

**Sept. 11, 2020**

## **High School South**

### **PTSA**

Dear HSS families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new and returning students, parents, and staff to the 2020-21 school year at WW-P HS South. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. We enter this school year in unusual and unprecedented circumstances; however, the district's faculty and administration have worked tirelessly to make the transition as seamless as possible.

We want to begin by thanking you for the enthusiastic reception of the programs launched by the PTSA last year and the tremendous support offered by the community for the fundraisers that enabled those programs. Last year:

- We launched a Coffee with the Counselors series for member Parents as well as invited guest speakers to speak at our general meetings.
- We awarded \$2,100 in mini-grants to HSS faculty and staff for special programs and sponsored breakfast on the first PD day and dinner on BTSN.
- For our student members, we held the SAT fair, conducted a free practice SAT/ACT test, and gave out 3,500 in PTSA student awards. In addition, through the craft fair, we sponsored \$2,750 in school scholarships and gave out \$2,100 to school clubs by employing them to help out at the fair.
- Our Post Prom committee raised enough money that would have enabled graduating seniors to have a great celebration. However, the funds were repurposed to provide gifts to the graduating seniors and to make a legacy gift to the school.

This year, we are working hard to continue to provide value to our community AND to keep the community connected so that our children can continue to thrive.

- Our counselors will continue to have coffee meet-ups over zoom calls
- We are working on lining up exciting speakers.
- We are also working on a new initiative to build an alumni database that student members can access and use to connect with alums.

- We will do our utmost to ensure a safe Post Prom for the graduating class of 2021, as well as to continue to provide student awards.

At the same time, many of our fundraising opportunities have been lost. We know these times are hard for many so we are trying to replace some of our fundraisers by programs such as Amazon Smile, something everyone can help with by making us their preferred charity. Here is the link to add the charity to your account: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3446125>. We also have a Paypal button on our [website](#) to eliminate the need to write and mail checks.

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](#).

With that said, please support us by:

- Purchasing a PTA membership for \$6 (you can even do it in a few clicks [online!](#) (Please note that these membership dues may go up to \$8 soon).
- 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!
- You can keep up with PTSA happenings by visiting [southptsa.org](http://southptsa.org), through our newsletters and flyers.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us at [wwpsouthpts@gmail.com](mailto:wwpsouthpts@gmail.com)

We look forward to working with you. Together we will make this unusual year our best year yet!

Go, Pirates!  
Susmita Rao  
HSS PTSA Board

**#WWPStrong:** The WW-P School PTAs and PTSAs, West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Association, (WWPEA), Special Education PTSA (SEPTSA) and the African American Parent Support Group (AAPSG) are excited to partner to present WW-P families with the

#WWPSTRONG Unity Store. Spirit wear can be purchased [here](#). **The store will close Monday, Sept. 14, so put your order in NOW.**

## SEPTSA

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

Welcome back, Pirates! I was so excited to have staff and students back in the building and just wanted to let you know that you all are doing a great job following all of the health and safety protocols. - Principal Lepold

**Reminder:** [Back to School Nights](#) will be held virtually this year. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.

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## District

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

## Reminders

- **The week of Sept. 14 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](#).
- Supply List: Due to supply chain issues, WW-P is aware that many normally purchased items are hard, if not impossible to get this year. Please click [here](#) to view a **SUGGESTED** list of supplies for each grade level that will help to organize and prepare your child(ren) for the 2020-21 school year.
- 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](#).

### **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Virtual Senior College Planning Nights:** Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. for HSS and Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. for HSN. Details on the college application and admissions process will be presented. If parents cannot make their child's school event, they may virtually attend either night. Details to follow.
- **Virtual Parent University:** In partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District will be facilitating a virtual Parent University Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Reentry and Resilience: Continuing to Cope with COVID" to assist parents in understanding the anxious feelings, worries, and fears students may be feeling as they return to school. Appropriate support strategies, guidance, and tips will be shared. Families and caretakers may use the [WebEx link to register for the presentation](#).
- **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](#). Details to follow.

### **Community Education**

- **Extended Day Program (EDP)** spaces are still available for kindergarten through 5th-grade students from 7 a.m. until the start of the school day and from the end of your child's school day through 6 p.m. Care is also being offered during your child's virtual week of school at two locations. For more information or to register for EDP, check out the [Community Education website](#).
- **Virtual Afterschool Enrichment Registration** is now open. Your child can join any age-appropriate class from the hours of 3:45-4:45 p.m. twice a week,

### **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.

### **Technology**

- Broken Chromebook? WW-P students with Chromebooks 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.

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