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Newark Vocational High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the fully in person 2022-2023 school year at Newark Vocational High School! I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and safe! I am thrilled to be writing to you not only to kick off the year, but to also introduce new members of our leadership team. In addition to Vice Principal Izzo, Vice Principal Gill, Department Chairs Ms. Nascimento, Ms. Saberwal, Ms. Serrattan and Ms. Timpone, we have now added Vice Principal Peter Ramos and Department Chair Patrick Malpass to our staff! Our leadership team is ready to take on a new year with our fully complete school of ninth through twelfth grade students! This year we will be working together to build our core values and truly define who we are as eagles. We will be using the term “Soaring to New Heights” as a foundation for how we are going to continue to make our school great and progress through this school year! I truly appreciate those families and students who have taken the time to complete the survey that was sent out in July. If you have not completed it and would like to, the link is [here](#) for your reference.

Please read the following information carefully:

- Important dates and times:
 - **The first day of school** is Tuesday, September 6, 2022. School begins at 8:10 am and ends at 2:40 pm. The 2022-2023 school calendar can be found [here](#).
 - **Summer Bridge Program** (Mandatory for all 9th graders. Uniforms and masks are required). August 15-19 from 8:30-1:00. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
 - **Student Orientations** (uniforms required):
 - August 22, 2022- Senior Class of 2023: 9:00-11:00am
 - August 23, 2022- Junior Class of 2024: 9:00-11:00am
 - August 24, 2022- Sophomore Class of 2025: 9:00-11:00am
 - August 25, 2022- Freshmen Class of 2026: 9:00-11:00am
 - **Back to School Night** is September 22 from 6-8pm. This will be an in-person event! Information is forthcoming.
- **Ingress/egress procedures and dismissal**
 - Freshmen and sophomores enter through door 3
 - Juniors enter through door 2
 - Seniors enter through door 4

In the event that you need to pick up your child early, please contact the school ahead of time so we can facilitate getting the student to the door, where a staff member will greet you and have you sign them out. No student will be released to anyone not listed on the emergency contact form that must be completed on [SchoolMint](#). Parents/guardians must also bring a valid ID in order to pick up their child. These safety expectations in order for children to be released.



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- **Covid Protocols:**

Everyone reporting to the school building and school grounds is required to wear a face covering and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing at all times. Signage will be displayed around the school to direct the flow of traffic. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles and hand sanitizer to school. Please do not send your child to school with a temperature or if they are not feeling well. High contact surface areas will continue to be sanitized throughout the day. Hydroxyl purifiers remain in all areas where there are staff and children present.

- **Safety protocols:**

Exterior doors always remain closed and locked. Visitors must be greeted by a security guard using the parking lot entrance only. Regular perimeter checks are embedded into security guard schedules to ensure doors remain closed and locked throughout the day. Metal detectors are placed at all ingress doors. Scheduled safety and fire drills will continue to occur monthly.

- **Uniforms are mandatory in school:**

Uniform code is as follows:

Yellow or purple collared shirt (school logo is preferred but not mandatory). Khaki pants/skirts.

Shoes: Black close toed shoes are preferred. Clogs, flip-flops or slippers are not permitted.

- **Breakfast and lunch:**

Every family is required to complete a lunch application. Applications must be completed online. Please click [here](#) to apply. Our goal is to have 100% of students with applications on file before the start of school. Breakfast will continue to be served upon arrival to school. Lunch will take place in the cafeteria. Each grade level will have their own lunch period.

- **Policies** for your review: [attendance](#), [discipline/conduct](#), [uniform](#), [cell phone](#), [acceptable use](#).

Please continue to check our school's website (<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/nwv/>) for updated information. Social media handles for our school will be sent to you via Schoolmint and posted on our website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 973-733-8792. You can also email our clerks at ndickson@nps.k12.nj.us, oslocum@nps.k12.nj.us, or pvalencia@nps.k12.nj.us.

I thank you for your continued support and commitment towards your child's education!

Respectfully,

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