

**GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**John L. Miller – Great Neck North High School**  
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**OVER 90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

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Dear Parents & Students:

I would like to welcome you to J. L. Miller Great Neck North High School! We are eager to open our doors and start this new school year with a new perspective and appreciation of the importance of kindness, gratitude, and empathy. We have absolutely no doubt you will enjoy being a freshman!

The upcoming four years are of critical importance not only to forge a path towards graduation, but also to grow, discover, and mature. High school is a time for students to discover their passions, develop self-confidence and grit, and become stronger, smarter, and more socially responsible. Through active participation in co-curricular activities and immersion in the Great Neck North school culture, you will not only have fun, but also find meaning and fulfillment in your career as a student. Together, with the support and guidance of our talented and caring staff of teachers, administrators, coaches, and counselors, we will construct a meaningful, vibrant, and personalized experience for all our students.

This year, we will be holding our activities, meetings, and events in-person. In conjunction with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), three important events will be scheduled and follow-up information will be forthcoming.

The first is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade meet and greet for parents on Thursday, August 25, at 9:00 A.M., in the commons (located on the lower level of the high school). We will also use this day to conduct schedule changes for 9<sup>th</sup> graders from 10:00-11:30A.M. and 12:30- 2:00 P.M.

The second is our Annual Open House, scheduled for September 22, at 7:00 P.M. This event, designed to celebrate a new school year, serves as an invitation to be involved in your child's high school experience, and provides the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and become familiar with the course content and expectations.

The third event is our orientation program for underclassmen (juniors, sophomores and freshmen) scheduled for Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. (details will follow in the coming weeks) and is a great opportunity to learn more about your child's educational journey.

Our Calendar-Handbook is complete and will be published on our website by the end of the month. I encourage all students and parents to review the regulations and expectations in the handbook. We have found that when parents and students read and discuss the expectations together, a shared and collaborative understanding is fostered.

In an ongoing effort to grow our security measures, the district has been upgrading its safety and security protocols at all schools. One such change has been the implementation of student ID cards at the high schools. All students are expected to arrive at school wearing ID badges and they are to do so for the entire school day. ID badges grant students access in and out of the building, restrooms, and library. If you have questions regarding our safety protocols, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

The PTO and Shared Decision-Making are two vital collaborative groups that work with our staff to keep lines of communication open and effective. In both of these important groups, parents and school staff work together to discuss, design, and plan initiatives to strengthen our school and our school community. I encourage you to become a member of our very active PTO and attend our monthly meetings.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all our 9th graders on August 31! Students will start the school day in their Advisories on both Wednesday, August 31 and Friday, September 2 where they will be greeted by their advisory teacher and peer leaders who will answer any questions and provide whatever support students need to confidently embark on their high school journey.

The staff at J. L. Miller Great Neck North High School is committed to fostering a safe, nurturing, welcoming, and supportive environment for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions or any issues arise.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing a successful and exciting school year together!

Sincerely,

*Dan Holtzman*

Dan Holtzman, Ed.D.  
Principal