



**West Windsor - Plainsboro High School South**  
***Home of the Pirates***

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Dear High School South Students, Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. This is an exciting and special year at High School South. We are celebrating our 50th opening of WWPHS South when we welcome you in on September 7th this year. Our doors opened in 1973 as West Windsor-Plainsboro High School. We have 50 years of Pirate Pride and Spirit to look back on for inspiration as we build the future together.

I'm sending this email to highlight some information before everyone arrives back on campus on Thursday, September 7, 2023, for the first day of school. Enjoy these last few days of summer and know that South is ready to start working on creating treasured memories for the next 50 years.

**High School South Administration**

The High School South administrative team welcomes you to the 2023-2024 school year. I am joined by Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez and Mr. Ernie Covington, both assistant principals. Mrs. Rodriguez will work with our 10th and 12th grade students and Mr. Covington will work with our 9th and 11th grade students.

**September 7, 2023 - First Day of School**

This will be a full day of school that begins our letter rotation on the schedule (A Day). You will attend periods 4, 1, 2, 8, 5 and 6 in that order. *Students should remember to bring your Chromebook with a full charge.*

**Bell Schedule with One (1) Lunch**

<b>Full Day Schedule</b>		
<b>Block</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>1</b>	7:40	8:40
<b>2</b>	8:45	9:45
<b>3</b>	9:50	10:50
<b>Lunch</b>	10:55	11:36
<b>4</b>	11:40	12:40
<b>5</b>	12:45	1:45

6	1:50	2:50
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### **Senior Open Campus Privilege**

Lunch: Seniors will again have access to open campus at lunch. In order to participate in “Open Campus Lunch Form”, students must meet the requirements and parents/guardians must complete the Open Campus form in Genesis. This form will be available for completion through September 22. Open Campus privilege, for those with a parent/guardian completed form, will be effective for the first day of school. You will need to exit through Door 5 (exit between Commons 1 and Commons 2) toward the student parking lot and return to the school through the main entrance in time for your next block class through the main entrance.

1st and 6th Block Study Hall: Seniors will again be allowed to have late arrival and early dismissal when their study hall falls on the 1st or last block of the day. In order to participate in this privilege, seniors must meet the requirements and parents/guardians must complete the “Late Arrival/Early Dismissal Seniors Only” form in Genesis. This form will be available for completion through September 22.

### **Student Parking and Bussing Information:**

Seniors who have registered their car with High School South through using this form: [HSS Senior Student Parking Lot Registration Form](#) may park in the student parking lot in front of the school (Clarksville parking lot).

Buses will drop students off at the Penn Lyle entrance.

### **Student Drop-off General Reminders:**

- We encourage utilization of District provided transportation to alleviate traffic congestion in and around school during arrival and dismissal times.
- Classes begin at 7:40 a.m. The parking lot gets busier the closer to 7:40 a.m. students arrive. Students need to plan their arrival between 7:20-7:30 a.m. This will allow the students time to safely enter the building and get to their classrooms on time.
- If you are being dropped off by your parent or guardian, you should use the student parking lot (Clarksville parking lot) to enter.
- **NO U-turns** in the parking lot.
- Watch for pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Do not stop and block the crosswalks.
- Remind your students to use the crosswalk.
- If you allow your child to drive to school with their permit and need to switch seats so that you can then drive after dropping them off at school, upon arrival at HSS please park the car in a visitor parking spot (marked on the map below), or the parking lot to make this driver switch. Do not stop in the drop off line to switch drivers.
- There is no parent/guardian drop off on the Penn Lyle side of the building.

### **Student Drop-Off Procedures:**

- Students should only exit the car on the right side and against the curb side. See the green drop-off lanes in the diagram below.
- Pull your car down past the second crosswalk when possible before having your student exit the car. This will help move traffic off of Clarksville.

### **Study Hall/Sub Study/Lunch Locations**

- Study Hall is in the playhouse wings for all periods. 9th and 10th graders will enter on the culinary side of the playhouse. 11th and 12th graders will enter on the media center side of the playhouse.
- Sub Study - If your teacher is absent you will go to Commons 3 for all blocks.
- Students will eat in Commons 1, 2, and 3.

### **Chromebook Pick-up**

Students who did not pick-up their chromebook during summer hours should plan to pick-up their chromebook during their study hall on September 7th or 8th from the media center.

### **9th Grade/New Student Orientation**

9th Grade and New Student Orientation will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Please note that this program is for 9th graders and new students **ONLY** and that transportation is provided. Students are asked to be at their bus stop no later than 9:15 a.m. that morning. Student schedules will be posted in the Genesis Portal on Monday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. and transportation information will be posted in Genesis on Friday, August 25 by 5 p.m.

Students arriving by car should be dropped off in front of the building at the main entrance in the Clarksville Parking Lot. Students arriving by car should NOT be dropped off at the Penn Lyle entrance.

In an effort to limit the number of people in the building, parents should not enter the building with their child. Peer Leaders will be on hand to guide students to their destination within the building. Students should come with access to their schedule via Genesis from their phone or a picture of their schedule on their phone.

At the conclusion of 9th Grade/New Student Orientation, students who are being picked up by parents will do so in the Clarksville parking lot in the front of the building. Students who ride the bus will be bused home at the conclusion of the orientation.

With all of this information for the opening of school, it is important to emphasize how excited we are to welcome everyone back for the 2023-2024 year. High School South is a special place filled with Pirate Pride and Spirit and we look forward to creating a wonderful year together.

Regards,

Jessica Cincotta  
Principal