

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School

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Dear Parents and Students:

Last summer, I wrote to you of the district's commitment to an increased social media presence. While that will certainly continue via Facebook, Twitter and our comprehensive website www.eht.k12.nj.us, I would like to start this year off with information on educational technology. Google Classroom is a school application that facilitates student research, virtual field trips, and interactive activities. Similarly, Google Drive allows for the creation of multi-user documents eliminating the need for constant file-sharing and phone calls for students working on group projects. Google Forms also makes gathering necessary information and parental permission much more efficient. The high school successfully piloted Google Forms last year with prom packets, graduation packets, and senior ambassador applications that formerly required a large amount of paper copies.

The reduction of paper usage ties in nicely with the fact that the high school was one of only 47 schools nationwide honored in Washington D.C. on July 20 as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. Fresh off the same New Jersey designation we received this past spring, the federal award is something that the entire community can be proud of and represents significant utility savings through the use of solar energy.

Our student recognition program, formerly known as *Believe in U*, has returned to *Josten's Renaissance*. *Josten's* had been a district partner up until 2012 and has re-established itself as the industry leader in student programs. Our award winning yearbook has a long history with *Josten's* and remained so even during the last three years. We look forward to working with *Josten's* again as we plan graduation, class rings, and student assemblies.

Welcome Class of 2020 (it's hard to even say that number!). Freshman orientation activities are from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Monday, August 22 (bus pass enclosed). An orientation meeting for freshman parents occurs that same evening in our auditorium at 6:30 pm. Back-to-School Night at the high school will take place on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm.

The main office parking lot is a one-way loop for student drop-off this year. This is being implemented to increase the level of safety for students and visitors walking through the parking lot. The main student drop off at Jake Glassey drive is operational as well. Whichever drop off you choose, ***please remember to drive slowly and safely around our school (campus speed limit is 5 miles per hour)***. High School Drive is a township road and, therefore, is patrolled by EHTPD. Dropping off students on High School Drive is illegal and subject to fines and/or summons by EHTPD.

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New Jersey Department of Education Best Practices:
High School 1993, Middle School 2002, Davenport School 2001 & 2003, and Swift School 2005
Alder Avenue Middle School, New Jersey and United States Department of Education Green Ribbon Award, 2012

A high student attendance rate has a direct correlation to increased levels of learning and contributes to a positive school climate. Please reinforce with your children that school attendance should be a top priority with the reasonable exceptions of illness and family emergencies. I ask that you keep this in mind when scheduling family vacations and appointments for your child so that students can attend the maximum days possible and stay in school the entire day.

Assistant Principals will be enforcing the district attendance policy which limits unexcused absences to no more than 10 days. Students must sign in upon arrival after the 1st period late bell rings (7:35 a.m.). Lateness to school will only be excused with a doctor's note. Activities and incentives organized through our Renaissance program will encourage our students to act appropriately and make good choices. Last year, we had "Movie Mornings" on the abbreviated days before Thanksgiving and Spring Break which celebrated students committed to their personal goals.

The Assistant Principals and the grade levels they serve are as follows:

12 th Grade	Mrs. Carleena Supp (ext. 1649)	10 th Grade	Mr. George West (ext. 1606)
11 th Grade	Mr. Mark Walter (ext. 2686)	9 th Grade	Mrs. Jennifer Holmstrom (ext. 1604)

Students have the ability to use personal, Internet-capable devices (i.e. smart phones, tablets etc.) for classroom research and applications at the teacher's discretion. Students are expected to comply with the district's Acceptable Use Policy and respect the teacher's decision as to whether or not devices will be used during a given class. The district does not assume responsibility for any privately owned technology brought to school. Students may discreetly listen to music during non-instructional time provided that one earbud is left out so that directions from staff and emergency alarms can properly be heard. Large stereophonic headphones are not allowed on campus as their size and shape precludes adherence to our "one-bud" standard. I would appreciate your assistance in promoting student safety by making sure these types of headphones are left at home.

The first day for students is Tuesday, September 6, 2016. This will be a Day-4 in the schedule rotation. September 6 is a full-day of school with student dismissal at 2:06 p.m. Enclosed you will find an unofficial class schedule, bus pass and a letter from Mr. Fred Nickels, Superintendent of Schools. If you detect an error on your bus pass, please contact the Transportation Office at (609) 927-2443. For any scheduling questions, please contact the counselor listed on the student's schedule via our main number at (609) 653-0100. Best wishes for a safe and successful school year!

Sincerely,

Terry Charlton

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 22, 2016	Freshman Orientation 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon; Freshman Parent Night @ 6:30 pm
September 5, 2016	School Closed – Labor Day
September 6, 2016	First Day of School (Full Day with Bus Arrival @ 7:25 am, dismissal @ 2:06 pm)
September 14, 2016	Back-to-School Night; 6:30 pm
October 3, 2016	School Closed – Rosh Hashanah
October 10, 2016	School Closed – Columbus Day
October 12, 2016	School Closed – Yom Kippur

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