

Tappan Zee High School

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Dear Families;

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to Tappan Zee High School and the 2023-2024 school year. We have been very busy this summer getting the school ready for what we hope is an exciting year.

The first day of school for all students will be **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**.

- For all freshmen and new students, the day will begin with an orientation program from **8:15-10:10 AM**, at which time students **with completed permission forms** will receive their school-issued Chromebook, if they did not receive it yet.
- On this morning only, **students are responsible for their own transportation to school**. Please arrive at the Auditorium Entrance in the front of the school.
- At the conclusion of the orientation program, the remainder of high school students will join us, and classes will begin.

To make sure the first day runs smoothly, please be aware of the following:

- Students should report directly to the Auditorium.
- Students should bring a copy of their most recent class schedule. Class schedules will be available on the Portal on Friday, **Monday, August 28th** at 3:00 PM.
- As you prepare for the fall, please review your schedule carefully. **We cannot accommodate requests for changes of teachers or a change of periods. If there are errors or omissions in your schedule, please email your school counselor.** Making any change in your schedule should have a sound educational reason and have the involvement of parents, students, and your school counselor. Each schedule change has an effect on other parts of the school schedule, so changes should not be requested frivolously.

For Important Information and to Log Onto the PowerSchool Portal:

1. Log onto the PowerSchool Portal website: <https://socsd.powerschool.com/public/>
2. Enter your **username** and **password** in the first and second fields, respectively.
3. Click **Enter**. The PowerSchool Portal Grades and Attendance page appears.

- If you have forgotten or misplaced your login information, you may call 845-680-1654 after August 28th for assistance.
- On the first day of school, we will review the Student Handbook, which provides information regarding many facets of the high school, including our TZHS Code of Conduct and other resources to help guide your child through a great school year. You can also review this via the following link on our website: <https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/>
- Students may choose a locker during the first two weeks of school. Once they choose a locker, they must register it online. Signs will be posted throughout the building with instructions on how to register a locker. **Only school-issued locks may be used on lockers.** Students should use their lock from last year. (Freshman should use their lock from SOMS.) If needed, recycled locks are available for free at the Assistant Principal's office (room 202). Please note that locker use is not mandatory.
- Transportation will be provided at dismissal at 3:00 PM. All bus-eligible students must present their bus card when boarding the bus.
- Cars are not permitted to enter the front semi-circle when buses are present; please discuss a safe pick-up location with your child.

Transportation Procedures for Tuesday, September 5th and following:

Buses ONLY will be permitted in the front circle.

Parents driving their students to school should enter the North lot from Bataan Rd., and students will enter the building via the gymnasium lobby. We recommend that you drop off before 8:00 AM to avoid heavy traffic. For safety reasons, **please do not drop off your student along Dutch Hill Road.**

Please find the following forms posted on the Tappan Zee High School website <https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/>
If you would prefer a hard copy, please call the Main Office at 845-680-1602 to request this information via US Mail.

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (**FERPA**)
- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Notification (**PPRA**)
- **Chromebook Handbook Student/Parent Use Agreement must be completed prior to your receipt of a Chromebook.**
<https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/> You may have submitted this in the spring if your child received a new Chromebook.
- Student Health Information:
 - Student Health Letter and Physical Examination Form
 - Meningococcal Vaccine Information
 - Emergency Contact Form
 - Authorization for Administration of Medication in School
 - Dental Examination Form
- Minimum Attendance Procedure—described in our Student Handbook. <https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/>
- 2023-2024 District Calendar
- 2023-2024 Daily Bell Schedule
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
Check website for school lunch menus, nutritional information, and updated information regarding the New Federal Regulations and the school lunch program. <http://www.socsd.org/food-service/>
- Mathematics Department Calculator Letter
- Reminder of Summer Reading Requirements <http://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/for-students/>
- Please refer to the district calendar and TZHS webpage, <http://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/> for activities throughout the school year.

The district website is a great source of information. Please check the district website, www.socsd.org regularly for new and updated information.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing you on September 5th as we begin to establish a positive and productive relationship with you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Luciano
Principal

Mr. Richard J. Neidhart
Assistant Principal