

Unionville High School

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Dear UHS Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! On behalf of the entire staff at Unionville High School, it is my great pleasure to officially welcome you back to Unionville High School for our 97th year. We would also like to extend a special greeting to our new students and families to the Unionville High School community.

In just a few short weeks, the school year will officially kick off on Monday, August 26, with a full day for all students. This school year, we are excited to roll out our new Lunch & Learn bell schedule (*Please see the attached document for the Bell Schedules*). There will no longer be a dedicated homeroom time prior to first period, instead, students will now report directly to their first period class. In addition, students will have Lunch & Learn from 10:27-11:27. Lunch & Learn will provide students with an opportunity to eat lunch, to collaborate with peers, to conference with teachers, to complete assignments, etc. The first two school days will include orientation activities, where the expectations for Lunch & Learn will be presented to all students. Our first school day will begin with students reporting directly to their first period class at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 2:43 p.m.

Our high school website always has an up-to-date calendar posted. To assist you with planning of family schedules, the following dates will provide information on some important events that will occur early in the school year.

- August 19 Student schedules available for viewing/printing on PowerSchool
- August 20 Evening program for Freshmen, Transfer Students, & Parents*
- August 23 Optional, Self-Guided Walk-Through for any interested student, 9:00–2:00 p.m.
- August 26 First Student Day of Classes
- Aug 30- Sept 2 School closed for Labor Day weekend
- Sept 10 – 13 Class of 2019 Senior photos/retakes, 3:00–8:00 p.m. (last opportunity)
- September 12 Back-To-School Night for Parents/Guardians, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- September 17 Student pictures during the school day
- September 23 - 27 Spirit Week
- September 27 - 28 Homecoming Football Game and Dance
- September 30 School closed
- October 9 School closed
- October 14 School closed
- October 16 PSAT Day for 10th and 11th grade

*Please note: Our High School Orientation for rising 9th graders and their families, along with any student/parent who is new to the district, will be held the evening of August 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will begin with a New Student Orientation Night cookout in the lower high school parking lot, and then move to the auditorium for a presentation and tours around 7:00 p.m., with the evening concluding at 8:00 p.m.

Important/New Information:

- The following staffing changes/updates have received final approval by the School Board. They are:
 - Mrs. Sarah Graden will be our new Social Worker
 - Mrs. Judy Jones will be our new Building Technologist
 - Ms. Jennifer Liegeot be our new Chemistry teacher
 - Mrs. Colleen Miller will be our new School Counselor
 - Mr. Adam Mobley will be our new Mathematics teacher
 - Ms. Alexa Piccoli be our new School Counselor
 - Ms. Courtney Smith will be our new Speech Pathologist
 - Mrs. Jen Smith be our new Secretary in the Guidance Office

- **Student Schedules:** Student schedules will be available for viewing/printing on PowerSchool on Monday, August 19.

- **Traffic pattern for buses and parent drop offs:** Please note that no student may be dropped off at the front of the school in the morning prior to 8:00 a.m. Please be certain to comply with this guideline since failure to follow proper procedures creates an unsafe situation for our students.

- **Student parking:** will be available for Seniors at the start of the school year. A separate letter was sent on August 8st to all 11th and 12th grade households. By early September, we will ascertain the number of student spaces that are open and hold a lottery for juniors who wish to apply for a space.

- **2020 Commencement:** The Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2020 will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020, at the University of Delaware, Bob Carpenter Center at 11:00 a.m....Save the Date!

- **Class Dues:** Please remember that class dues, which are used to pay for the Senior Dinner Dance and Commencement items, may be paid in the High School Main Office. The class dues are: 9th - \$30; 10th - \$25; 11th - \$20; 12th - \$15. Checks should be made payable to "UHS Activities."

In closing, on behalf of the entire Unionville High School family, it is our privilege to serve both parents and students to provide the best possible educational experience. If you have a question, comment, or a concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are all looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Conley
Unionville High School Principal