



# VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL

*A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School*

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Dear Parents and Students of Voorhees High School,

I hope that you are having a relaxing and rewarding summer. It has been a busy summer at Voorhees in preparation for the new school year. Enjoy the remaining weeks, and we look forward to seeing you.

Please take a moment to review the following information:

## **Opening of School**

All students will report for a regular day of school on Thursday, August 26. Please check your student schedule again in Aspen, our student information system, prior to the start of school as changes may have been made due to class balancing.

Our guidance staff has made extraordinary efforts to personalize each student's schedule. Long hours have been spent planning, assisting in course selections, and refining conflicts. This process should have effectively addressed any of your scheduling concerns. Please realize the amount of effort already expended and the constraints of course availability, class size, and room availability.

## **COVID-19 Safe Return Plan**

Please [click here to review the full Safe Return Plan](#) for 2021-2022 school year. We will be returning to a traditional school year with in-person instruction for all students and full school days. *Note: Virtual instruction is no longer an option for students due to the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order that allowed virtual instruction as an alternative.*

Per Governor's [Executive Order 251](#), starting on August 9, 2021, it is mandatory that face masks be worn indoors in all district and school buildings by all students, employees, parents/visitors, no matter your vaccination status. There are some exceptions noted in the order which we've copied into the Safe Return Plan linked above.

Masks are also required for all individuals while on a school bus no matter your vaccination status as they are still required on public transportation and this requirement is also noted in the New Jersey Department of Education's recent "[The Road Forward](#)" document.

Following the [guidance](#) we received from the Hunterdon County Department of Health, bandanas, gaiters and masks with vents are not acceptable face coverings; only surgical, cloth or clear masks will be allowed in schools.

Since the Governor eliminated virtual instruction as an option for students, those students who need to be on quarantine will have to check their classes' Google Classrooms to keep up with schoolwork. Teachers will post assignments and materials covered in class in their Google Classroom and can schedule virtual meetings during their prep period or office hours with any student in quarantine who needs assistance.

### School Administration

Voorhees High School implements an assistant principal model for supervision of students and subject areas. The following are the areas of responsibility:

**Mr. Simpson:** Class of 2022, Business, Fine and Practical Arts, Social Studies, and World Language

**Ms. Kim:** Class of 2023, English and Guidance

**Mrs. Cantagallo-Rohm:** Class of 2024, Math, Science, and STEM

**Mrs. Kieffer:** Class of 2025, Child Study Team and Special Education

**Mr. Baumann:** Athletics, Health and Physical Education

### Senior G.A.I.N. Time

Please note that with the Rolling Drop-Block Schedule, during the lunch blocks, seniors will be assigned to a designated classroom for the study hall portion of the block. This study hall is **not** considered G.A.I.N. Time, and students must report to and remain in the designated classroom. This is because we cannot accommodate the entire senior class in the eating areas during the lunches. G.A.I.N. Time will be for the 55 minute regular block study halls.

### Student Parking

Seniors have already received information concerning registering for parking. Please check your email for the information. You can also view parking permit information on our website, [click here](#).

### Parent/Student Handbook

The Parent-Student Handbook and school calendar are available on the Voorhees website. Most of the information disseminated to you will be online. If you do not have access to the Internet, please inform us so that we may arrange to mail materials to you. We encourage you to become familiar with the information contained in the handbook and mark the dates of important school events throughout the year. Some of the dates to note are listed below.

### Important Dates

Last Day for Schedule Changes	Wednesday, September 1
Back to School Night Grades 9	Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30pm
Back to School Night Grades 10&11&12	Thursday, September 9 at 6:30pm
Fall College Night	Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00pm
Fall College Fair (at North Hunterdon)	Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00pm
Financial Aid Night	Thursday, October 7
P.S.A.T.	Wednesday, October 13

### Required Summer Reading

All students will be assessed on their summer reading during the first week of school.

### Student Activities

One of the many strengths of Voorhees High School is the large number of students involved in [co-curricular activities](#). Students who become involved in the school broaden their experiences and increase their enjoyment of high school. Whether it is athletics, theatre, music, clubs or student government, I encourage you to participate in one or more student activities. Not only will you find the experience to be rewarding, but you also help make Voorhees High School a better place.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson  
Principal