



Message from the Superintendent

Spartan Legacies Begin Today!



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TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Students,

Every school year is a new beginning and a fresh start to write your own story. I wish every student tremendous success as you set out to write this year's chapter. Go forth and embrace the struggle. Challenge yourself in new ways, and focus your energy on becoming the best version of yourself.

Remember that help is just a smile away. There is a team of educators just waiting in the wings to help you on your way. Don't be afraid to ask for guidance. Be kind to your classmates, for they are facing their own struggles too. Help make our schools the absolute best place to learn and grow. Fill the air with Spartan Spirit, and this is sure to be our best year yet. Best wishes, Spartans!

Sincerely,

Kelly E. Weldon
Superintendent of Schools



Transportation TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Give yourself plenty of extra time.
- Buses may be running slightly off schedule the first few days of school.
- Please be patient and kind to our drivers.
- Remind your child to demonstrate good behavior on the school bus.
- Contact your school's main office with any questions or concerns.



Stay in the Know!

Genesis Parent Portal

- Please log on to your Genesis Parent or Student Portal to see your student's grades, attendance, and other important information. You can log on [HERE](#).
- On the Genesis homepage, you can choose to view Genesis in your preferred language by using the drop down menu in the bottom left hand corner.

Web BackPack Alerts

The Township of Ocean School District will communicate important information and announcements through our Web BackPack email system. We encourage all families to sign up for Web BackPack.

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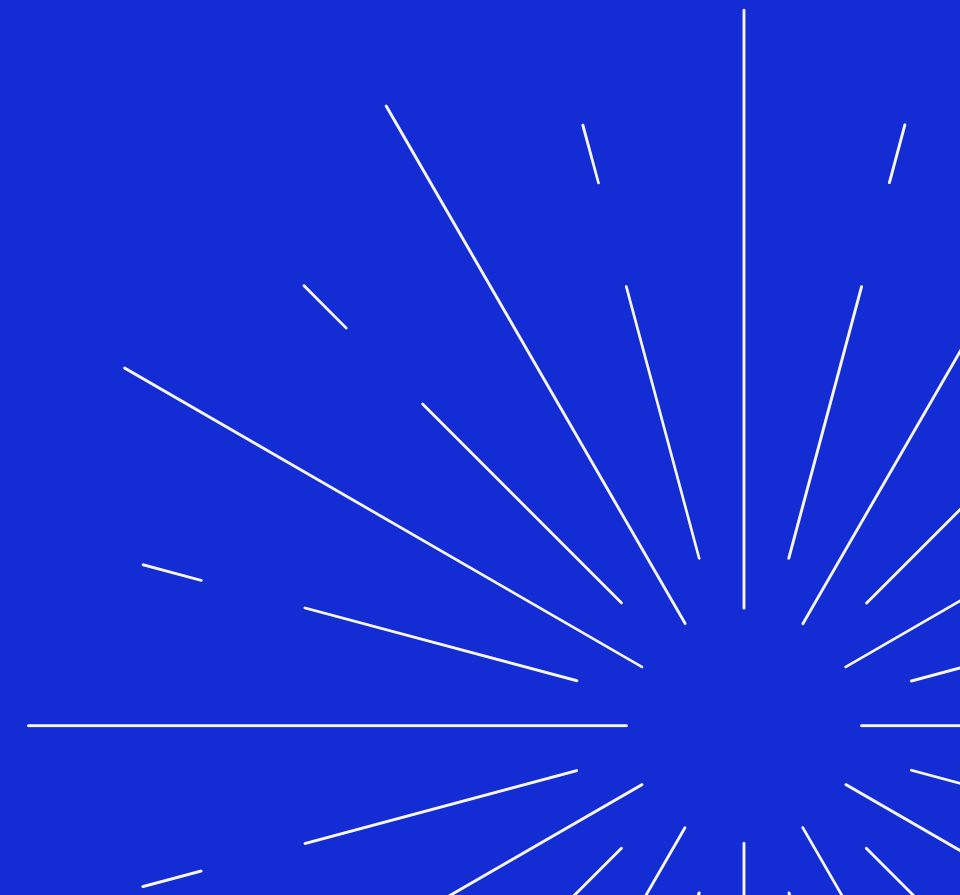


Upcoming Events & Important Dates



September 2024

4	OTES Preschool Orientation, 9:00AM
4	Wanamassa Preschool Orientation, 9:00AM
4	Wayside Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00AM
4	OTES Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00AM
4	Wanamassa Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00AM
4	Wayside Preschool Orientation, 10:30AM
4	OTHS Freshman Orientation, 11:30AM
5	First Day of School for Students
10	OTES Fall Pictures
11	Wanamassa Open House
12	OTES Open House
13	Wanamassa Fall Pictures
16	Wayside Open House, Grades Preschool-1
17	Wayside Open House, Grades 2-4

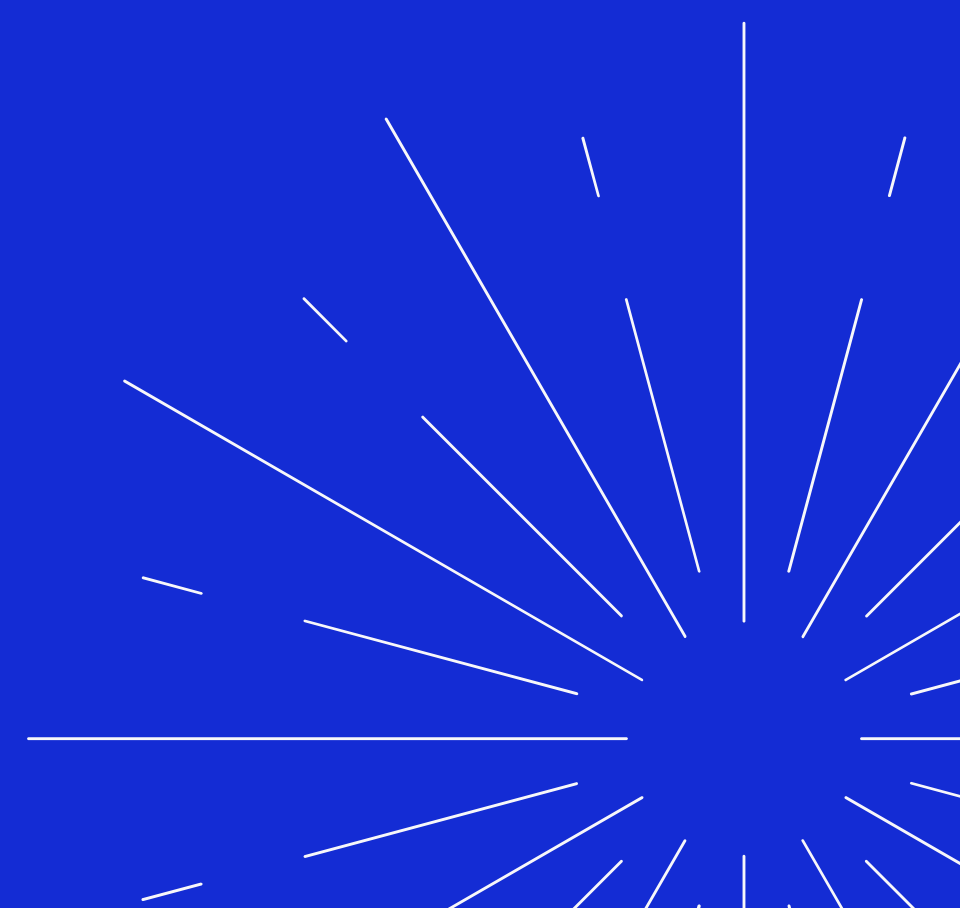


Upcoming Events & Important Dates (continued)



September 2024

19	OTHS Freshman Academy Parent Workshop, 6:00PM
19	OTHS Back to School Night, 6:30PM
24	Wayside Picture Day
24	Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting, 8:00PM
25	TOIS Open House w/ Student Activities Showcase, Grades 5 & 6
26	TOIS Open House w/ Student Activities Showcase, Grades 7 & 8



Introducing **Mrs. Duffy**



Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Carol Duffy to our Spartan Team as our Interim Assistant Superintendent of Special Services. Mrs. Duffy retired in 2022 after ten years as Director of Special Services in Wall Township; she held that position in the Sayreville School District as well. Mrs. Duffy can be reached at:

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**Interim Assistant
Superintendent for
Special Services**



Special Education Leaders

The Special Education Department is excited to partner with families this year. We have some new faces joining our team as well as some familiar faces in new roles. We look forward to a productive year ahead with all of this new energy and enthusiasm throughout the department.



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Ocean goes **Cell Phone Free**



The district spent the summer revising our practices around cell phone and cellular devices in school. In addition to a district committee, subcommittees were convened at the high, intermediate, and elementary levels. The principals at all five schools will be rolling out new procedures for cell phones this school year. I appeal to you in advance to show your support to the educators and parents who put so much time into developing a plan that has our students' best interests at heart.

You can read more about the changes and new practices in the Student Handbooks at each level. They are linked below for your reference.

[Elementary Schools](#)

[Intermediate School](#)

[High School](#)



Here in the Home of the Spartans, we celebrate Big Red Fridays, by wearing our school colors: Red, White, and Blue!

Please join us by showing your school spirit around town on Fridays!

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