

Neptune High School

NEWSLETTER

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NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Welcome to the first edition of the Neptune High School Newsletter! As we transition into the 2024-2025 school year, I am delighted to share with you the exciting events, achievements, and updates from our vibrant school community. This newsletter serves as a platform to celebrate our collective successes and keep you informed about important developments.

Warm regards,

Tom Decker

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Upcoming Events

- 9/12-9/13 School Pictures
- 9/14 - Neptune Day
- 9/18 - Back to School Night
- 10/5 - Homecoming Parade and football game
- 10/7-10/11 Make Ups for NJGPA
- 10/9 - PSAT
- 10/14 - Professional Day for Staff
- 10/16-10/18 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/22 - 8th Grade Open House
- 11/5 - Professional Day for Staff
- 11/13 - Fall College and Career Fair
- 11/14-11/15 - Fall Theatre Production
- 11/27 - Abbreviated Day
- 12/20 - Abbreviated Day



School News

- On August 21, we had 225 students attend our New Student Orientation!
- Our Sports teams officially began their seasons in August and are ready to open up the regular season. It is not too late to join a team. Please reach out to the Athletics Department.
- Our 2024-2025 school successfully kicked off on September 5. Grade level meetings were held for all students to hear of the changes for this school year as well as find out more about the opportunities that Neptune High School offers.
- As you may have heard, the high school has a new cell policy that has been introduced to the students. It is a Red Zone/Green Zone policy and we believe that our students will show that they are responsible and mature enough to be successful in meeting our expectations for success. They are aware that red zones are in effect at all times during instruction and when students are completing learning activities unless a green has been designated by their teacher. So far, students understand the reasons for this and have been cooperative. Please continue to speak to your student(s) about the importance of engagement.
- Any student who would like to register for the NJ Seal of Biliteracy Test, there will be an informational meeting on September 19 at 2PM in the library. See Ms Kelly with any questions.
- Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday September 18, 2024. There will be presentations in the Michael T. Lake Performing Arts Center and Atrium beginning at 6:00PM. Come see what Neptune High School has to offer.

Guidance:

September: Great habits for starting the school year. The first rule for success is being on time. You can not be successful if you are not there. Classes at Neptune High School start promptly at 7:30AM and all students are expected to be in their first block class ready to learn.

Being on time to school is important for several reasons:

1. **Academic Performance:** Regular attendance and punctuality are closely linked to academic success. Missing parts of lessons or entire classes can lead to gaps in knowledge, making it harder to keep up with the curriculum.
2. **Responsibility and Discipline:** Punctuality instills a sense of responsibility and discipline. It helps students develop good habits that will be beneficial in their future academic and professional lives.
3. **Maximizing Learning Time:** Being on time ensures that students make the most of the time allocated for learning. Arriving late can cause disruptions and waste valuable instructional time for both the student and their classmates.



4. **Social Integration:** Arriving on time allows students to participate fully in social activities and group work. It helps in building and maintaining friendships and being an active part of the school community.
5. **Teacher and Class Respect:** Punctuality demonstrates respect for the teacher and classmates. It shows that the student values their time and the efforts of others.
6. **Stress Reduction:** Consistently arriving late can create a stressful start to the day. Being on time helps students to start the day in a calm and prepared manner, which can improve focus and productivity.
7. **School Policy Compliance:** Schools often have attendance policies, and habitual tardiness can lead to disciplinary actions. Adhering to these policies helps students avoid unnecessary consequences.

Overall, being on time to school sets a positive tone for the day, supports academic achievement, and fosters personal growth and social development.

Curriculum Corner:

Welcome Back Scarlet Fliers,

Neptune High School's approach to education is both forward-thinking and student-centered. The block scheduling format with four classes per semester allows for deeper focus and engagement in each course, which can be especially beneficial for complex or project-based learning.

Neptune High School offers a robust and diverse array of academic opportunities. The range of courses and programs we provide can cater to various interests and career goals, which is important for student development. Offering both advanced courses and vocational training options gives students flexibility in pursuing their passions and preparing for their futures. The NJ Seal of Biliteracy is also a great initiative that highlights the value of bilingual skills in today's global job market. This comprehensive approach prepares our students for success in both higher education and their careers.

The One-to-One Chromebook initiative is a powerful tool for enhancing educational experiences. Providing each student with their own device ensures that technology is integrated seamlessly into learning, supporting personalized education and fostering skills like digital citizenship. By utilizing Google Apps for Education, our school is not only enhancing collaboration and innovation but also preparing students to tackle real-world challenges with the tools they'll likely use in higher education and the workforce.



We are committed to leveraging educational technology and creating engaging learning environments that align well with the goal of preparing students for success in the 21st century.

Here are some tips for high school students starting the new school year:

- Participate in class and put those cell phones away
- Build relationships - Get to know your teachers and counselors, and let them get to know you. Ask for help when you need it.
- Stay organized and keep track of deadlines
- Challenge yourself - Take challenging classes but don't overwhelm yourself. Consider your other responsibilities when choosing how much to take on.
- Get involved - Volunteer, join clubs, sports and broaden your experience. This will make school a lot more fun!
- Learn to manage your time: Balance your time making sure you have time for fun and relaxation, while also keeping up with your academics.
- Develop good study habits; they are essential for success in high school
- Take care of your physical and mental health
- Prepare for standardized tests - Take practice tests to gauge where you are and where you need to be. These can be accessed online at no cost.
- Identify your interests - Knowing your interests can help narrow down career choices.

This is an exciting time and I encourage you to make the most of it.

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Check out the website and also follow us on social media for real-time updates and news:

- Website: www.neptuneschools.org
- [Instagram](#): Find us on Instagram @NeptuneSchools and our Athletics page @neptunescarletfliers

Have a GREAT month of September!