

East Side High School

Dr. Mario Santos, Principal



August 7, 2020

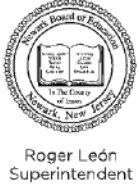
Dear East Side Family,

It is with great joy and honor that I return to East Side High School as your principal. I'm genuinely invigorated by our mantra, "once an East Sider, always an East Sider!" I hope that you are enjoying your summer considering these challenging times dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year.

On behalf of the staff, we are incredibly excited to begin restoring normalcy for our students. I know together we will ensure both remote and in-person learning models for the children are of high quality and aligned with success for all students. Our staff is looking forward to a year filled with a variety of learning experiences and new beginnings. As we design school reopening plans, we need your support to ensure CDC, NJ state, and Newark district guidelines are followed to protect all stakeholders' health and safety.

Please read the following information carefully:

- The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020** (more information regarding procedures for this day is forthcoming)
- Learning will take place in two formats:
 - Remote learning: This will occur based on the parental request, individual students need to select this option, you must complete the consent form via School Mint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>).
 - In-person learning: There will be a maximum of 10 students per classroom. To adhere to state and district guidelines regarding class sizes, the number of days per week students will attend in-person learning will be determined based on the total number of parents requesting this option.
- The online lunch application system is available. Please begin completing the lunch application for the 2020-21 SY now.
 - Note: All parents/guardians must complete a lunch application for his/her child. This applies to all parents, including those who will be sending lunch from home and those who have opted for virtual learning.
- Since information is changing rapidly, we will be scheduling a virtual Q & A session for parents in the coming weeks. We want to ensure you are informed of the reopening process, and your needs are being met. Please continue to check our school website <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/EAS/> and school's Twitter Account @ East_Side_High for more information as we will be updating them regularly. I will also be communicating through Robo Calls. **If you would like to update your phone number, please visit our website and** update your contact information (email, telephone number, and address) on School Mint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>)
- Parents/Visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building until further notice. If a parent/guardian needs to pick up their student, we ask that you contact the school ahead of time to



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facilitate getting the student to the door, where a staff member will greet you and have you sign out the student at the door. Parents/guardians must also bring a valid ID to pick up their children.

- Everyone reporting to the school building and school grounds (this includes student drop off and pick up) must wear a face covering and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, 6 ft. apart, at all times, to protect the safety of everyone. Signage will be displayed around the school to direct the flow of traffic.

Face Covering and Uniforms are mandatory: All students reporting to the school building and conducting in-person learning must wear a face covering at all times, and students must be in uniform every day. Uniform code is as follows: Wearing a face mask is **REQUIRED** for everyone while on school or district grounds.

Shoes: Clogs, flip-flops or slippers are not permitted.

Arrival Locations: (view ESHS - ingress locations on our school website)

- **9th-grade Entrance**
 - Location - Entrance Door #7 (CBL Gymnasium)
 - Procedure - 9th-grade students will enter & exit via door #7 (alleyway leading to CBL gymnasium)
- **10th-grade Entrance**
 - Location - Entrance Door #22 (on Pulaski Street)
 - Procedure - 10th grade students will enter & exit via door #22 (adjacent to athletic office)
- **11th grade Entrance**
 - Location - Entrance Door # 29 (on Nichols Street)
 - Procedure - 11th grader students will enter and exit via door #29 (adjacent to the weight room)
- **12th grade Entrance**
 - Location - Entrance Door # 4 (on Nichols Street)
 - Procedure - 12th grade students will enter and exit via door #4 (alleyway adjacent to guidance office)

Cleaning/Sanitizing: Increased frequency of cleaning all surfaces, foaming hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building, and in every classroom, touchless dispensers will be available in all restrooms. Signs will be posted throughout the building with reminders about hand washing and social distancing.

Orientation Week is August 24, 2020, to August 28, 2020. We will have a VIRTUAL orientation **via Webex (please log in to our school website for further information)**. Students will be able to pick up their learning packets on the following dates:

- 9th grade - August 27, 2020
- 10th grade - August 26, 2020
- 11th grade - August 25, 2020
- 12th grade - August 24, 2020

Back to School Night will be conducted virtually this year, and it will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2020, @ 6:00 PM. This event is your opportunity to meet your child's teachers (virtually) and learn what their academic curriculum and goals will be for the school year. More information is forthcoming.



Roger León
Superintendent

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 973 465-4900.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment!

Respectfully,

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Principal - East Side High School