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Dear Parents/Guardians of Newark's finest scholars,

We have had a wonderful first semester of school as we work to support our students taking advanced courses and improve our instructional practice. As we enter into the new year, I would like to express how grateful I am for this opportunity to serve Science Park students. We have completed the construction of the new Environmental Science Lab and are working on redesigning our Robotics Lab. We also have a new CNC router which will be installed next month. Our Library is also almost finished as we are waiting on new tables and chairs (and books of course) for the lower portion so that students have more space to focus and study.

We have also added a significant number of clubs so that more students can participate in extracurricular activities and be more connected, both to each other and the school. New clubs this year include the Social Justice Club, Physics League Club, Biology Club, Medical and Dental Club, and the Aviation Club. These clubs are in addition to the clubs that were established in previous years.

We are continuing to expand programming and ensure your child receives the best education. To that end, we have made tremendous growth over the past three years. Our NJGPA passing rate last year was 100% in English and 99.1% in Mathematics. Our AP passing rate went from 56% in 2023 to 76% in 2024 to 85% in 2025. Our improvement is remarkable as our starting point in 2021 was 44%. In addition, 100% of our IB seniors earned the International Baccalaureate diploma which is unprecedented in Science Park history. From a college perspective, our scholarship monies received has also grown exponentially – from \$12.2 million (June 2023) to \$37.2 million (June 2024) to \$49.1 million (June 2025). Next school year we will also expand the AP program with two additional courses – AP Cybersecurity and AP Business with Personal Finance – ensuring students have more opportunities to succeed.

To continue to improve and become the #1 school in New Jersey as well as the nation, we need every student in school. Attendance is the single, strongest predictor of grades so it is imperative that your child attends school each and every day. We also maintain tutoring opportunities in the Learning Center (Library) from Monday to Thursday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If your child needs help in any subject, please encourage them to visit the Learning Center.

High School students are now able to access PowerSchool using their district network username and password. The link to sign into PowerSchool for both parents and teachers is <https://sis.nps.k12.nj.us/public/home.html> Students may also install the PowerSchool app on their phones. The district mobile code for the app is LKMB.



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A reminder that each family should complete an online lunch application regardless of income. Our goal is to have 100% of students with applications. Lunch application completion is important as this process helps fund both our school and our district. Lunch applications can be completed using the following link:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/operations/food-services/lunch-application/>

Please note the additional important dates and times:

- January 12, 2026 – Science Park is hosting an Entrepreneurship Workshop from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- January 16, 2026 – Grade 8 Yearbook Pictures
- January 19, 2026 – No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 23, 2026 – The First Day of Midterm Exams & Girls' Soccer Field Trip
- January 26, 2026 – AMC Middle School Math Competition
- January 27, 2026 – Marking Period 2 Ends
- January 28, 2026 – No School, District Staff Development Day

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at (973)733- 8689 with questions. We thank you for your continued support and commitment towards your child's education!

In Service,

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