

Tappan Zee High School

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August 2023

Dear Families;

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

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

- All returning TZHS students will start the day with a 2-hour delayed opening – 10:15 AM.
(Freshmen and new students ONLY will report to school at 8:15 AM for an orientation program)
- For bus-eligible students, buses will arrive at your bus stop two hours later than your regularly scheduled time. Please have your bus card ready as you board the bus.

Please note the morning drop-off locations.

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 by 10:00 AM to avoid heavy traffic. For safety reasons, **please do not drop off your students along Dutch Hill Road.**

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

- When students arrive, they should report directly to the cafeteria. At 10:10 AM, students may leave the cafeteria and go to their 1st period class.
- Students should bring their class schedule with them on the first day. Class schedules will be available on the Portal on **Monday, August 28th after 3:00 PM.**
- As you prepare for the fall, please review schedules 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 students, parents, 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 high school, including our TZHS Code of Conduct and other resources to help guide students throughout the 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.

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**)
- 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
- Any student receiving a Chromebook for the first time or reclaiming their returned school-issued Chromebook, must submit the Chromebook Handbook Student/Parent Use Agreement prior to receipt of your Chromebook.
- Minimum Attendance Procedure—as described in our Student Handbook. <https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/> 2023-2024 District Calendar
- 2023-2024 Opening Day and Regular 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/>
- Senior Parking Permission Form – sign up for Safe Driving Course (Seniors Only)
- Senior Open Campus Privilege Permission Form (Seniors Only)
- Please refer to the district calendar and TZHS webpage, <http://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/> for activities throughout the school year

Due to class size and limited parking for this year, on-campus parking is available for seniors only upon receipt of an application for parking privileges and completion of the TZHS Safe Driving Course, <https://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/back-to-school/>

The district website is a great source of information. I invite you to check 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 building a positive relationship with all of you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Luciano
Principal

Mr. Richard J. Neidhart
Assistant Principal