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SCHOOL 10 KICKS OFF SCHOOL YEAR WITH SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

School 10 kicked off the 2026–2027 school year with its Summer Open House on Tuesday, August 25. Principal Dr. Tiffany J. McBride and staff welcomed parents and families to the school for an informative and engaging event designed to prepare students and families for a successful new school year.

During the Open House, families received important information about School 10's ASP SMART Goals, academic priorities, and school initiatives. As part of the school's commitment to supporting families and students, every parent received a \$25 school uniform voucher, and each student received a backpack filled with school supplies.

School 10 is excited to begin the year in partnership with its families and it looks forward to a year of learning, growth, and success for every student. A huge thank you goes to our valued community partners, Costco, United School Uniforms, and the Passaic County Sheriff's Office for their generous donations.



TAUBFEST WELCOMES MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Joseph A. Taub School opened the new school year by welcoming more than 300 students, parents, staff members, and community partners to TaubFest, the school's annual back-to-school celebration. The event brought the Taub community together for an afternoon of family resources, school tours, student activities, food, and an opportunity for new and returning families to connect with the people who will support them throughout the school year.



Community partnerships were at the heart of the celebration. Families were able to visit representatives from organizations providing information and resources related to education, health, and family services. Taub students played an important leadership role in the event as well. The Taub Kindness Ambassadors welcomed families and led tours of the building, allowing parents to see classrooms, programs, and learning spaces firsthand.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Paterson Public Schools Community,

As we prepare to welcome our students back, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the start of another school year. Tuesday, September 8th, marks the first day of school for Paterson Public Schools, and we look forward to welcoming both our newest learners and those returning for another year of growth, discovery, and achievement.

Throughout the summer, our administrators, teachers, support staff, and Central Office teams have worked diligently to prepare our schools, classrooms and programs for the year ahead. I am deeply grateful for their commitment, hard work, and attention to detail in ensuring that our schools are ready to provide students with a strong and successful start.

As we begin the new school year, I look forward to visiting schools, reconnecting with our students and staff, and hearing from our school leaders about the progress and successes already underway.

Together, we have an opportunity to make this a remarkable year for Paterson Public Schools. I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to working alongside our entire school community to ensure a successful, productive, and inspiring school year for every student.

Sincerely,

Laurie W. Newell, PhD
Superintendent of Schools



SMS TEXT NOTIFICATIONS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

On August 24th, Paterson Public Schools sent an SMS text notification to families inviting them to opt in to receive future district and school text message notifications.

If you received the text, we encourage you to reply "Yes" if you would like to receive district text notifications. If you did not receive the text message, please contact your child's school and verify that your current cell phone number is on file.

If you received the text and already opted in, no further action is required.

REMINDER

SMS Text Notifications for Parents and Guardians



SCHOOLS HOST OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Multiple schools across district recently opened their doors to families for Open House events, creating opportunities to connect with educators, learn about the school year ahead, and build strong school-family partnerships.

Families from School 26, Edward W. Kilpatrick School, School 18, School 21, School 10, Joseph A. Taub, New Roberto Clemente, among others, received important information about academic priorities, school initiatives, programs, expectations, and more as schools welcomed them into their learning communities.



SEPTEMBER SELF-CARE CALENDAR

Hello September, and Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

"Every moment is a fresh beginning." – T.S. Eliot

We are excited to bring back the Self-Care Calendar for its fifth year!

September arrives as both a new beginning and an invitation to grow. As we welcome a new school year, our schools come alive again with new faces, familiar routines, fresh goals, and renewed energy. From classrooms to offices, hallways to cafeterias, each of us brings something valuable to the school community—and each of us has an opportunity to begin again.

Just as the seasons remind us that change is a natural part of life, let this September be a time to reset, reconnect, and rediscover what energizes you. Set intentions that support your well-being, celebrate small victories, give yourself grace when things feel overwhelming, and remember to make space for yourself along the way.

Additionally, September is recognized as Self-Care Awareness Month!

Mantra for September:

I embrace this fresh start while giving myself grace with each step and moment.

As we welcome a new school year, may September bring hope, connection, growth, and moments of intentional self-care.

A new beginning doesn't ask us to be perfect—it simply invites us to show up, take the next step, and grow along the way.



SEPTEMBER 2026 SELF-CARE CALENDAR

30 DAYS OF REST, RENEWAL & SCHOOL-YEAR BALANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Set a calm intention for the month.	2 Fill your water bottle before the day begins.	3 Take three slow breaths before students arrive.	4 Share one back-to-school win with a colleague.	5 Leave work on time if you can.
6 Give yourself permission to truly rest.	7 Step outside for a 10-minute reset.	8 Eat lunch away from your workspace.	9 Ask for help with one small task.	10 Write down one thing you handled well.	11 Play a song that fits your mood.	12 Read something that makes you happy.
13 Bring yourself a morning snack.	14 Capture one beautiful school-day moment.	15 Take a screen-free break after work.	16 Create a calm space and unwind.	17 Notice one reason to feel proud today.	18 Enjoy a slow morning or quiet evening.	19 Journal about what is filling your cup.
20 Stretch, stretch, and release your shoulders.	21 Practice self-kindness and compassion.	22 Say no to one nonessential demand.	23 Try something new and encouraging.	24 Have a tech-free evening.	25 Spend time with someone who uplifts you.	26 Choose progress over perfection today.
27 Let go of what you cannot control.		29 End the month feeling proud of yourself.				

Remember:
Self-care is not selfish—it's essential.
You deserve a school year filled with peace, balance, happiness, and YOU time.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SEPTIEMBRE 2026 CALENDARIO DE AUTOCUIDADO

30 DÍAS DE DESCANSO, RENOVACIÓN Y EQUILIBRIO DURANTE EL AÑO ESCOLAR

DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
		1 Establece una intención tranquila para el mes.	2 Llena tu botella de agua antes de que comience el día.	3 Respira tres veces profundo y lentamente antes de que lleguen los estudiantes.	4 Comparte una victoria de regreso a clases con un compañero.	5 Deja el trabajo a un lado si puedes.
6 Date permiso para descansar de verdad.	7 Sal al aire libre para un descanso de 10 minutos.	8 Come el almuerzo lejos de tu espacio de trabajo.	9 Pide ayuda con una tarea pequeña.	10 Escribe una cosa que hayas manejado bien.	11 Pon una canción que te levante el ánimo.	12 Lee algo que te haga feliz.
13 Llévate contigo un bocadillo nutritivo.	14 Captura un hermoso momento del día escolar.	15 Tómate un descanso sin pantallas después del trabajo.	16 Crea un espacio tranquilo y relajante.	17 Nota una razón para sentirte orgulloso hoy.	18 Disfruta una mañana lenta o una noche tranquila.	19 Escribe en tu diario sobre qué está llenando tu taza.
20 Muéstrale de una forma que disfrutes.	21 Haz una pausa, estírate y libera la tensión de tus hombros.	22 Di no a una demanda que no sea esencial.	23 Prueba algo nuevo y motivador.	24 Ten una velada sin tecnología.	25 Pasa tiempo con alguien que te eleva.	26 Elige progreso en lugar de perfección hoy.
27 Baja el ritmo y disfruta de una pequeña cosa.	28 Practica la autocompasión y la amabilidad contigo mismo.	29 Suéltalo que no puedes controlar.	30 Termina el mes sintiéndote orgulloso de ti mismo.			

Recuerda:
El autocuidado no es egoísta; es esencial.
Mereces un año escolar lleno de paz, equilibrio, felicidad y tiempo para ti.

TÚ HACES LA DIFERENCIA

MONTHLY CALENDAR REMINDERS

September 1-3	.Full Day Staff PD/No Students
September 4.	.Half Day Staff PD/No Students, 1 PM Dismissal (District)
September 7.	.Labor Day - District Closed
September 8.	.Opening Day for Students
September 15.	Back-to-School Night 6-8 PM (Grades 9-12)
	Back-to-School Night 6-8 PM (JAT, NRC, DHA)
September 17	.Back-to-School Night 6-8 PM (PreK-8)
September 21.	.Yom Kippur - District Closed

[Full 2026-2027 School Calendar Here](#)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

A **Board of Education Workshop Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, September 9th at 90 Delaware Ave. Those wishing to provide public comments must do so in person and are required to register for the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

The **Board of Education Regular Meeting** will take place virtually on Wednesday, September 16th. Those wishing to provide public comments are required to register for the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 PM.

Online language interpretation is available for all pre-recorded Board meetings in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, and Turkish. Simply select your preferred language at pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents.

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