

MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:


On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7:05 a.m., Miller Place High School will begin the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to welcome back the student body and the class of 2028 as they begin their journey towards graduation. As the principal of the high school, I am eager to greet you daily in the main lobby, where we will have the opportunity to engage in conversations. I encourage all of you to take advantage of the wide range of class offerings, clubs, and sports that await your participation over the course of your school career. To encourage spectator participation at games in the fall, along with encouraging all to attend club meetings, please visit our informational bulletin boards located in the main hallway. I am committed to the students, parents, and the community, where I will remain an active part in the endeavors that create lifelong learners and social emotional success. We will continue to provide all students with a safe learning environment that fosters an educationally fulfilling array of memories that will allow for fond experiences both in and outside of the classroom.

Enclosed you will find information designed to inform both parents and students with a strong working knowledge of procedures and policies that allow for a productive and successful educational environment.

-  Review the school-wide classroom cellphone procedures for the upcoming school year. The link provided allows access which explains the expansion of last year's spring initiative that was piloted in our social studies classrooms. [Cellphone procedures.](#)
-  Please carefully review the summarized attendance policy as the failure to adhere to this policy may result in the denial of course credit. Additionally, please be aware that the Miller Place School District Retention Policy can be found on the school district website under the Board of Education Policy Information.
-  Students who participate in extra-curricular activities must be academically eligible. Please review the enclosed summarized eligibility policy and visit this hyperlink to view the [club offering guide](#). Becoming an active participant in clubs and sports, greatly enriches the overall high school experience for students.
-  Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) is a New York State Anti-Bullying law that was signed into legislation and is in effect as of July 1, 2012. The Dignity Act promotes civility and creates a safe, nurturing environment for students who are harassed and/or bullied by their peers or school personnel while students are on school property or at a school sponsored function, based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex. Building coordinator information is provided.

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 In order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning and to provide our students with guidelines to facilitate appropriate decision-making skills, Miller Place High School has adopted an electronic cigarette and student dress code policies. Please review, discuss, and adhere to the information outlined on each document.

 If your child's schedule (grades 11-12) allows for early release because classes are not scheduled through 9th period, a form must be obtained in the Main Office. BOCES students need to pick-up this Early Dismissal Form (blue) to leave school early in the event BOCES has a conference day at their specific site, thus canceling classes.

Successful students demonstrate the qualities of punctuality, participation, preparedness, and perseverance in pursuing their goals. Please reflect on the following to help your child be more successful:

- ❖ School Tool is a valuable means to open conversation with you and your child regarding his/her grades, attendance, and discipline. School Tool's Parent Portal allows you to monitor tests, homework/class work, classes attended and documented misbehavior. School Tool is the official documentation used for grade reporting. Google classroom will provide your child/children with assignments and allow for valuable student-teacher communication. Your username and password for School Tool can be obtained from Central Office. All of this information can assist you, prior to calling the school, in ascertaining the necessary information to help your child be more successful.
- ❖ Those students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses this school year, a letter from Assistant Principal, Sean White has been included which delineates College Board deadlines and costs.
- ❖ If special education services and information is needed, central office contacts are provided within these documents.
- ❖ Please help to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Stress the importance of arriving to class before the bell sounds. School begins at 7:05 a.m. Students should be in school by 6:55 a.m. The bell schedule is included.
- ❖ Encourage your child to join one of the many clubs, teams and activities we offer.
- ❖ Lastly, we encourage your child to ask questions when encountering an obstacle in turn becoming an active participant in their education.

The Miller Place High School Staff are eagerly anticipating the start of the new school year, ready to embrace fresh challenges and exciting opportunities. We're looking forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and achievement. *Open School Night* this year is Thursday, September 26, 2024. Please mark your calendar to meet your child/children's teachers, explore an overview of their courses, and navigate the schedule of your teenager.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Slavin
Principal