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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that in just over a week we are going to begin another school year! This summer has been filled with plans, revisions, more plans and more revisions. I certainly hope that you and your family have had some time to enjoy the summer months and create good memories.

We are again faced with unprecedented and challenging situations; we will continue to grow as individuals and as a school community. At this time, we will open school on a remote learning schedule. Meaning, all students will be logging on to their classes through Microsoft Office TEAMS, which students used for one or more of their classes last year. The first day of classes is Tuesday, September 8th. Over the next week, you will receive several emails and automated calls. Additionally, each of our families will be mailed both their Parent Portal and Student Portal usernames and passwords. For those of you who had access to Parent/Student Portals last year, nothing has changed. You can continue to log-in using your current user name and password. I recommend you become familiar with Parent Portal (<https://www.fridayparentportal.com/garfield>); this will allow you access to information pertaining to your child's school records, including attendance, documents, announcements, progress reports and report cards. These documents will not be mailed home. Take note that there is a 'Documents' link in Parent Portal. We will use that link to share information electronically. You will be required to acknowledge documents in Parent Portal once you log-on. This will take the place of the documents that previously required to be returned to school with signatures. *It is so very important that we have current phone numbers, addresses and emails. Please be sure to verify them when you log on to Parent Portal.*

Freshmen and New students will be issued a user name and password (that information will arrive next week in the mail). One important note on Portal: Schedules will be available on September 2. At this time, we are not able to make schedule changes. Once school begins, guidance counselors will be in communication with students.

The GHS Student Handbook will be available online, both on our GHS website on the Student tab and on Parent Portal in the Documents link. Students will also receive an email with a link to the Student Handbook. As always, it will include calendars, schedules, school information, activity information, graduation and testing information and requirements, expectations, protocols and policies. Please familiarize yourself with the handbook. If you cannot access it online, please call the school office.

Freshmen and New Student Orientation

Next week, we will have a Virtual Freshmen and New Student Orientation. The link will be emailed to parents/guardians and student GBOE email addresses. Additionally, the link will be posted on our homepage: gboe.ghs.org

All Students

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. We will run a modified one-session day schedule, beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students are expected to log-on for daily attendance prior to 8:30 a.m. and then log-on, via **Video TEAMS meeting** on their computers. Once again, more details will follow next week.

- All students have been assigned GBOE email addresses along with access to Microsoft Office 365. They should get into the habit of checking school email regularly.
- Students will use their school GBOE accounts for any related school communication.
- Please familiarize yourself with the district site: www.gboe.org
- The direct link to the GHS site is: ghs.gboe.org
- Please be sure to complete summer assignments. Again, this information was shared with all students during the last school year. Additional information can be found on the GHS site under the Summer Assignments tab or directly at: http://ghs.gboe.org/summer_assignments_2020
- Per district protocol, at this time we are limiting in-person conferences at the school. If you need to speak to anyone, please call or email. Staff email can be found at: http://ghs.gboe.org/staff_directory

Meals during full remote learning days

During remote learning days, meals to Garfield district students will be distributed from two central locations:

Three Saints Church
474 Outwater Lane
Garfield, N.J. 07026

James Madison School #10
55 Lincoln Place
Garfield, N.J. 07026

Distribution Times:

September 8th : Meals will be distributed at both locations from 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
September 9th until further notice: Meals will be distributed at both locations from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Meal Options:

Parents will be able to take meals for one day or multiple meals if more convenient.

Pricing:

Breakfast: Free - \$0.00, Reduced - \$0.00 and Paid - \$1.50
Lunch: Free - \$0.00, Reduced - \$0.00 and Paid - \$3.10

If your application is not received by October 1, 2020 than the status will become a PAID Status.
Lunch Applications and Household Information Surveys are available on your Parent Portal.
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you have any questions please contact the Lunch Application Department at (973)340-5000 ext. 2308.

Also, be reminded that I have a GHS Twitter account that I use for general reminders as well as up to the minute announcements (such as changes in daily schedules). Feel free to follow me at [@Principal_GHS](https://twitter.com/Principal_GHS). The Twitter feed is also available on our GHS home page. Take the time to become familiar with our school website for additional information.

Our Virtual Back to School Night will be September 24th. More information will follow through Parent Portal. Thank you for your patience as we roll-out these new procedures. If there are any questions, please call the school office. On behalf of the entire GHS administration and faculty, let me extend my wishes to everyone for a successful school year!

Sincerely,



D. D'Amico
Principal

C: Ms. Sciacca, Superintendent of Schools

