



Sayreville Public Schools
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Dear Parents:

Good afternoon Sayreville! I am contacting you in order to welcome you back to what will unfortunately be an unprecedentedly unorthodox and challenging opening of schools in Sayreville due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As I have said many times, one of the many things that I love about being an educator and parent is that I have the opportunity to celebrate two kinds of “New Year.” Naturally, like everyone, we celebrate the beginning of the new calendar year on January 1st, but it is the celebration of the new school year that will always be the most precious to me. Although this school year will begin in a manner that we could have never imagined, I hope that it does not tarnish the feelings of excitement and promise that a new school year invokes for our students, their families, and our staff.

With that said, please remember that school will officially begin with **fulltime virtual or remote instruction** for **all** students in **preschool through 12th grade** on **Thursday, September 3, 2020**. As per the district’s revised [Restart of School Plan](#), which you can read along with an abundance of other essential information, such as our recently updated [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#), on our [Restart of School Plan webpage](#), we will remain in **Phase 1** or fulltime virtual or remote instruction for all students until **November 12, 2020**. As is noted throughout our aforementioned Restart of School Plan and FAQs, the direct virtual instructional, therapy, and counseling services that our teachers, counselors, child study team members, and therapists will provide will be **live** and will occur **synchronously** with or according to the times indicated in the **early dismissal schedule** for each school.

With that said, by now, the principal of your child(ren)’s school should have already contacted you and provided you with pertinent information regarding the start of **virtual instruction** on **September 3rd**. Most importantly, they should have provided you with their early dismissal schedule, along with a time to pick up your child(ren)’s technology device, if you requested one, and other instructional resources that your child(ren) will need, such as textbooks, chapter books, workbooks, etc. Likewise, by this point, you should have viewed your child(ren)’s schedule in **Oncourse Connect** and thus you should know who his or her teachers are. For your convenience, the early dismissal schedule times have been set as the default times on your child(ren)’s individual schedule in Oncourse Connect. By the end of the day on Wednesday, September 2nd, your child(ren)’s teachers will make contact with you or your child(ren), especially if they are in the high school or middle school, via an email or phone call. If by chance they have not done so by then, please email the principal of your child(ren)’s school by clicking on the address next to their name below.

Project Before Preschool – Ms. Burns, Audrey.Burns@sayrevillek12.net
Arleth Elementary School – Mr. Preston, Robert.Preston@sayrevillek12.net
Eisenhower Elementary School – Mr. Nurnberger, Scott.Nurnberger@sayrevillek12.net
Truman Elementary School – Ms. Stueber, Amy.Stueber@sayrevillek12.net
Wilson Elementary School – Mr. Byrne, Timothy.Byrne@sayrevillek12.net
Samsel Upper Elementary School – Ms. Coglianesse, Stacey.Coglianesse@sayrevillek12.net
Sayreville Middle School – Mr. Gluchowski, Richard.Gluchowski@sayrevillek12.net
Sayreville War Memorial High School – Mr. Rubino, Dale.Rubino@sayrevillek12.net

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At the very least, in their correspondence they will indicate what their learning management system (**Google Classroom** or **Oncourse Classroom**) is and how to access it, as well what their live direct interactive instruction software (**Google Meet** or **WebEx**) is and how to access it. At the preschool and elementary level, the teacher may also provide a block schedule that is aligned to the early dismissal schedule for the school. Lastly, they will include the time that they will perform what are called “**office hours**,” which will be dedicated to providing students and/or their parents, particularly for students in preschool – 1st grade, with extra help or clarification of content and assignments.

In accordance with our Restart of School Plan, in order to maintain the continuity of nutrition for all our students, particularly those who are food insecure, we will be preparing and delivering prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches for all our students who want such, especially those who are eligible for free and/or reduced lunch. In fact, our cafeteria workers and bus drivers and aides will work collaboratively using almost the same process we used to prepare and deliver meals in the spring, except that parents will now place their electronic orders using our new online ordering software called **My School Bucks**. We will also be delivering meals every day school is in session to more locations than in the spring. More information on this will be sent out very soon. To **apply for receive free and/or reduced lunch** for your child, click [here](#). Finally, please note that we will hold in-person orientations for preschoolers, kindergarten, 9th graders, 6th graders, and 4th graders, as well as for any new students to each school, at a date to be determined several days before we reopen our schools for in-person instruction on **November 13th**. At that time, we will also share bus and bus stop location information for all our students who will be receiving transportation services.

Lastly, please make sure that you visit the **Parent Page** of our website (www.sayrevillek12.net). It consists of an abundance of information that you will find very helpful, particularly the **2020-21 School District Calendar**, the **2020-21 Marking Period, Back to School Night, and Parent-Teacher Conference Calendars**, and the **2020-21 Our Schools Guide**, as well as a special **September 2020 Parent University flyer**, which lists several upcoming parent-based workshops on **Google Classroom, Google Meet, Oncourse Classroom, WebEx, and Achieve 3000**. To see the specific dates and times, click [here](#). In addition, please take the time to read my weekly **Talk Sup** messages and our Board of Education monthly newsletter entitled **Head of the Class**, which includes a very detailed calendar for each month. Finally, enjoy the **Bomber Blasts** and tweets that stream real time in the **What’s Happening** section on the bottom half of the homepage, as well as on each school’s page, and do not forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your family a memorable and highly successful school year.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Labbe, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools