High School South

PTSA

We hope that your students had a good transition into the new school year. We are excited that so many of you have joined the HSS PTSA! Those who are yet to join, **Join the PTSA** and help support our many students, staff and parent programs and receive the emails with member-only events.

KEY ACTIVITIES WE SUPPORT:

- Scholarships/awards to Seniors
- Coffee with the counselors
- Parent Programs: informative Speakers, college information sessions, panel discussions
- SAT/ACT Practice Tests and the SAT/ACT fair
- Summer student job/Volunteer fair
- Reflections Program
- Back-to-School Welcome Lunch for Staff and the Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Mini-grants to the teachers
- Custodian luncheon
- Post Prom
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Upcoming events

- Sept 7 Nov. 30: Reflections program, offered by National PTA to all local PTAs & PTSAs. The winning entries compete at County, State, and finally at the National level. This year's theme is "I matter because...". The deadline to submit entries is Nov. 30. To learn more about this program, click here.
- **Sept. Oct. 3**: Clothing drive, please <u>click here for the flyer.</u>

How you can help the HSS PTSA:

- By using Amazon Smile
- We added a Paypal button on our <u>website</u> to eliminate the need for checks.
- Volunteering to chair or helping out as a member of a committee.
- Supporting our fundraising efforts so we can continue to offer Scholarships for Seniors, Mini-Grants for teachers, educational and enriching parent programs, and more!
- Purchasing a PTA membership for \$6 online! (Now offering special pricing; membership dues may go up to \$8 soon).
- Last but not the least, we want to hear from YOU –what else would you like us to do and how can we provide value to you. Tell us through the suggestion form on our website.

Useful links: Website | Membership & Scholarship Donations | Amazon Smile

Post Prom

- HSS Post Prom Committee is fundraising for the Class 2021 Post Prom. Want to surprise your special someone on his/her birthday? We are renting birthday lawn signs. Please go to hsspostprom.hbd@gmail.com to reserve your spot.
- HSS Post Prom is collecting McCaffrey's Receipts. Please place receipts in envelopes and drop them off at 9 Haskel Drive, West Windsor NJ 08550.
- HSS Post Prom and South PTSA are collecting donations for the Clothing Drive from Sept. 19 to Oct. 2. Clothing Drive will be contactless this year. Please drop off your donations Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 39 Everett Drive, Princeton Jct., NJ. Clothing Drive Fundraiser flyer.

SEPTSA

- Check back for information and updates from SEPTSA
- Links: SEPTSA Facebook Page | SEPTSA Website | Membership Form

School

• **Senior Portraits:** <u>Please schedule your appointment online</u>. (A letter with your unique login and password has been mailed to you.) Dates available are October

5, 7th, and 9th, from 1-7 p.m. at the HSS New Theater. Please note that there is no fee for your first sitting. DON'T RISK BEING LEFT OUT OF THE YEARBOOK! If you have additional questions, you may contact Lors Customer Service at 908.964.0847

- Your free initial photo session includes:
 - Yearbook Pose
 - Cap and Gown Pose
 - Casual/Personality Pose*
- Attention Students Participating Virtually: If you are experiencing technical issues with your Chromebook or connectivity, please email your teacher immediately. You may need to use another device to alert your teacher about the problem. Tips to solve Tech issues: Restart the computer, use Zoom on your phone and work off your Chromebook; if you Zoom on your phone, it is best to keep your phone plugged in to keep the charge.
- **Reminder:** Back to School Nights will be held virtually this year. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.

Textbook Distribution: Please make time to come to HSS to pick-up textbooks needed for your classes. We will be distributing these items during the afternoon and evening on the following dates based on student grade level: Tuesday, Sept. 22, Wednesday, Sept. 23, and Thursday, Sept. 24. We ask that if you have more than one student at HSS, that you come on the date assigned to your oldest child. In order to observe social distancing, we ask that either the student or a parent comes into the building to collect the books. Essentially, there should be one person, either the student or a parent, to collect the books. Please wear a face mask.

Grade Level	Date	Start	End
12	Tuesday, 9/22	2:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
11	Wednesday, 9/23	2:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
9 and 10	Thursday, 9/24	2:30 p.m.	7 p.m.

Please park in the spaces on the Penn Lyle side of the building, and HS staff will direct the parent or student where to enter the building. Please arrive between the start and end time, wear a mask and either the student or the parent will collect the books from the stations at HSS along the New Theater hallway.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

District

<u>WW-P District Website</u> | <u>Academic Calendars</u> | <u>Events Calendar</u>

Reminders

- Schools and Board Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 28. Click <u>here</u> to see the academic calendars.
- The week of Sept. 21 is Hybrid Week 1. Please click here for the Sept./Oct. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **Health Screening**: Please remember to complete the Daily Health Screening form for your child(ren) on the days they will be in-person. The form is located under the Forms tab in Genesis.
- **Contact Information**: Is your contact information up-to-date in Genesis? If your email or phone numbers have changed, please make sure to update your information in Genesis. If you would like to opt-in to receive SMS text messages from the District, please text "Yes" to "67587" from a cell phone that is listed with your contact information in Genesis. Text messaging rates may apply. For additional details, please click here.
- **Back to School Nights:** This year all <u>Back to School Nights</u> will be held virtually. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.
- The deadline to order your **#WWPStrong spirit wear** has been extended and will now close Sept. 21 at 11:59 p.m. <u>Place your order for your child(ren) and</u> the whole family. Check out the PTA/PTSA #WWPStrong video!

Counseling and Wellness

• Join us for a Virtual College Financial Aid Night Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. for all senior parents and students. Don't miss this opportunity to hear financial aid advice from experts at the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Register in advance for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please see the email sent on Sept. 16 for more information.

Community Education

- EDP is being offered for k-5 students. Morning and afternoon care is available 5 days a week at your child's school. Full-day care is also available for your child's non-in person week. For more information, check out the 2020-2021 EDP
 General Information offerings.
- Virtual After School Enrichment registration is closing soon! On Sept. 28, Community Education will be closing registration for the fall session. Classes

- begin the week of Oct. 5. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Check out the **2020 Fall Programs**.
- Family Fun Fridays are beginning soon! Register your family to take part in different events or crafts such as crochet, yoga, game nights and more. Check out the program guide on page 11 to learn more. Check out the <u>2020 Fall</u> <u>Programs</u>.
- To register for Community Education programs, visit the <u>Community Pass</u>
 <u>Registration Link.</u>

Curriculum and Instruction

 Have a question about Google Classroom? Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these <u>resources for support</u> in the Families and Caregivers Tutorial Helpdesk.
 More tutorials will be added as they become available.

Food Services

- Distribution for WW-P students who currently receive food benefits will now
 occur on a weekly basis. Distribution will be held Mondays at High School North
 from 4-6 p.m. Families who receive benefits will continue to receive emails
 asking for a response regarding participation for the coming week. Completing
 the registration form in the weekly email is required prior to pick up.
- In conjunction with the federal government and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, a waiver has been issued that allows school-aged children access to nutritious meals. As a participant in the National School Lunch Program, all WW-P students are extended the opportunity to receive free breakfasts and lunches due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. Click here for more information.

Technology

 Broken Chromebook? WW-P students with Chromebooks that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this <u>Google form</u> (students must log in to their Google account to access the form) and then come to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday from 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

District Communication

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our <u>district communication tool</u>. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis.
- Click here to view the Fall 2020 WW-P District News.

Virtual Community Events

• Click <u>here</u> for upcoming virtual events and activities from community groups and organizations.

WW-P Board of Education

• Check out the upcoming <u>Board of Education Meeting</u> dates. Agenda and materials for Board Meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

Follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

<u>Twitter | Facebook | Instagram | YouTube</u>