



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

September 4, 2020

Good Afternoon Parents,

The reopening of our schools is quickly approaching and tomorrow will mark the “unofficial” start of the COVID 19 2020-2021 school year as we open the ***PowerSchool Parent Portal*** and provide you with the first opportunity to view teacher and counselor assignments and schedules. This information for all schools will be released on Friday, September 4th at 4:00 PM.

As we all know and understand, this is a year like no other and we ask for your patience as we reopen with our hybrid and VPO models. More detailed information about the school day and new procedures will be arriving next week. Once we actually open, please be certain to follow established guidelines and check your child every day for COVID 19 symptoms and, most importantly, a temperature check. If your child has an elevated temperature and/or symptoms, please keep your child home from school and get tested. We ask this even though we are doing temperature checks when your child arrives at school.

In preparation for this highly anticipated digital event, please remember that the ***PowerSchool Mobile Application*** has certain limits in what may be viewed. As such, if you plan to use a smartphone, you may wish to consider using its web browser rather than the “app” for this purpose. You can log into the parent portal through the district website. Using the navigation bar on the left-hand side you may view class schedules and transportation information. If you have difficulty accessing your child's information, please try using a desktop or laptop computer first, then contact your child's school.

Due to the construction still being closed out and COVID 19, we must limit our in-person open house/orientation programs this year. All schools will have an in-person orientation program only for the transitional grades; K, 4th, 7th, and 9th. If you have a child in one of these four transitional grades, your child's principal will be contacting you very soon. Please know that if your child is particularly anxious about the start of the school year and you need support to help him or her prepare, you can always reach out to our principals and school counselors

Again, thank you for your understanding as we prepare for a great school year! Be sure to visit our website for more information and updates on COVID 19 and our safety strategies ([Mitigation Actions](#)), ([UV-C Lighting](#)) and ([Health & Safety Updates](#)).

Sincerely,

Dr. LeRoy Seitz, Interim Superintendent of Schools