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Dear Parents/Guardians of Newark's finest scholars,

This has been an amazing year and I would like to thank you for all of your support as we wrap up the last 7 days of school. We have so much to be proud of as our students continue to shine. Thus far our 2026 seniors have been awarded a remarkable \$59.2 million in scholarships. We have made tremendous strides as compared to the 2023 mark of \$12.2 million. In May 2026, Science Park won 6 out of 6 trophies at the Math Olympics! Our students and teachers took home gold in Middle School Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, and Calculus. This accomplishment has not happened since 2009 and only a handful of times in Science High history so please congratulate our math scholars on this accomplishment.

Graduation ceremonies this year will occur in our Science Park Auditorium at 260 Norfolk Street, Newark as follows:

- Grade 8 at 9:00 AM on June 23, 2026 with doors opening at 8:30 AM
- Grade 12 at 3:00 PM on June 23, 2026 with doors opening at 2:00 PM

For the upcoming School Year 2026-27, we are adding the Advanced Placement courses, AP Cybersecurity and AP Business with Personal Finance to our course catalog. These new courses bring our total of AP offerings to 26 courses, more than any public, private, or charter school in Newark.

All grade 12 students are traveling to Seaside Heights for a senior beach day on June 15, 2026 and Great Adventure on June 22, 2026. Students should bring money for food, if desired. There is no transportation nor ticket cost to families for these trips. It is our way of thanking our students for being part of this school community and always striving to do their best. As an additional incentive, all students in grades 11 or 12 that score a 4 or 5 on two or more AP exams or earn the IB diploma will have their name permanently engraved on the Academic Hall of Fame plaque outside the auditorium. Last year's plaque is currently on display outside the main office so please feel free to stop by and check out the honorees.

Our Library has been redesigned with new tables and new seating in the bottom portion of the Library. Students are now able to study comfortably and in a beautiful space. If you have questions or would like to reach out, our Librarian, Elissa Malespina, is extremely knowledgeable and supportive. She can also assist families with a Newark Public Library card. For more information, our Library website is <https://sciparklib.weebly.com/> or she can be reached via email at emalespina@nps.k12.nj.us



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All students and parents should download the Science Park App so that everyone can stay informed about school news, announcements, and upcoming events on their cell phone. The Science Park App also has a link to the PowerSchool Parent Portal, Athletic Events, School Social Media, and the Lunch Application. Please download the App using the QR-code shown right. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the school at (973)733-8689 and ask to be connected to Wesley Jenkins, the Parent Liaison, or Fiara Jara, our Technology Coordinator.



Summer is almost here so let's ensure your child stays connected and learning. We are offering summer programs for Science Park – both incoming and continuing students – to ensure our scholars have what they need to achieve. See the NBOE website for more details. We are also starting a program to create future, female pilots. See the attached flyer for more information.

Please note the additional important dates and times:

- June 15 – Grade 12 to Seaside Heights, STEM Week for Grades 7+8, Chromebooks due, and Spirit Week begins (Childhood Day)!
- June 16 – Grade 12 Graduation Practice from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, PRIDE Open Mic in Café 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Graduation Tickets Distributed, and Spirit Week (Future Me Day)
- June 17 – Grade 12 Graduation Practice from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Spirit Week (Business Casual), and Grade 8 Dance in the Cafeteria 5:30 – 8:30 PM
- June 18 – IB Meet and Greet in the Library at 2:00 PM, Spirit Week (Friends Day), Grade 12 Yearbooks Distributed, and Senior Prom 6:00 – 10:00 PM at the Meadow Wood Manor
- June 19 – No School, Holiday
- June 22 – Grade 12 Trip to Great Adventure
- June 23 - Student Dismissal at 1:00 PM, Grade 8 Graduation at 9:00 AM at Science Park, and Grade 12 Graduation at 3:00 PM at Science Park

As your principal, I believe it's important that I understand both your needs as a parent and the aspirations you have for your child. Please feel free to contact us at (973)733-8689. More information is available on the school website at <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/SCI/>, Instagram @nps_sciencepark, and Facebook ScienceParkHigh. Thank you for all of your support as we continue our work to give your child the very best education!

In Service,

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