

**West York Area High School
West York Area School District
Back to School 2020-2021**

Dear West York Area High School Families,

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“Every Student, Every Day”

High School Administration

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Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 24: 1st Day of School –
Only 9th Grade

Aug. 25: First “A Day”

Aug. 26: First “B Day”

Sept. 2: Distance Learning Day

Sept. 7: No School-Labor
Day

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope you are just as excited for the school year to begin as we are. We have missed our students. We realize these past few months have been unprecedented and filled with challenges for all of us, but we remain committed to providing your child with the best education possible. We have been busy planning all summer and we have put guidelines in place to improve our instructional model to meet the changing needs of all of our students, whether in a brick and mortar setting, a blended option, or a full cyber option. One key element in making the 2020-2021 school year a success will be the need to work together.

As a reminder, the plan for brick and mortar students is to run a variation of our traditional schedule, called the A/B schedule, every day except Wednesday. Students with the last name beginning with A-K will attend on A days (Monday and Thursday) and students with the last name beginning with L-Z will attend on B days (Tuesday and Friday). All students will remain home and participate in Distance Learning on Wednesdays. Classrooms have been adjusted to allow for maximum student distancing.

Our first day of school is Monday, August 24th. Please note our schedule for our first week school is as follows:

**Monday, 8/24: 9th grade students attend
Tuesday and Thursday, 8/25 and 8/27: A
day students attend**

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Wednesday and Friday, 8/26 and 8/28: B day students attend

The health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our priority, therefore, we want to make sure you are aware of some protocols that will be in place this school year. For the safety of all of our students, **the doors will open at 7:30 am** and we are asking all students to report directly to homeroom upon arrival.

Upon arrival, students should maintain social distancing at all times and **MUST** be wearing a mask. Also, the student **drop off** and **pickup** area is at the **Worth Street entrance located at the back of the building**. Parents/Guardians are asked to enter from Worth Street (tennis courts), proceed to the right, drop off or pick up your student, then exit where you entered at the intersection of Clinton/Worth Streets. **Please do not use the main entrance as that area must be kept clear for buses**. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure as we strive to keep student safety a priority.

As you prepare for the opening of school, I would like to remind you that we offer breakfast in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 7:40 each morning beginning the first day of school. A variety grab and go items will be offered. The cost for the breakfast is \$1.25 or \$.30 for those qualifying for reduced prices. The free and reduced lunch program regulations also apply to the breakfast program. **Please note that once breakfast items are purchased, students are expected to report directly to homeroom**. Therefore, all items should be consumed in homeroom, not the cafeteria. We appreciate student cooperation as we work to enforce safer procedures during arrival. All students must be in their assigned homerooms by 7:45 a.m.

We will continue to offer our Lunch and Learn program which will begin on the first day of school. The purpose of the Lunch & Learn time (62 minute chunk of time between blocks 3 and 4) is to allow students time to eat and to meet with teachers during the school day for clarifications, receive additional help or remediation, or to engage in club activities. Some students will be assigned to a teacher per teacher discretion so that the student may more fully develop a necessary skill or make up work missed. Those students are required to attend all scheduled sessions. Failure to report to an assigned support may result in disciplinary action.

Much of the other information you need for a successful start to our school year can be found on our [District Website](#). You will find information such as lunch menus, district calendars, and contact information for faculty and staff. You will also want to access and review the

High School Student Handbook, which will soon be available on our high school home page.

Take special care to view areas such as dress code, attendance, and discipline policies. We will provide your child with the necessary tools and materials for a successful school year; please send them to school with a face mask, backpack, and their district-issued Chromebook.

Included with this correspondence are several important documents:

- Diploma Name Form – seniors only
- Parking Permit Registration – seniors and juniors only
- Open Lunch Program Parent Permission Form – juniors and seniors only
- Student Handbook Signature Page – all students

- Acceptable Use Policy (Internet Contract) – freshmen only
- Free/Reduced Application Information – all students

In order for eligible juniors and seniors to be afforded open lunch privileges on the first day of school, the **parent permission form must be in the High School office prior to lunch on their first day of school**. Any junior or senior student who has an outstanding obligation **will not** be eligible for open lunch until the obligation is satisfied. Please note that detention is considered an obligation.

Additionally, seniors and juniors are eligible for the privilege of parking on campus. Specific parking spaces will be assigned to students. Seniors will have first option for obtaining the parking permits which will be distributed on a first come, first served basis **beginning Wednesday, August 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Please note there is a non-refundable \$5.00 registration fee to obtain a parking permit.

While our new normal will look different in many ways, please know that our High School staff is committed to making this a memorable school year. We look forward to your continued support in this partnership as we embark on this new school year together. Let's make the 20-21 school year a great one!

With Bulldog Pride,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie R. Jones".

Carrie R. Jones
Principal

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