



Dear Parents/Guardians, and Student Aviators,

I am so excited to welcome everyone back to the 2021-2022 school year. As a school community, we have been through so much over the last year and a half and it has taken a toll on each of us in a different way. I want to reassure you that your High School Administration and Aviator Staff are very aware that we will have some members of our family returning to school filled with anxiety and fear. This may make the transition back a little more difficult. Therefore we are focusing on practices that will help us to rebuild three areas within our school family. We will assist our students with **building wellness practices** for themselves, **building rigor** within their studies, and **building relationships** with their peers and teachers. Together we will build back our connectedness within the walls of our school.

Our HS Aviator Staff is committed to promoting and supporting the health and well-being of our students. We are committed to empowering them to learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and to assist them with focusing on their **physical, mental, and emotional wellness**. Our counselors will visit classrooms, hold meetings with students, and sponsor a Wellness Newsletter. In addition, various classrooms will share/implement wellness practices like deep breathing exercises, yoga, meditation, and positive mindset discussions to promote feelings of well-being.

Regarding Academics, our HS Aviator Teaching Staff is ready to once again be resilient and open the year by addressing students' learning needs and **building rigor** into every classroom. We will utilize data to determine skills in need of remediation and offer students extra assistance. We believe the implementation of the double math period for grades 9 and 10 along with the writing project in grades 9-12, and the SAT course offerings for grade 11 will serve as a start to close the gap on lost instruction.

Our HS Aviator Staff will spend time on **building back teacher/student relationships**. The staff will keep a watchful eye on our students while listening very carefully to what they are saying within the classrooms. They will provide opportunities for students to connect with their peers to build comfort and feelings of belonging. We also wish as well to reconnect with our parent population and look forward to seeing you on Back to School Night.

Our HS Aviator Staff will be focused on **building wellness practices** within our students, **building rigor** within our classrooms, and **building relationships** between all of us! We will be RELENTLESS educators for your children, our Aviators!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Linda Simmons, HS Principal and the HS Administrative Team



Exciting News to Share About Hasbrouck Heights High School

• Our average SAT score for the 2021 school year was 1123 with 30% of our students scoring above a 1200

- 75% of our AP exams were scored at a three or higher
 - Our English department will begin the year with a three week writing project entitled, “Flight Plan 2021: Diverse Destinations. While reading the works of diverse authors and diverse cultures students will focus on persuasive and argumentative essay writing.
- A communications section has been added to the High School Web Page housed within the orange bar at the top. Here you will find copies of emails, flyers, etc. that have been sent out by the main office, guidance and athletic dept. We hope this provides everyone with information at their fingertips instead of having to search through emails.
- Congratulations to Mr. Barchini on becoming the Director of Guidance for K to 12. He will continue to be an asset to our district and a wonderful role model to our students. • Welcome Dr. Fowler our new HS Vice Principal. We look forward to having him as a part of our Aviator family.
- Welcome to New Members of Our High School Aviator Staff
 - Samantha Angelillo, Art
 - Allison O’Brien, Art
 - Kim Bellissimo, Math
 - Micheal Sherbin, Math
 - Paul Mason, Social Studies
 - Johanna Feria, Guidance
 - Alisa Selitto, Guidance
 - Camille, Cabezas, Director of Special Services
 - Carolynne Healey, Math
 - Christine Pellegrino, Special Education
- Thank you to the custodial staff, secretaries, and tech. department for all they do in preparing for our school opening.

Important Safety/Security information

1. **Entering the School Building** - All students will enter through the main entrance along the Boulevard. All students must report to school by 7:45 AM. Classes begin promptly at 7:55am. (“0” Period Begins at 7:00am / Entry 6:50am)
2. **Exiting the Building** - At the end of the day students will obtain their belongings from their lockers and leave the building via the nearest exit.



3. **Lockers** - All students will receive an assigned locker. Students should bring their previously administered locks with them. If they are in need of a lock, one can be purchased for \$5.00 in the main office. New students will be given a lock in their Period 1 class. Students will be permitted to go to their lockers prior to Period 1, Lunchtime, and at the end of the day. No group gatherings will take place at the lockers.
4. **Lunch** - All students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria, the media center and/or the auditorium. Locations will be assigned so that students can be spaced and cohorts can be established. A student may bring their own lunch or obtain a brown bag lunch from the school. Lunches will be picked up at the tables assigned within each area. There is no hot lunch. **REQUIRED:** Please click on the link to respond to the lunch form. Due: Aug. 31st
<https://forms.gle/ngCVAXLSB3kZYjSr5>
5. **Masks** are mandatory and must be worn at all times with three exceptions:
 1. While eating lunch
 2. When outside for PE and properly spaced
 - 3 During instrumental music (music PPE will be provided)
6. **COVID Symptoms** - The District continues to encourage parents/caregivers to monitor their children for signs of illness every day and report to the school nurse if you identify any illness related to COVID-19. Please remember, you should only keep your child home if they present:
 - At least two of the following symptoms: chills, rigors(shivers), myalgia(muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, runny nose; or
 - At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, fever, or new taste disorder occur.If a student or staff member shows signs of COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the following will occur:
 - Ask ill student (or parent/guardian) or staff member whether they had possible exposure to COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
 - Individual will be sent home and referred to a healthcare professional;- ● The School District will contact the county and local health office, if a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

General Housekeeping

- Please note that students may choose their own supplies to use for their courses. Some utilize notebooks while others use binders. Choose what works best for your success.



- Please remember to bring your charged Chromebook with you to school so that you have access to the Google Classroom.
- Please be reminded that we take lots of pride in our school colors and like to show them off on Fridays for School Spirit Days. Wear black, orange, white, and/or any combination of those colors every Friday beginning September 9th. Watch for Athletic Team Sales
- Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you have questions related to courses and scheduling:
 - Last Names A-F Johanna Ferria
 - Last Names G-N Alysa Selitto
 - Last Names - O-Z Ashley Calligy
- Please contact Mrs. Fran Del Vecchio, for attendance questions (201)-393-8190 ● Please contact Mrs. Klenk in the main office if you need assistance. (201)393-8155 ● Back to School Night will be September 23rd at 6:30pm. Please watch for the email with the schedule for the evening.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!!!!!!