



Dear Class of 2023 and Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! All of us at Newtown High School look forward to providing our students with the academic, career, and personal tools they will need to have a successful, productive freshman year.

Summer Assignment:

Summer 2019 - Due **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

THIS IS THE 1ST ASSIGNMENT OF THE SEMESTER AND IT WILL BE GRADED AND POSTED ON PUPIL PATH

INCOMING FRESHMEN:

1. Create a [Life –Goal Poster](#). (follow the link for the template)
2. Your Poster should have a Career Goal, a Life Goal, a Personal Challenge and a Personal Strength and a symbol that represents who you are. Include as much or as little graphics as you would like.



Freshman Orientation: A mandatory orientation will be held on **Tuesday August 27th at 10AM**. Please be here as important information will be provided as well as the availability to purchase gym uniforms, gym locks and students will take their photo IDs. Details about the distribution of programs will be disclosed during freshmen orientation.

Please review the information listed below before the first day of school on **September 5th 2019**.

School Supplies: Each teacher will provide students with a “supply list” during the first week of class. Please obtain these supplies which will help ensure that students are prepared every day for each class.

Dress Code: School is serious business; we “Dress for Success in the Ninth Grade Success Academy”. We are preparing for college and careers. Dressing for success puts the focus on academics, not fashion; students should project a neat, serious, businesslike image.

The following articles of clothing are **NOT** allowed, parents will be called and students will be disciplined should you be wearing the following:

- Skirts, dresses, or shorts that do not extend beyond the fingertips fully extended at the side of the body
- Tank, tube, or halter tops, strapless dresses and backless dresses (“no backs, no bellies”)
- Pants or shorts worn below the intended waist line
- Any attire printed with inappropriate language or messages including clothing that suggests pro-alcohol, tobacco, drug messages, or messages that promote violence
- Any item that may be considered disruptive to the educational process

Cafeteria: We offer a free healthy breakfast every morning. All students will be provided with a scheduled lunch period. Students are required to fill out lunch applications at the beginning of the year. We are asking parents to fill out the applications online over the summer beginning July 1st, even if the child opts out of lunch services: **nyc.applyforlunch.com**. You will not need to submit a paper application or form in September if you apply online over the summer.

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Parent Teacher Association: The Parent Teacher Association holds monthly meetings to discuss important matters that affect the whole school community. Parents will receive notification in advance of the days and times of monthly meetings. We encourage all parents to take on an active role by attending meetings and running for office.

Emergency Contacts: If phone numbers and addresses are changed during the school year, parents/guardians are obligated to inform the attendance office as well as the school nurse immediately. Please be sure that the school has a current phone number so that you are able to receive automated school calls.

Metro Cards: Newtown High School has requested Metro cards for those students who qualify for this service. They will be distributed on the first day of school. If you do not receive a metrocard you will be able to place an application to receive one.

Translation Services: Newtown High School has translation services available. If a parent/guardian needs to come to school to discuss any matter about his or her child and translation services are needed, please inform our Parent Coordinator Griselda Zapata 718.595.8483 in advance and the service will be provided.

Communication:

1. **Pupil Path:** Pupil Path is a student information system for parents and students. Pupil Path allows parents and students to view important student and school information such as student attendance records, class schedule, assignment due dates and grades, graduation eligibility, school announcements, and more. This is the system in place at Newtown High School for communicating your child's progress, please join and monitor it frequently. Additional information about signing up will be available at Freshman Orientation.

We look forward to seeing all of you on August 27th @ 10AM. Please be prompt!

Please email Ms. J. Schneider Ninth-Grade Guidance Counselor jschnei12@schools.nyc.gov with any questions

We hope that everyone will enjoy the summer vacation and be ready for the upcoming school year. Remember

Success is the Only Option!

Sincerely,

John Ficalora,
Principal

Catherine Tsouristakis
Assistant Principal & Director 9th Grade Academy