



# New Jersey Regional Day School



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**Dear Parents and Students,**

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I'm so glad you're here, and I truly hope all is well with you and your family.

This year, our theme is **Keep on Moving**—a reminder to continue the practices that have supported our growth while exploring new strategies to drive further progress.

We are excited to kick off the year with our dynamic Child Study Team and leadership team, featuring familiar faces you know and trust: Vice Principal **Maria Kadus**, Transition Specialist **Maria Almeida**, and Nurse **Shelly Paton-Lionel**. We are also delighted to welcome our new team members, **Pooja Chouhan** (teacher) and **Dr. Nicola Davis** (teacher coach).

Some students remained with us through the summer as part of our extended school year program. While familiar with the setting, returning in September still marks an important transition—often accompanied by mixed emotions, including anxiety. For students with autism and other unique learning needs, the changes in routine, environment, and expectations can be particularly challenging.

With your ongoing collaboration and support, we can help ease this transition by providing the consistency, structure, and sensory awareness our students need. Our shared commitment to a nurturing, inclusive, and compassionate learning environment remains strong—and together, we can ensure every student feels safe, confident, and ready to thrive.

To support your planning, here are a few important details:

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025
- **School Hours:** 8:15 AM – 3:05 PM
- **Transportation:** Stay tuned for route and pick-up information from the Office of Pupil Transportation.
- **Back to School Night:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 6:00–8:00 PM
- **Lunch Applications:** Please complete an application using the following link: [\[Lunch Applications\]](https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/operations/food-services/lunch-application)  
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- **Teacher Communication:** Look out for a personalized welcome letter and Home/School packet from your child's teacher.
- **Contact Updates:** Please make sure your contact information is current by reaching out to your child's case manager or the main office at (973) 705-3820.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

**Larry Ramkissoon**