



PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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September 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Perth Amboy High School Students,

On this day, 9/11, we remember the great loss our country suffered and the resilience of the people in dealing with the tragedy and change that occurred in the aftermath. We also remember all those that assisted in rebuilding one of our country's great centers of diversity, commerce, and culture--New York City-- and how the nation continues to grow from the strength of its people.

We now, once again, during this unprecedented time continue to show resilience in the face of great adversity. Our schools have undergone a transformation and begin a new journey in education. We in the Perth Amboy Public Schools promise that we will continue to share with you information as it pertains to our students and community. Communication is one of our top priorities and we will continue to strive for excellence in that department. Also, we are forging ahead with important initiatives, such as the Social Justice and Equity Initiative that are extremely important to all of us in Perth Amboy. We also continue our work in our award winning Communications and Health Science Academies, and are excited to have our first Communications Academy graduating class this school year.

Thank you for your commitment in helping us launch our 2020-21 School year. We are proud of all of our students and teachers who have had to adjust to the remote environment, and we are very grateful to all of you for your support. We are also asking for your input on the aspects of our Remote Learning Initiative and soon will be surveying you for your thoughts on how we can improve on the system. We continue to ask that you follow the protocols that we have put in place so that all students receive their education in a timely manner. We ask that you support us in assisting your child in monitoring good behavior while in class, keeping to the code of conduct and keeping cameras on while in class.

A few other items to note:

Attendance: As you are aware, we are following the regular school bell schedule. Attendance is taken during each period, as well as during homeroom. It is important that your child is present during the homeroom period as well as during class for its entirety. Even in this remote situation, the same attendance policy applies. Remember, in order to obtain credit for the class, you must adhere to the policy.

If you miss class for a Medically Excused reason, for example, a visit to the Doctor, please take a photo or scan the doctor's note and email to our school nurse Myriam Hernandez (change nurse) For all other excused absences please take a photo or scan the documentation and send to our attendance officers Ms. Yohanny Leonardo for 11th & 12th grades YohaLeonardo@paps.net, Ms. Vanessa Stankovitz for 9th & 10th grades VANESTANKOVITZ@paps.net and Felix Velez felivelez@paps.net.

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Please be reminded that students enrolled at Perth Amboy High School are not allowed to work during school hours. If you are in need of working papers, please visit our school website.

Technology: We have been providing technology to all Perth Amboy High School students. If you are having specific issues with the technology that has been provided, please fill out the form <https://www.paps.net/Page/23589>. You will be contacted by our Technology Team to be provided with the support that you need. If necessary, you may have to report to the building to pick up replacement technology. You also can find the form on our website under the title: Report an Issue with a Student Device.

Google Classroom / Meet: All students have been attending classes using our Google Apps For Education platform. If you still are in need of a Google Classroom code, please call our main office who will provide you with the correct information.

School Lunches and Parent Portal: Links for lunch applications can be found on the District's website at www.paps.net, under Departments-Food Services. Please note that in order to access the lunch application you must have a Parent Portal Account. If you do not have an account please visit the district website under Families and click on Parent Portal Information. Lunch is available to all of our students, at all Perth Amboy Public Schools with the exception of East Campus, the Dual Language School, and PLP (Barracks Street). You can come to any of these meal sites (the closest one to your home) to pick up lunch anytime between 10:00 am and 1:00 PM. Students are expected to eat during their embedded lunch period in their schedule.

Material Pickup: Based on the curriculum, particular classes will be using physical materials in the future. In the next few days we will provide dates and times for material pickup.

504 / IEP: Students who have a 504 Plan or a Individualized Education Plan will continue to have these plans followed remotely. As per code, the parent meetings will take place via electronic means. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

Additional Parent Support: Feel free to contact our school's Home-School Liaison for help with Parent Portal, scheduling phone conferences with school staff as appropriate, and resources to support your child's success. For more information visit the schools website under For Parents and click on Home-School Liaison for contact information.

As always, we are here to help you in any way necessary. If you have any questions, please call the school office and we will be happy to assist you.

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