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High School South

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:

- **LIVE-ONLINE PSAT BOOT CAMP:** Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 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.
- **First PTSA General Membership Meeting 2020-21: Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.** We are excited to announce that the first PTSA General Membership Meeting for the 2020-21 school year will take place on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. We will be welcoming High School South Principal, Dennis Lepold, as our speaker. As this is an unprecedented year, we would like to create an informative and helpful program which addresses your questions and concerns. Please submit any topics/issues/questions you would like Mr. Lepold to address in this google form by Oct. 5.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu4TGtgx9NwxnAIUiES2VggnlYXITHO1Xh5M3pkfIsSwrwgA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628> We look

forward to seeing you all at the virtual meeting. Zoom details will be sent out closer to the date.

- **Sept. - Nov. 30: Reflections program**, offered by National PTA to all local PTAs and PTSAs. The winning entries compete at County, State and finally at National level. This year's theme is "**I matter because...**". 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.](#)

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

SEPTSA Links: [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School

- A Back to School Night Message was sent to parents and guardians on Oct. 1, 2020, with important information regarding this year's virtual event. This year's Back to School Night is Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. and videos will remain available for your viewing throughout the month of October.
- **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 Lora 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 and call the HSS Attendance office at 609.716.5050 extension 7303. You may need to use another device to alert your teacher about the problem. If you do not communicate the issue with the teacher and attendance at the beginning of the class, you can be marked absent.

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

Reminders

- **The week of Oct. 5 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](#).
- **Masks:** Please also be advised that neither neck gaiters or valve masks provide appropriate protection and are not permitted for use on school or District grounds. Please use a mask with two or more layers that fits snugly over the nose and face. If a student does not have an appropriate mask, one will be provided by the District upon request.
- **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](#).

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

- Check out WW-P's 2020 Week of Respect events for each school: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IGTCNQSX-Ulf35NPW2urWyeFADdpqTON0ahCMWfyI9g/edit?usp=sharing>
- 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. Emails were sent to parents and guardians with information for all high school students.

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 were recently added!

Community Education

- EDP is being offered for kindergarten through 5th-grade 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.
 - Community Education just added an afternoon option from dismissal until 3:45 p.m. Students are able to remain at their schools to complete their afternoon virtual assignments while supervised by EDP staff members.
 - For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#)
- Registration for Fall Enrichment Session 1 has closed, but spaces are still available for Fall Session 2. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information, check out the fall guide here: [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! To view the fall guide, click here: [2020 Fall Programs](#).
 - To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

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. Please register [here](#) by Oct. 7 for the Oct. 12 distribution.

- Reminder: Registration for the Oct. 5 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Oct. 5 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 4 -6 p.m. at High School North.
- To view this month's menus, please click [here](#).

Technology

- WW-P students who need to request a device or 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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