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### **OPENING OF SCHOOL**

Students are to report to their first period classes on Friday, September 2, 2022. **WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE ATTACHED BELL SCHEDULE.** Your completed schedule for 2022-2023 is available on the Parent Portal. If you have any questions pertaining to your program, please refer to the letter from the Guidance Department for instructions.

The Open Campus Program will be in effect again this year for grades 11 and 12. Please refer to that letter for details. Students are reminded we can only maintain an Open Campus Program if they cooperate and abide by the established procedures outlined in the student handbook.

**ATTENDANCE.** Attendance is a critical factor in school success for students. Consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation. School attendance is both a right and a responsibility in New York State. Children have the right to attend between the ages of 5 and 21 and are mandated to attend between the ages of 6 and 16. Parents are expected to make sure that their children attend school on a regular basis. **Absences that extend vacation or holiday periods either before or after the official school calendar are unexcused absences. Students with unexcused absences will not be afforded an opportunity to make up missed participation or required tests.** Please make every effort to adhere to the official school calendar. We have included a summary of the Board of Education policy on attendance and will be discussing it with students in class.

**NOTE: Please be advised that unless there is an emergency, students who have medical and dental appointments or need to be picked up for any other reason, cannot be sent for during classroom periods. STUDENTS WILL BE CALLED DOWN TO THE MAIN OFFICE ONLY BEFORE A PERIOD BEGINS OR AT THE END OF THE PERIOD IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS.**

**COLLABORATIVE MODEL.** The collaborative model is an instructional model that coordinates the knowledge of content area and learning strategies for students with special needs. This model affords all students in the class to take advantage of two teachers, one regular education and one special education, who coordinate the delivery of instruction for all. The curriculum and the pace of the class are the same for all sections of this course. Placement in these classes is done randomly for regular education students and by mandate for select special needs students. We have been using this model for many years with a good deal of success for all the students who have been involved.

**STUDENT PARKING FOR SENIORS ONLY.** Student automobiles must be properly registered with the school. Student parking privileges are restricted to the parking area designated for students. **PARKING STICKERS WILL BE NUMBERED AND ASSIGNED. STICKERS WILL BE ISSUED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR LICENSED SENIORS ONLY.** Attendance by student and parent/guardian at one of the two mandated meetings for parking on campus must take place in order to be considered for a sticker. (See parking guidelines letter for rules & regulations.)

**TRANSPORTATION.** In accordance with the mileage distances adopted by the voters, students are required to walk up to the following distances: Students in grades 9-12 - 1 mile.

**IMPORTANT.** On the first day of school, Friday, September 2, 2022, students should report to their bus stops by **7:00 A.M.**

**PRESENTATION OF BUS PASSES.** Bus passes are no longer issued.

**TRAFFIC HAZARDS.** As a parent, you are understandably concerned with the problem of traffic hazards. If you bring such hazards to the attention of the district, we will contact the appropriate governmental officials to request a review of the situation so that correct actions can take place. Your personal contact with Town and County officials will also help speed things along with respect to correcting hazardous situations.

**PARENT DROP-OFF OF STUDENTS.** In order to provide for students and staff safety, parents who choose to drop their child off in the morning are encouraged to use the Kennedy Drive entrance. We are counting on everyone's cooperation with our security staff in the interest of the safety and orderly arrival of our students and staff.

**CAFETERIA SERVICE.** A full cafeteria program will be in operation on the first day of school.

**LOCKERS.** All students will be provided with combination locks for gym lockers. Students are not to use their hall lockers during a class period. Visitations to lockers will be made only before and after school and during change of classes.

**IMPORTANT**

**Your assigned locker numbers are provided on your schedule, first made available on Portal Day**

All hall lockers are located according to the enclosed chart.

Please see next page for locker locations.