason for the attendance request: Submit to Office

Under **Student will be:** Select Absent, Tardy, or Early Dismissal.

Insert relevant date(s) in the **On Date** box.

Check the box next to the student's name.

Enter a reason for the request in the text box.

Click **Submit to Office** to post your attendance.

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Clothing and appearance for students will be determined by decency, cleanliness and appropriateness to the occasion.

- 1. Hats, headwear, sunglasses, bandanas and do-rags are prohibited.
- 2. Clothing that reveals underwear or bare midriff is not acceptable. Top garments must meet bottom garments to avoid a bare midriff both sitting and standing.
- 3. All tops must have 1" straps and must cover any undergarments.
- 4. Strapless, backless and racer back tops are not permitted.
- 5. See through clothing or clothing that reveals excessive cleavage is prohibited.
- 6. Skirts, dresses and shorts must reach appropriate lengths of the thigh.
- 7. Pants must be worn at their intended waistline. Extra-large pants must be worn with a belt to keep them in place. Boxer shorts and undergarments must not be seen.
- 8. No inappropriate pajama pants or sleepwear is permitted except during designated Pajama Days (Spirit Week, etc).
- 9. Clothing and apparel bearing print or pictures relating to drug or alcohol usage, language, weaponry, or violence is prohibited.
- 10. Clothing and/or accessories that may be construed as gang-related are prohibited.
- 11. Clothing and apparel referencing sexual activity or bearing sexual innuendo is prohibited.
- 12. Clothing and apparel that is demeaning, degrading, offensive or references violence is prohibited.
- 13. Shorts, skirts or sweatpants that have writing on the seat are not permitted.

Students are expected to cooperate courteously when faculty and/or administrators require compliance with the dress code. In addition to disciplinary action, which can include parent contact, detentions, in-school or out-of-school suspensions, students who do not comply with the dress code will be asked to change or will be given a t-shirt or shorts.

First offense:

Warning, parent contact, after school detention, clothing change

required;

Second offense:

Student sent home for a clothing change or parent required to

report to school with new clothing, after school detention;

Third offense & beyond:

Suspension

A positive and healthy learning environment is one in which students, faculty, parents, and visitors feel comfortable and one in which students and faculty can concentrate on teaching and learning.

Faculty will send non-compliant students dressed inappropriately to an administrator's office.

August 2025

Hello PHS!

The **Paramus Public Library** is your go-to place for school help, awesome reads, and fun activities. Need help with an assignment? Want info on colleges or careers? Looking for your next favorite read, the latest video game, or a spot to hang out, study, or volunteer? We've got you covered.

If you live on the west side of town, the Reid Branch Library is ready to help you, too.

Getting a library card (or replacing one) is super easy—<u>click here to sign up</u> and you're in! Once you have your card, you can:

- Download ebooks, audiobooks, music, magazines, and more with Libby and Hoopla
- Stream movies, documentaries, and shows for free with Kanopy.
- Check out our huge (and always growing!) manga & comics collection
- Use Peterson's Test & Career Prep and Mango Languages to level up your skills

Questions about resources? Stop by the **Paramus Public Library**. We're happy to help in person, online, or whatever works best for you.

We love collaborating with the PHS Media Center and Ms. Piniella; she can help you connect with everything we offer!

See you soon!

Len LoPinto

Director, Paramus Public Library

Sharon Kalman, Supervising Librarian, Youth Services Cathy Eng, Supervising Librarian, Reid Library Becky Karpoff, Senior Librarian and High School Liaison