

Dear Purchase School Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope everyone enjoyed a fun and restful summer. I am excited to meet our new families, welcome back those returning to Purchase School, and look forward to seeing all the ways your children will grow over the course of the upcoming school year. The first day of school is September 2nd.

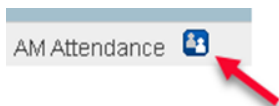
As I begin my eleventh year as the principal at Purchase School, I am eager to build on the work of the faculty and staff to create a learning environment that supports all students in becoming knowledgeable, inquiring, and principled members of our community. This work is deepened by our commitment to integrating the IB Primary Years Programme as we enter the final stages of becoming a K-12 International Baccalaureate school district. We are pleased to continue to provide World Language for students in grades two through five.

Members of our faculty and staff have worked throughout the summer to prepare for students' arrival this year. Teachers participated in multiple professional development sessions focused on literacy, mathematics, and instructional strategies designed to personalize learning. This work will ensure that teachers have the best resources and knowledge to create a rigorous learning experience for all students. The faculty members also spent the summer aligning our curriculum with the IB Primary Years Programme framework.

Construction on our new building has progressed throughout the summer. We are excited to see the development of our future cafeteria and classrooms, which are necessary due to our increasing enrollment. I will provide construction updates throughout the school year.

As the start of the school year approaches, please make note of the following important information:

Class Placement: Your child's class placement is now available on the [parent portal](#). Your child's teacher's name can be found on the main screen when you log in. If you notice an image (see below) next to the teacher's name, it is a co-teaching class. You can see the co-teacher by clicking on the box.



You must use a desktop browser (i.e., Safari, Chrome, etc.) to access placement information. If you have recently registered for school, it is possible that your information is still being processed and may not display a classroom teacher at this time. Please continue to check the parent portal in the coming days for updated information.

Parent Portal: The district will email you a reminder to access your parent portal account to update or confirm contact and emergency information and read and acknowledge important school documents. This information must be updated every year and is important for effective

school-to-home communication. Please update your information using the online parent portal as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 19th.

Supply Lists: Supply lists for each grade level can be found by clicking on the supply list tab on the school's [web page](#).

Music Class: Please note that our Music teacher, Ms. Battista, will begin the year on a leave of absence. We are excited to welcome back Giocelle Shaw, who will be filling in during Ms. Battista's absence. Ms. Shaw supported our Music program last Spring and is familiar with the school and the curriculum.

Arrival/Dismissal:

Arrival: Students may arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. All students will enter through the side gymnasium door along Purchase Street. A staff member will be stationed at the door during arrival.

Dismissal: Students are picked up each day at 3:05 p.m. Pick-up locations for students are as follows:

Kindergarten: Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle.

First Grade: Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle.

Second Grade: Side gymnasium door adjacent to the bus circle.

Third Grade: Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street.

Fourth Grade: Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street.

Fifth Grade: Doors near the flagpole along Purchase Street.

Students taking the bus will be supervised in the gymnasium until their bus arrives. **Please review important parking and arrival, and dismissal information located on the school's [web page](#).** Please note: because of the construction, dismissal for students being picked up may take slightly longer than in previous years. We appreciate your patience so we can safely dismiss all students.

As a reminder, **there are no dogs permitted on school grounds**. Please refrain from bringing your dog/pet during school hours, including arrival and dismissal.

School Calendar: We are excited to hold many school activities and events throughout the year, which are listed on the [District Calendar](#). The first PTA meeting is on September 9th at 9:15 a.m. The Purchase School Open House is on September 11th at 6:45 p.m. I encourage you to attend these and all school events, many of which are sponsored by our PTA.

Food Service: Information regarding the school district's food service program, including details about how to set up your child's lunch account, may be found on the district's web page using this [link](#).

In the coming days, you will receive an introductory letter from your child's teacher and important information from the Purchase School PTA in the mail.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. The faculty, staff, and I look forward to a rewarding school year filled with joy. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email at guttermana@harrisoncsd.org or phone at 914-630-3170.

Sincerely,

Adam Gutterman
Purchase School Principal