

# Welcome to School 26

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# School Mission & Vision

## School 26 Mission

Our mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers and learners by fostering relationships, which unveil and cultivate students' potential that will lead them to future success.

**Motto:** Students will have success for today and be prepared for tomorrow because FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.

## School 26 Vision

The school will be a leader of the 21st Century innovation where students develop habits of lifelong learning and excel academically to become future ready leaders



# TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More

- We all bring unique strengths, perspectives and talents.
- Collaboration equals multiplying our impact.
- As we move forward together, success will follow.



# Our Commitment

- Support each other.
- Celebrate successes.
- Face challenges as ONE team.



# Uniforms

## United School Uniforms

Address: 18 Smith Street Paterson, NJ 07505

Located inside the Center City Mall

Uniform Colors for School 26

- Red polo shirt or sweater
- Tan/khaki pants, skirt or jumper
- Black shoes or sneakers



**Physical Education: (only during their scheduled physical education classes refer to student schedule)**

- Red t-shirt
- Sweatpants or shorts (black or blue)
- Sneakers required



# School 26 Main Entrance-Important Notice

Please be advised that the **main entrance for School 26 is located at 1 E. 32nd Street, Paterson, NJ.**

The **Renaissance School 1 entrance will NO LONGER be utilized.** This entrance will remain closed and **will not be accessible at any time.**

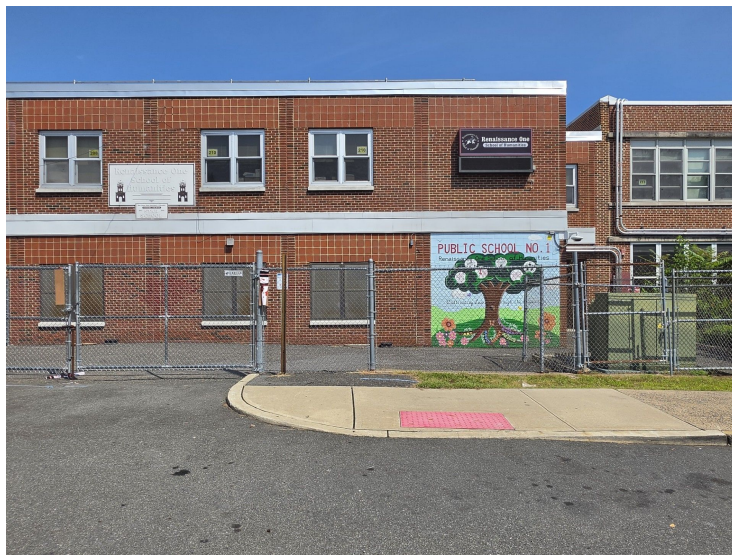
If you need to **pick up your child during school hours, visit the Main Office, or speak with a member of the administration,** you must enter through the **School 26 Main Entrance at 1 E. 32nd Street.**

Please follow this procedure at all times to ensure the safety and security of our students and school community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Important:** Renaissance School 1 is no longer exists

The **Renaissance School 1 entrance** will **NO LONGER** be utilized. This entrance will remain closed and **will not be accessible at any time**. No parking on the street.



# Important: School 26

The main entrance for School 26 is located at 1 E. 32nd Street, Paterson, NJ.



# Arrival and Dismissal Protocols



## **Preschool 8:20 am-2:50 pm**

- Preschool parents/guardians only will be permitted to park in the Preschool parking lot located on 10th Ave.
- Drive on 10th Ave. the street before the gas station parents/guardians will make a right and go into the parking lot.
- Parents will enter the building (A) through Door 5 to walk their child to the classroom to sign them in.
- Parents will exit the building through Door 4.
- If parked in the parking lot will make a right and make another right at the gas station. Parents will NOT be allowed to park on the side streets.

# Preschool Entrance Door 5

Door 5 will only be used to enter the building.



# Preschool exit Door 4

Door 4 will only be used to exit the building.



# Preschool Playground

Playground will only be used for preschool students.



# Arrival and Dismissal Protocols

## Kindergarten 8:20 am-2:50 pm

-Kindergarten parents/guardians will use the private classroom doors located on East 32nd street.

-Parking is limited and no vehicles can double park or you will be subject to a ticket or having your car towed. We must have a flow of traffic.

-Room 109- Door 25

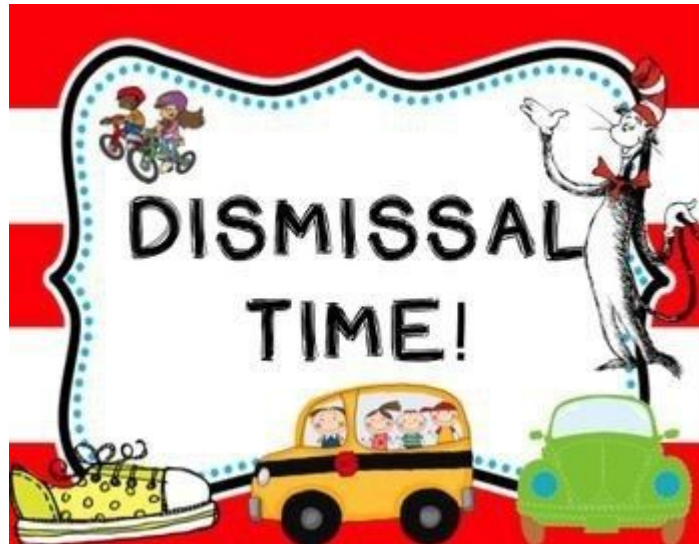
-Room 112-Door 4

-Room 113- Door 5



# Kindergarten Dismissal

**Parents/Guardians must sign their child out of school during dismissal.** All required dismissal procedures must be followed to ensure the safety and accountability of every student.



# Kindergarten Playground

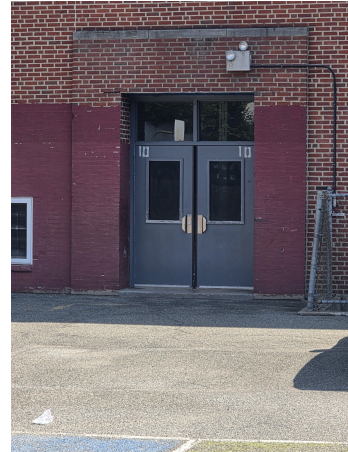
Playground used for Kindergarten and physical education classes for all grade levels.



# Arrival and Dismissal Protocols

## **Grade 1 and Grade 2 (8:20-2:50 pm)**

- Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will line up on the playground according to their assigned locations.
- Parents are advised to stay with their child until the teacher is present for pick up otherwise the child(ren) will be left outside without supervision (8:20 am).
- Students will enter and exit using Door 10.



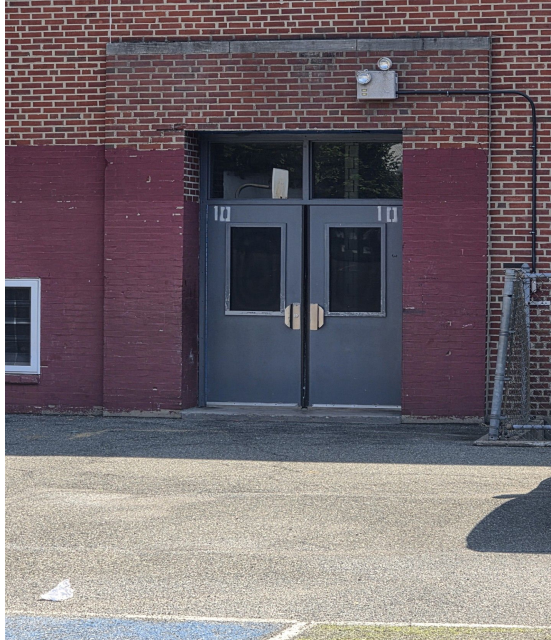
# Arrival and Dismissal Protocols

## **Grades 3, 4 and 5 (8:20 am-3:00 pm)**

- Grades 3, 4 and 5 students will line up on the playground according to their assigned locations.
- Parents are advised to stay with their child until the teacher is present for pick up otherwise the child(ren) will be left outside without supervision (8:20 am).
- Parking is limited and no vehicles can double park or you will be subject to a ticket or having your car towed. We must have a flow of traffic. Preschool parking lot is only for preschool children.
- Grade 3 will enter through Door 10.
- Grade 4 and 5 will enter through Door 8.

# Grade 3

**Grade 3 will enter through Door 10.**



## Grades 4 and 5

**Grades 4 and 5 will enter through Door 8.**



# Grades 3, 4, and 5 Dismissal

Students in **Grades 3, 4, and 5** will exit through **Door 10 or Door 8**, depending on their assigned homeroom. Dismissal is at 3:00 pm.

Please review the homeroom assignments below to determine the designated dismissal door for your child(ren) homeroom.

**Door 8-Rooms 206, 207, 208, 210, and 213**

**Door 10-Rooms 201, 202, 203, 204, 205**



# School 26 Playground

## Playground Use

The **playground** will be utilized by **Grades 1–5** for **recess** and **Physical Education (PE) classes** throughout the school year.

Please ensure that all students follow the established playground rules and safety expectations at all times.



# Staff Parking Lot

The **staff parking lot is designated for School 26 staff members only.**

Parents, guardians, visitors, and unauthorized individuals are **not permitted to park or leave their vehicles in the staff parking lot.**

Please use the designated parking areas and keep the staff parking lot accessible for our staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.



# Policy 5516-No Cell Phones

Policy 5516 states no cell phones during the school day (8:20-3:00 pm) effective school year 2026-2027.

- Keep cell phones off and out of sight.
- Store devices in backpacks.
- Avoid use in classrooms, hallways, and restrooms.
- Follow state/district guidelines regarding electronic devices.



# Main Office Contact Information

The **Main Office** will begin meeting with parents/guardians daily at **9:00 AM**. Please plan accordingly and follow the established sign-in and visitor procedures upon arrival. Please enter and exit using the Main Entrance on 1. East 32 Street, Paterson NJ.

Sharice Pierce, Secretary

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973-321-2640

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# Questions

