

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear West Orange High School Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of West Orange High School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I hope this letter finds you and your families enjoying the last week of summer vacation. The high school staff and administration have been preparing for a great school year and the return to in-person learning. I look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our students can achieve their highest potential. Our teachers understand that student success relies heavily on a strong partnership. I am certain that, no matter the challenges, our common responsibility for student learning will provide a positive outcome.

First Day of School

The school year will start, in-person, on **Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 AM.**

2021-2022 Student Schedule and Calendar

- The Parent Portal in PowerSchool is available for students to obtain their course schedules. Students should bring a copy of their schedule or upload it to their cell phone for the first day of school.
- The Rotating Drop Schedule is in the [Back to School Documents Folder](#) or on WOHS website.
- The District Calendar is located in the [Back to School Documents Folder](#) or on the district website at <http://www.woboe.org>.

WOHS Marking Periods

- **Q1** Thursday, September 9th – Tuesday, November 16th
- **Q2** Wednesday, November 17th – Tuesday, February 1st
- **Q3** Wednesday, February 2nd – Thursday, April 7th
- **Q4** Friday, April 8th – Wednesday, June 22nd

Report Cards **are not** mailed home unless requested through the School Counseling Office; however, during the school year, you can view your child's grades at any time, via the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

School Counseling Information - Included in the Back to School Documents Folder:

- **Naviance Students:** It is necessary for all parents to subscribe to Naviance Students, which we utilize as a source of communication. Please contact our School Counseling Office or your child's School Counselor for student account information.
- **Release of Student Information:** A letter explaining the policy on providing information to military recruiters, college/university recruiters and prospective employers. Please read it carefully and if necessary, return the bottom portion to the School Counseling Office.

Dean of Students Information - Included in the Back to School Documents Folder:

- **Attendance Regulations and Student Daily Attendance:** Student attendance is extremely important and directly related to achievement. We have attendance regulations for all WOHS students posted on our website and in our electronic Student Handbook. Students risk losing credit for courses if they exceed the number of acceptable absences or accumulate three or more "cuts". Our policy specifically states that a student may not exceed a total of 17 chargeable absences for a full course or 8 chargeable absences for a semester course. It is extremely important that students attend school regularly, submit notes explaining absences and keep documentation for all

absences.

- **Senior Lunches:** Only Seniors will be offered the privilege of leaving campus at lunch time. Please review the Senior Lunch letter as it states the responsibilities of the Seniors who wish to leave campus during lunch.

Health Information - Please review the letter in the Back to School Documents Folder

The letter details information needed to ensure that you are able to obtain the necessary documentation to provide to the School Nurse prior to the first day of school based on your child's medical needs. If you have any questions about the information in the letter please reach out to the School Nurse. **It is important that all forms are returned on the first day that students return to school.**

Back to School Night 2021

This year, the annual Back to School Night sponsored by our PTA will be virtual on Thursday, September 30th. More information is forthcoming.

School Meals

For the 21-22 SY all students receive free breakfast and lunch and may purchase a-la-carte and snacks.

Note: The MyPaymentPlus Food Service Account and Application System has been disabled and we are now using the Titan System. All money that was on the student's MyPaymentPlus account was rolled over along with any negative balances. Please view the easy instruction document in the Back to School Documents Folder. For questions, please contact the Food Services Department at 973-669-5400.

School Closings

Parents/guardians are notified by automated phone calls, text messages and emails. All parents/guardians should be registered for our School Messenger service. Notifications for school closings and delayed openings also appear on TV 36/Verizon 45, major media TV outlets and on the district website.

9th and 11th grade Family Life Education Curriculum

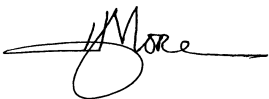
Parents/Guardians for 9th and 11th grade students should read the enclosed letter from Dr. Cascone and the course outline concerning the teaching of Family Life (Human Development), mandated by the State of New Jersey in 1983. If you have any questions about the course outline, please contact Mr. Kevin Alvine, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education at 973-669-5301, extension 31671.

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

An information packet describing the Insurance Plan selected by the Board of Education is enclosed. Please keep in mind that the policy is a contract between the parents/guardians and the insurance company. The Board of Education is involved only to the extent of making the plan available. Any questions should be directed to the Philadelphia Insurance Companies at 800-734-9326.

Please review the [Back to School Documents Folder](#) which also includes WOHS PTA information and important letters from Dr. Cascone, Superintendent of Schools.

“Thank You” for your patience, understanding, and perseverance during these trying times.



Hayden Moore, Principal

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