



CENTEREACH HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back to the 2026/2027 school year at Centereach High School. The CHS staff and I are ready to greet all students into our building on Tuesday, September 8th. As always, open communication and parental involvement are keys to our students' success. We look forward to continuing to build working relationships with you and your student based on trust and mutual respect. Please know that we welcome your positive energy as we embark on what is sure to be a most productive and exciting school year.

Enclosed with this mailing you will find:

1. Emergency Contact Cards (9th – 12th grade);
2. Health Exam Form (9th and 11th grade);
3. Immunization Form (11th and 12th grade);
4. Physical and Screenings Letter (9th and 11th grade), additional medical forms available on our Centereach High School website; and
5. PTA Membership Form;
6. SEPTA Membership Form.

As in the past, our "Virtual Backpack" located on our school website contains additional documents which you may need to access periodically throughout the school year. At this time, please familiarize yourself with our school website and our "Virtual Backpack" contents.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

This year, Freshman Orientation will take place on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 from 10:30 – 12:30 pm. Please note that this Orientation is for **STUDENTS ONLY**. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child. **BUSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE**.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus information for students in grades 9 - 12 is on the PowerSchool parent/student portal. There will be no mailings from transportation. If you have a particular question, please call Transportation directly at (631) 285-8880.

FALL ATHLETICS

Every student is required to pass a Sports Physical Examination in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. For further information, please call Mr. Joseph Mercado, Athletic Director.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY

Per Board of Education policy 5695 students are discouraged from bringing personal electronic devices, including cell phones and smart watches to school. Students who choose to bring a personal electronic device to school are **required to store it in their locker** during the school day. Included in this summer mailing is a copy of Board Policy 5695 and our FAQ document (also available on the district website mccsd.net).

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order to be eligible to receive credit, students must attend class at least 85% of the time. Thus, the following:

- ☐ Full-year course – Student will be denied credit on the 28th absence.
- ☐ Half-year course – Student will be denied credit on the 14th absence.
- ☐ Lab Science course – Student will be denied credit on the 41st absence.

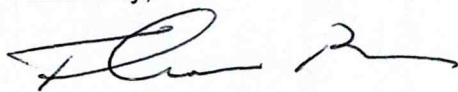
The policy addresses students that face extenuating circumstances regarding their school attendance via the appeals process. For further information and details regarding all District policies, please visit the official Middle Country website at www.mccsd.net.

WEBSITE/E-MAIL INFORMATION

During the course of the year, please refer to our school website for information you may need regarding activities, dates and upcoming events. Through our website and e-mail, you will be able to communicate with all of your student's teachers and is the most efficient and effective way to communicate with a staff member.

It is the hope of our faculty and staff that the upcoming 2026/2027 school year will be a wonderful learning experience for our students from start to finish! See you on Tuesday, September 8th.

Sincerely,



Thomas Bell
Principal

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Enclosures



The mission of the MCCSD is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.