



# Stephen J. Gerace Elementary School

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Mr. Matthew Reiner, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome Back! The 2021-2022 school year is upon us. We are excited to announce our district-wide elementary school theme: "Pequannock Elementary Schools- A Rainbow of Possibilities!" We are very excited for the upcoming school year. Throughout the pandemic, we learned that we are resilient, that our students and staff love coming to school, and that together we can accomplish anything. We had a very successful 2020-2021 school year due to the unwavering support of our community and it is with this continued mutual respect, patience, and support that anything is possible. Let's show our Panther pride each and every day!

As with any school year, there are always plenty of forms to fill out. Several forms were made available in Realtime including the Computer/Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Google Apps Permission Form, and Internet/Video/Photo Consent form. These forms should be signed online. There are two additional forms that will need to be completed and returned in paper form at the beginning of the school year. They are the Health Information Form and the Supervision and Safety at Dismissal Form, which can be found on our website [sjg.pequannock.org](http://sjg.pequannock.org) (under the forms tab on the left hand side) and are also attached to this email. Additionally, hard copies will be sent home on the first day of school with all students. Please complete the forms by Friday, September 10th.

The first day of school for students is Thursday, September 9th and Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th. Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, September 17th. More information regarding those events will be distributed soon.

There is also an item that needs to be completed on the **Realtime Parent Questions Tab**. NJ State Reporting requires all students provide information on whether their parent or guardian is on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserve components of the United States military services. Please log onto the Parent Portal and click on the "Parent Questions" tab located on the left hand side of the screen to answer this question. Additionally, **please update Emergency Contact Information when you log into Realtime.**

The following informational forms are also available on our website:

- AHERA Asbestos Letter
- Allergy Information
- Attendance Policy
- Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) letter
- How to Create an Account on the Website
- Integrated Pest Management letter
- Parent/Student Handbook– check the Parents tab on the website
- School Security Drill Requirements letter
- Student Accident Insurance Information
- Traffic Letter
- Other helpful parent guides can also be found on this page

Sincerely,

Matthew Reiner  
Principal