

Sept. 25, 2020

High School South

WW-P Schools and Board Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 28.

PTSA

HSS PTSA continues to strive toward a goal of 100% membership! We would like for each student and parent at HSS to be a member., **Join the PTSA today** and help support our many [students, staff, and parent programs](#) and receive the emails with member-only events.

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 26-27: **LIVE-ONLINE SAT BOOT CAMP** THE PLAYBOOK is the definitive course for students who want to march into the test with confidence, momentum, and every key strategy fresh in their minds. Selected topics include how to shortcut math problems that stump 95% of test-takers, how to identify and avoid trap answers based on words and phrases that will never be in the correct answer, and how to uncover the main idea in lengthy reading passages.
 - Live online SAT Boot Camp on **Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27**
 - Live online PSAT Boot Camp on **Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11**
 - (The PSAT Boot Camp is geared toward students hoping to attain a National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT score.)
 - Tuition is just \$195 for the entire weekend, which includes 8 hours of expert live-online instruction, strategies from an instructor who has helped thousands of students maximize their scores, our exclusive strategies guide *The Playbook for Beating the SAT at Its Own Game*, and video recordings of the entire weekend, so you can review key concepts as often as you would like.

- To Enroll: Visit [LearnThePlaybook.com](https://www.learntheplaybook.com), click Upcoming Courses & Events on the menu bar, and pick the event that reflects your goals and schedule.
- **Sept 7 - Nov. 30: Reflections program**, offered by National PTA to all local PTAs and 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 and Shoe Drive**: Help our organization raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements. Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again. Check the flyer for the list of all accepted items. [Click here for the flyer](#).

We hope to offer many more exciting events and welcome your participation and support. **Together we are bridging the gap!**

Useful links: [PTSA Website](#) | [Email](#) | [PTSA Facebook Page](#) | [Membership & Scholarship Donations](#) | [Amazon Smile](#)

SEPTSA

- Check back for information and updates from SEPTSA
- **Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School

- Reminder: [Back to School Nights](#) will be held virtually this year. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.
- **Yearbook Pictures** for grades 9-11 students have been scheduled. If you are a hybrid student, you will take your portrait on Oct. 21 (hybrid 1) or Oct. 26 (hybrid 2) during the school day. You will be brought down to the New Theater by your teacher. If you are a virtual student, you will need to sign up for an appointment time on Oct. 13 or Oct. 20. Please visit

<https://calendly.com/lorsphotos/wwps-photos> to schedule your appointment. Do not delay as time slots are filling up fast. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- **Senior Portraits:** [Please schedule your appointment online](#). (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. Your free initial photo session includes:
 - Yearbook Pose
 - Cap and Gown Pose
 - Casual/Personality Pose*
 - DON'T RISK BEING LEFT OUT OF THE YEARBOOK! If you have additional questions, you may contact Lors Customer Service at 908.964.0847
- **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.

District

[WW-P District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Events Calendar](#)

Reminders

- Schools and Board Offices will be **closed Monday, Sept. 28**. Click [here](#) to see the academic calendars.
- **The week of Sept. 28 is Hybrid Week 2.** 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 [Back to School Nights](#) will be held virtually. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.

Athletics

- **Athletic Registration:** Winter Athletic registration will be postponed with a date to be determined. WW-P is waiting for more guidance from the Department of Health, The State of NJ and the NJSIAA regarding procedures and policies for the winter season. As more information becomes available we will message out to students and families. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Athletic Director, Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org.
- **Attendance at Sporting Events:** The Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) is putting attendance policies in place for the 2020 fall season. No students will be permitted to attend neighboring CVC games in order to comply with social distancing policies and the State Order regarding the number of individuals at gatherings. Should you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Athletic Director, Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org.

Counseling and Wellness

- Please join us for our next **Virtual Parent University on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at 7 p.m. via Zoom**. The topic will be "Coping with COVID: Grief and Trauma" to better understand grief and trauma-informed parenting practices to support students during the pandemic. Jesse Bassett, director of education for Good Grief, a non-profit organization that builds resilience in children, strengthens families, and empowers communities to grow from loss and adversity, will be presenting. Families and caretakers may use the Zoom link to **register for the presentation:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
- To see past **Parent University** presentations: http://www.ww-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent_university
- **PSAT/NMSQT:** WW-P is pleased to announce that all 11th-grade students (juniors) will be offered the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020. 10th-grade students (sophomores) will be offered an opportunity to take the PSAT 10 in the spring of 2021. Grades 9, 10, and 12 will engage in a virtual

asynchronous learning experience as part of their instructional program (in-person instruction will not be offered) on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020. Please note that Hybrid students in the Larks program at HSN will receive in-person instruction at school and will be provided transportation per their regularly scheduled pick-up/drop off times and locations. An email was sent to parents and guardians on Friday, Sept. 25 with information for all high school students.

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 [2020 Fall Programs](#).
- To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

Curriculum and Instruction

- Have a question about Google Classroom? Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these [resources for support](#) 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/iPad? WW-P students with Chromebooks/iPads that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this [Google form](#) (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 [district communication tool](#). 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 [here](#) for upcoming virtual events and activities from community groups and organizations.

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) 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.

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