

LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

My hopes are that this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the summer with family and friends. Following some challenging years as a direct result of a global pandemic, the 2022-2023 school year brought "General Nation" back to normal as our academic, athletic, and musical performances, along with our results, were once again remarkable! Our success is a testament to the collaborative effort demonstrated by our students, parents, faculty and staff. Additionally, students earned recognition and honors in many areas including a National Merit Commended student, 10 College Board National Hispanic Recognition students, and a Coca-Cola Scholars semi-finalist just to name a few. In addition, our exceptional athletic program produced Nassau County Champion teams in Spring Track, Softball and Cheerleading, and our Girls' Soccer team concluded their season as the #1 ranked Public High School team in the entire state of New York! Now we have set our sights and goals on making the upcoming 2023-2024 school year even more productive. We start by welcoming the 300 members of the class of 2027, extending to them every opportunity to insure their smooth transition into high school.

On October 21st, we will continue the tradition of our annual Homecoming festivities. The Homecoming parade will "kick off" at 12:00 P.M., and all participants will be assembling at Gardiners Avenue Elementary School. The parade route will initiate on Gardiners Avenue, proceed down Old Jerusalem Road and into the driveway between Salk and MacArthur. All are encouraged to attend and show support for the Generals! In addition, we are looking forward to the continued expansion of our "Generals Walk of Recognition" arrayed with commemorative bricks engraved with special messages. There is still time to be a part of this piece of MacArthur history; information on ordering is available on our school website under "Generals Walk of Recognition."

The 2023-2024 school year will begin for students on Tuesday, September 5th, with 1st period beginning at 7:27 A.M. sharp and 9th period ending at 2:25 P.M. Juniors and seniors who are enrolled in G.C. Tech are also to report to their programs on September 7th.

Schedules will be available on the Parent Portal beginning on August 25th after 10:00 A.M. Please see to it that your child brings a printed copy of his/her schedule on the first day. Students should follow their schedules as they are written. If there is an error in your child's schedule, please contact the Guidance office.

Transportation information will be sent to you before the opening of school. If your child is entitled to busing privileges and you have not received the necessary information by August 30th, please contact Transportation at 434-7585. Please remember that regulations regarding assignment of busing are different for high school students, so not all students who received bus service in middle school may continue to receive it in high school.

In addition, if you plan on driving your child to school, please note that the driveway in between Salk and MacArthur is not available for drop off use during the hours of 6:50 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. You can use either the student drop-off area on Wantagh Avenue entrance through the senior parking lot or the Salk circle. Please refrain from dropping off your child on Old Jerusalem Road as it puts not only your child, but yourself and nearby motorists at a health and safety risk. Additionally, there are no vehicles permitted to drop off students by the senior entrance.

For students who choose to utilize a locker, locks will be supplied to incoming 9th graders and new students by the district at the beginning of the school year. All 10th, 11th and 12th grade students must remember to bring their district issued locks back to school. Students who have lost their locks can purchase another for \$5 in the Attendance Office starting September 6th. For security reasons, only those locks will be permitted to be used in school.

Our annual Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 28th beginning promptly at 7:00 P.M. Please remember to save the date and to bring a copy of your child's schedule with you that evening.

Students, we look forward to welcoming you back on September 5th as you arrive with the necessary school supplies and schedules to begin a successful school year. Enjoy the remainder of the summer break!

Sincerely,

Joseph Sheehan Principal

Please note, lunch price for the 2023-2024 school year is \$3.00 and breakfast is \$1.35.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ORIENTATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2027 AND NEW STUDENTS:

WHERE: AUDITORIUM

PARENTS ONLY:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

7:00 P.M.

STUDENTS:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST

9:00 A.M.

Students will tour the building with a Peer Leader, who is one of a group of carefully selected members of the Senior Class who assist ninth graders and new students in their adjustment to high school. The building will remain open until 11:00 A.M. so students can have the opportunity to locate their locker and classrooms. Peer Leaders should report by 8:15 A.M.

HOMECOMING:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

PARADE 12:00 P.M.

GAME

2:00 P.M.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 7

7:00 P.M.