

SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

Welcome to Sayreville War Memorial High School for the 2022-2023 school year! The teaching staff and the administration are looking forward to another successful “take off” into the upcoming academic year at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

In preparation for the 2022-2023 school year, our amazing Building and Grounds staff have been working tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare the buildings and grounds. Our school looks great and we cannot thank them enough for all their hard work!

Lastly, please make sure that you visit our website (<http://www.sayrevillehigh.net/>) it consists of an abundance of information that you will find very helpful, particularly the 2022-2023 School District Calendar and [Student Handbook](#).

First Day of School- School will open on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for all students at Sayreville War Memorial High School. The first day is a full day from 7:30 am to 2:12 pm. Lunch will be available for purchase and students may bring a lunch from home. Upon arrival at school, the students should report to their Period 1 class **no later than 7:25 am**.

Student Schedules/Enrollment Update - If you have not already done so please complete and submit your child(ren)’s enrollment update in *Oncourse Connect*. A copy of your child’s schedule can be accessed via the Oncourse Parent Module. Please be advised that student schedules will not be available if enrollment update is not completed. Every effort has been made by our school counselors to make an accurate schedule based on a student’s academic plan and future goals. Please direct any scheduling issues to the following form: [Student Schedule Form](#) and make sure that the request fits one of the criteria for a change. Keep in mind, changes are not made for a preferred lunch period, gym period, teacher preference, etc. The deadline for any schedule change is Sept. 16th.

Student Devices: All students have been issued a district chrome book device. Students that are new to the district or opted out last year can obtain a device in our High School media center. Students must have the [Student Chromebook Agreement](#) signed to receive a device. Please be advised, personal devices and cell phones will no longer be able to connect to the High School Wifi.

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Handbook/Rules and Regulations - Ninth grade students and students that are new to the school should spend time carefully reviewing the [Student Handbook](#) and [Student Code of Conduct](#). Each year there are changes to the handbook, so we recommend a re-reading of it to those of you who have seen it before. The handbook represents a starting place for information. Feel free to contact appropriate members of the school staff if you need additional information. We will be glad to help you. The Student Handbook is also posted on the High School website. **In addition, discipline referrals are now paperless and can be found in Oncourse connect under discipline and behavior.**

Please note the following important information regarding Rules and Regulations:

- At Sayreville War Memorial High School, our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our students. The administration will continue to take the necessary steps when a student has been found using or in possession of an electronic smoking device which includes vaping device on school grounds or at school sponsored event. Given the uncertainty of what substances are contained in these odorless electronic smoking devices and the inability of the High School Administration to verify the contents of such devices through a visual inspection, effective immediately, students found in possession of or any electronic smoking devices will be sent out for an immediate medical examination and drug screening as per the district's Substance Abuse Policy. Please refer to the High School's Student Code of Conduct for consequences. We strongly recommend that you have a conversation with your child(ren) about the dangers of these devices. Please refer to BOE Substance Abuse Regulation and Policy.
- The Board of Education prohibits the possession and/or use of firearms, other weapons, or instruments that can be used as weapons on school property, on a school bus, at any school function, or while enroute to or from school or any school function. A student found or observed on school property or at a school event in possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument will be held to the student code of conduct. This includes items capable of causing harm or bodily injury for which:
 - There is no educational purpose; or
 - Observed to have been displayed or used as a weapon.
 - This definition also includes, but is not limited to mace, tear gas, brass knuckles, sharp rings and jewelry, blackjacks, and martial arts weapons.
- Any student involved in a fight or assault which results in an injury which requires medical treatment or any 3rd fight or assault at any time during his/her four years in high school will be required to attend a Board of Education hearing. The proposed penalty will be suspension for the remainder of the school year.
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying will not be tolerated at SWMHS. Please refer to BOE Policy.

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- Social Media posts made by students that interrupt the operation of school and impede the education of others will be held accountable according to the Student Code of Conduct.
 - **Student Dress Code-** Students are not permitted to wear hoods, hats, do-rags, or head gear of any kind, unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons. Headphones, air pods, and earbuds are not to be worn or used during the school day. Any such items taken from students will need to be picked up by a parent. The high school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. As we are still in the warmer months, I want to remind students of the following:
 - Students may not wear strapless, see-through, one shouldered, off-the-shoulder, or halter tops. Additionally, bustiers, tops with cut-outs or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted.
 - Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (e.g., drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products). In addition, students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, or inappropriate.
 - Students may not wear short skirts or short shorts. Shorts and skirts must have a reasonable distance from the knee but should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans are also considered inappropriate.
 - Footwear may include shoes, sneakers, or sandals that are secure to the foot. **Flip-flops and athletic slides are not permitted.**
 - Students who violate the dress code policy may receive disciplinary consequences and must change into appropriate attire. Refer to [BOE Policy](#)

Class Assemblies- The High School Administration will hold class meetings during the first week of school. These meetings will serve to inform students of the changes in school rules and policies for the upcoming year. Since attendance will be taken by our first period teachers they will be reviewing school rules and regulations on attendance, discipline, drug and alcohol, fighting, lockers and dress code. I feel that it is extremely important that each student is made aware of the rules and the consequences of violating them. Students will be asked to share the information with you and, given the importance; I suggest that you familiarize yourself with them as well. All of the rules and regulations are outlined in the student handbook.

Student Parking: The High School is undergoing significant construction in our parking lots to install our new solar carports. Therefore, until further notice, **students will not be permitted to park on school grounds.** Once construction is complete, student parking will be assigned.

Entering the Building/Student Drop Off – Parent drop off will be in the front of the building only. Please do not drop off students in any other location and use caution to obey all local traffic ordinances.

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All student belongings will be searched by our security staff and students will be asked to walk through the metal detectors prior to traveling to their morning locations. Students must wear their photo ID badge and lanyard at all times. Be advised, the ID policy is mandatory. Since ID's are required, the cost of additional replacement ID's and or lanyard is \$5.00. Please see the student handbook for additional guidelines.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Back to School Night- September 19th, 2022

Parent/Teacher Conferences- January 30-31 and February 1-3

During the school year, please do not hesitate to call the main office or email me directly at Dale.Rubino@sayrevillek12.net. I firmly believe open communication is very important in a school and for this reason, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher, to a member of the school counseling staff, a Vice Principal, or to me with any questions you may have. On behalf of the teaching staff and administration, we wish you and your family a most enjoyable Labor Day weekend and a very memorable and highly successful school year.

Sincerely,

Dale J. Rubino
Principal

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