

Oct. 16, 2020

## High School South

### PTSA

- The highlight of our first HSS PTSA General Membership meeting was a candid and informative presentation given by Principal Lepold who addressed all of the questions and concerns which have been shared with us about the school year. Thank you to everyone who joined and to Principal Lepold for his valuable insight. We are looking forward to partnering with all of you for a successful and positive year!
- We will begin our Coffee with the Counselor program shortly, please lookout for more information on our [website](#).
- HSS PTSA continues to strive towards 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.
- The Reflections Program is offered by the 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](#).

### Post-Prom

- Post-Prom is collecting McCaffrey's receipts. Please click [here](#) for drop off information.
- It's the [HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN SIGN!](#) The HSS Post-Prom Committee wants to help celebrate birthdays so they can celebrate their graduating seniors. Dates are currently available through November. For more information and to reserve your date, please click [here](#). Available districtwide.
- Cleaning out your closets and rooms? Start collecting because HSS Post Prom is having a Clothing and Shoe Drive Fundraiser Nov. 9-20.
- **Useful links:** [Website](#) | [Membership & Scholarship Donations](#) | [Amazon Smile](#) | [Facebook Page](#) | [Email](#)

### SEPTSA

- Events and Notices: Visit our [website](#) to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.

- Oct. 22: SEPTSA Meeting, 10-11:30 a.m., via Zoom. Join our presentation and discussion with the special services director and supervisors to understand services and programs in this year's virtual and hybrid environment. RSVP by Oct. 20 via the [registration form](#) or go to our [website](#). Contact Kathleen with any questions ([kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:kkz4@verizon.net)).
- Oct. 25: "Office Hours" from 4-6 p.m. We're pleased to restart our informal parent gatherings in a virtual environment. Bring your questions about IEPs and special education services (etc...), or just come to "hang out" with other parents. RSVP by Oct. 24 through the [registration form](#) or find it on our [website](#) which lists the upcoming dates. Contact Jen with any questions ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)).

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

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## School

- **AP Exam Registration:** High School students planning to take AP exams must register online by Oct. 31. The cost for each exam is \$105. Please see the registration site for important additional registration and refund information. If there are any further questions, please contact the appropriate guidance department. For additional information, please click [here](#).
- **Yearbook Pictures:** 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. 20. Please click [here](#) to schedule your appointment. Do not delay as time slots are filling up fast.
- **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.
- **Upload your own pictures to the HSS Yearbook:** In order to make this year's yearbook the best it can be, we are asking students to add their own pictures to the HSS School yearbook. Click [here](#), search our school name, click on shop the store, and upload your pictures where it says "Community upload"

to be potentially included in the HSS yearbook. Please make certain to have the picture taken at the highest resolution. When visiting the site, you can also purchase your yearbook or a Senior Parent Ad.

- **Helpful Strategy to Protect from Eye Strain:** “Try your best to remember to follow the 20-20-20 rule. Set a timer to remind you to look away every 20 minutes at an object that is about 20 feet away for a full 20 seconds.” This information was noted in this [link](#).

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

## Reminders

- **The week of Oct. 19 is Hybrid Week 1.** Please click [here](#) for the Oct./Nov./Dec. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **All-Virtual Instruction Nov. 3.** In accordance with [New Jersey Executive Order #177](#), all WW-P Schools will be closed to in-person instruction Nov. 3, 2020, (Election Day). Instruction by WW-P staff will be conducted virtually on Nov. 3, 2020. This change to all-virtual instruction is ONLY effective for Tuesday, Nov. 3.
- **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](#).
- **HSN PTSA SPONSORED:** Support the HSN Senior Celebration/Post-Prom Committee, Halloween Boos! Surprise your friends and family this Halloween season by “Booing” them throughout the month of October. Cute ghost lawn signs and a bag of goodies from Robinson’s Chocolates delivered to their home will bring a smile to their face. Please fill out the [Google form](#) and you will be contacted with pricing and available dates. Available districtwide.

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- **HSN Popcorn for the People:** North students from Ms. Bard's class are working on a sales project this marking period. They are working with Popcorn for the People, which is a non-profit organization that employs people with Autism. If you are interested in supporting HSN students, please use their class code which is **WWPSD** and place it in the discount code section at checkout. This is how they will get credit for the sale. [www.PopcornForThePeople.com](http://www.PopcornForThePeople.com)

### Health and Safety

- Please click [here](#) to read the Oct. 2 Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold.
- The next Health and Safety Update will be sent Oct. 23, 2020, to the WW-P community.

### Athletics

- **Athletic Registration:** High School Winter Athletic Registration is now open. Registration will close Nov. 8 at 11 p.m. Registration will occur through the [Genesis Parent Portal](#).
  - The release of the registration process does not guarantee that the District will move forward with a season, but rather the survey results will serve as one piece of important information that will be used to determine the viability of a Winter season. A final determination regarding Winter sports will be made the week of Nov. 30.
  - Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Winter Athletic Registration, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Director of Athletics, at [Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org](mailto:Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org).
- **Attendance at Sporting Events:** No students will be permitted to attend neighboring Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) games 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](mailto:Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org).

### Counseling and Wellness

- **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. To register for the presentation, click [here](#). To view past Parent University presentations, click [here](#).

## 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.

## Community Education

- **EDP** is being offered for K-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. Care is available until 3:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. For more information, check out the offerings [here](#).
- Registration for **Fall Enrichment Session 2** is still available!. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information, check out the fall guide [here](#).
- **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](#). To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Anthony Jones has been named the new diversity, equity, and inclusivity coordinator for the district. Mr. Jones has 10+ years of experience working in higher education and non-profit organizations including Columbia University, Princeton University, and Rutgers University. Mr. Jones is excited to work with students, faculty, staff, families, and the WW-P community to cultivate the environment of inclusion that is required to unlock the richness of diversity. Click [here](#) for an article that highlights the positive outcomes of equity in the classroom. Mr. Jones is currently working on the following projects:
  - **Equity Audit and Listening Tour:** Visiting schools and meeting with school and district administrators and staff, to discuss current initiatives, challenges, and opportunity gaps related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
  - **Developing relationships and supporting Student Affinity (Advocacy) Groups at HSN and HSS.** Meeting with Student Affinity groups to listen, learn, and reflect on the experiences of group members.
  - **Focusing on making sure students and staff have safe spaces to discuss equity and inclusion.** Mr. Jones is available to provide support and resources for all members of the district.

## Food Services

- Distribution for WW-P students who currently receive food benefits will now occur on a **weekly basis**. The 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. 21 for the Oct. 26 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Oct. 19 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Oct. 19 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](#).
- Send Hunger Packing WW-P (SHuP WW-P) is a program of the Mercer Street Friends food bank. During a normal school year, SHuP WW-P raises funds for the Friday afternoon placement of weekend food bags in the backpacks of food insecure students in grades K-6. This year has been anything but normal, and now more than ever, families throughout our communities are facing food insecurity. During this pandemic, SHuP has worked tirelessly with WW-P Food Services to supplement the weekly meal kits that students receive through the National School Lunch Program.
  - In order for SHuP to continue to supply much-needed food staples to food insecure WW-P families, SHuP is working with WW-P Foods Services on a grocery gift card food drive to help families in our communities. For more information on this gift card food drive and to donate, please [click here](#). Any amount, small and large, is welcomed and appreciated.

## 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.

## WW-P Education Foundation

- The WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee will hold a [Halloween Craft Fair](#) 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Oct. 24. The afternoon will be packed with fun virtual activities and a live Halloween show. This event is FREE for students in grades pre-K-5. Donations are appreciated! Please sign up using this [link](#). All funds raised will go toward supporting our WW-P teachers to bring creative and innovative ideas to the virtual/hybrid classrooms. Donations may be made [here](#) or please visit the [Foundation website](#), and click on the Donate Now button.

### **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.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Youtube](#)