



# Welcome to Piscataway High School

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Principal

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# Supporting Your Child's Success at PHS



*Diversity Equity & Inclusion*

*Noel Aprile*  
*District Supervisor of Special Projects*



Being New Again...

What happens when students transition to a new school?



***Social Support System***



***Environment***



***Norms & Expectations***



# HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION TRENDS

## Research Brief

Education Partnerships Inc.



Decline in student achievement



Increase in behavior problems



Greater importance of time management and social skills; stressors such as homework, course difficulty & staying organized



Social issues and peer relationships may be prioritized over academics



Students may experience:

- ◆ Friendship changes
- ◆ Diminished self-concept
- ◆ Weakened sense of belonging
- ◆ Less engagement
- ◆ Increased symptoms of anxiety and depression



# Providing Support

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***Mr. Rodney West***  
***PHS School Counselor***  
***Class of 2026***

***Ms. Nicole Martelli***  
***PHS School Counselor***  
***Class of 2026***





# **Be Present**

## **Active Parent Involvement**

Attend student/parent events

- ☐ Meeting other parents will HELP to alleviate anxiety for both of you!

Back to School Night & Teacher Conferences

- ☐ Walk your student's schedule
- ☐ Meet and speak with your student's teachers and counselors - we want to get to know you.



# Supporting Your Student

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## **Keep open lines of communication**

- ☐ Allow your student to express stresses and worries
- ☐ Encourage them talk to counselor or Haven for extra emotional support

## **Encourage self-advocacy**

- ☐ Small steps such as writing emails to teachers directly
- ☐ Suggest and support your student to ask for help
- ☐ The Haven



# Foster Independence & Engagement

- ❑ **Get involved in the PHS community**
  - ❑ Sports - 27 boys and girls athletic program - 13 boys; 14 girls
  - ❑ Clubs and support groups to fit any interest - full list on website
    - ❑ Beyond PHS - clubs, outside sports, outside activities/volunteering



## Piscataway High School

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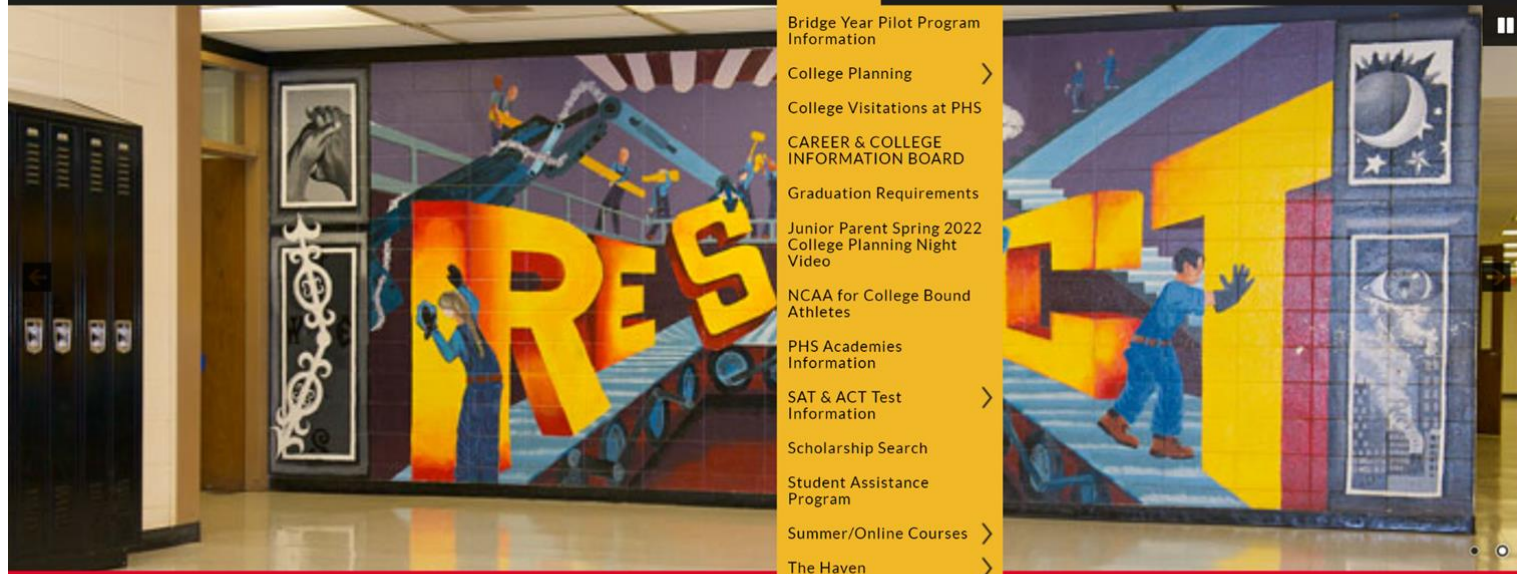
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acquire knowledge, achieve personal excellence, realize their unique gifts, and become responsible citizens.





## QUICK LINKS



**2022-2023 LEARNING  
INFORMATION**



**FOOD SERVICES  
AND MENU**



**CALENDAR**



**CONTACT US**



**CHIEF'S REPORT**



**VIRTUAL BACKPACK**



**GENESIS PARENT  
MODULE**



**STUDENT HANDBOOK**



**DISTRICT CALENDAR**



**SCHOOLGY**



**ATTENDANCE AND  
ABSENCE INFORMATION**

# WELCOME TO PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

***BECOME THE CHIEF WE NEED YOU TO BE!***



Kathy Cucciniello – Anthony Main Office - 732-981-0700 ext. 2207  
Sharon Doll – Patton Main Office - 732-981-0700 ext. 2217  
Elizabeth Nemeth – Attendance Office - 732-981-0700 ext. 2275

Students with ipad or tech issues, contact the *PHS Virtual Tech HelpDesk*



# **Supporting Academic Progress**

## Maintain awareness of school performance

- Log into Genesis and Schoology periodically to see grades and assignments
- Encourage studying at desk or table
- Resources available - after school tutoring, writing lab
- Connect with teachers if/when necessary
- Reach out to your student's counselor with questions or concerns
- SCOIR -starting in 9th grade, we begin working towards the future - college, career, military

# Counselors for the Class of 2026

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# **Support within Freshman Seminar**

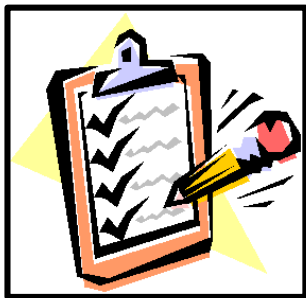
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# FRESHMAN SEMINAR COURSE CURRICULUM

DERIVED FROM RESEARCH, DISTRICT GOALS, STAFF & STUDENT VOICE

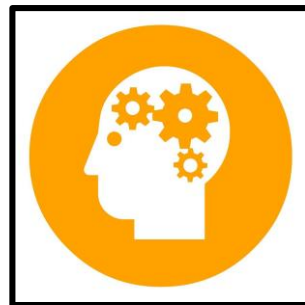
FULL-YEAR COURSE FOR 9TH GRADE STUDENTS



**Crafting PHS  
Experience**



**School  
Success Skills**



**Social  
Emotional &  
Wellness**



**Inclusion & Social  
Awareness**

# MP1: Understanding PHS & Me

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Practical Transition Support & Strategies for Success

Getting to Know Each Other

School Resources

Study Skills

Note-Taking

Time Management

Presentation Skills

Test Preparation(PSAT)

Organization

Goal-Setting

Intro to Mindfulness

Academic Integrity

Self-Reflection

Digital Identity

# MP2: Connections

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Introspection, Problem-Solving, and Prep for Future  
Building Relationships

Goal Reflection

Decision-Making

Cultural Awareness

Self-Actualization

Resume-Building

Email Etiquette

Self-Advocacy

Morals & Ethics

Self-Evaluation

Implicit Bias

Social Relationships

Scenarios

# MP3: Awareness & Justice

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Expanding Awareness of Self & Others

Building Relationships

Goal Reflection

Cognitive Bias

Stereotypes

Forms of Discrimination

Equity & Equality

Active Citizenship



# MP4: Contribution

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Dynamic Citizenship

Closing Relationships

Service-Learning:    - Proposal    - Action    - Reflection

10th Grade Goals

Letter to Class of 2027

Expressions of Gratitude

# Freshman Seminar Mentor Course



## MENTORS

- ❖ BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY
- ❖ GROUP & INDIVIDUAL MENTORING
- ❖ PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
- ❖ SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, INFORM

# Freshman Seminar - Routine Activities

- ❖ Daily Mindfulness
- ❖ Goal Setting & Reflection
- ❖ Group Mentoring
- ❖ HAP Days
  - *Teacher Meetings*
  - *Individual Mentoring*
- ❖ Counseling Lessons
- ❖ Guest Speakers

# Why SEL & Mentoring?

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- ◆ Higher achievement scores and improved academic performance
- ◆ Improved motivation, outlook, and confidence
- ◆ Avoidance of risk-related behavior
- ◆ Improved social and emotional development
- ◆ Fewer reports of emotional distress



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**Wishing an excellent year to the  
students & families of  
Piscataway High School  
Class of 2026!**

WELCOME  
Class of 2026!  
We can't wait  
to meet you!

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*Dr. Maria Cetta*  
*Assistant Principal*

*Drew Calvo*  
*Dean of Students*

# Contact Information

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# Student Expectations

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- ◆ Be the best version of themselves as often as possible - GOAL: Self-Efficacy & Self-Love
- ◆ Bring iPad charged & up to date each day
- ◆ Arrive on time into block 1 class (7:15am)
- ◆ Get to other classes on time
- ◆ Dress Code Adherence
- ◆ Student IDs worn each day
- ◆ Check schoology class & HS group for opportunities, updates & resources
- ◆ When help is needed, ASK!



# Expectations for Families

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- ◆ Study area at home - public vs private
- ◆ Consistent checking of Genesis & Schoology
- ◆ Consistent wake & bed times
- ◆ Consistent hours of study
- ◆ Help your student find support & self-advocate
- ◆ Contact teachers first, then counselors &/or dean, or chairs/supervisors, then assistant principal
- ◆ Attend as many events as possible that your student is involved in
- ◆ Partner with us towards GOAL: Graduation & Beyond!



# Safety & Security

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*Jonathan Bizzell*  
*Assistant Principal*

# Safety & Security



## Before School

- ❖ 6:45 am - Entry
  - ❖ Anthony Wing Entrances - Doors # 2 and # 6
  - ❖ G-Wing Entrances - Doors # 3 and # 4 (Bus Students)
  - ❖ Patton Wing - Door # 14 (Tennis Courts)
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## During School

- ❖ PHS ID's - Expected to be displayed on campus
- ❖ State Mandated Safety Drills - Written Communication
- ❖ Visitors must report to the Patton/Anthony Main Office
- ❖ PHS 12 Safety Officers - Freshmen Seminar

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# Safety & Security



## After School

- ❖ Dismissal - 1:45 pm - Bus Departure - 1:54 pm (Approx.)
  - ❖ No Holding Area - All students must go home or be supervised while on campus.
  - ❖ 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 5:30 pm Late Bus - Must have Bus Pass signed by Faculty/Staff. Only for students who take a bus.
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***Assistant Principal***





# Health Office

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*Donna Zimmerman*  
*School Nurse – East Wing*

# Health Office – Contact Information

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Donna Zimmerman RN–For 11 and 12 grade students. Located in the C wing of the Anthony building x2240  
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Makiko Davis RN–Part Time PHS x2240, 2288  
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# College, Career & Personal Guidance

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*Theresa Edmondson  
Supervisor of College,  
Career & Personal Guidance*



# College, Career & Personal Guidance Office



## Liaison for the partnership between...

-  Student
-  Family
-  School
-  Community





School counselors will help  
with...



**Academic Support & Educational Planning**



**Social and Emotional Support**



**College/ Career Planning**

# Graduation Requirements



## CREDITS NEEDED PER SUBJECT

✓English	20
✓PE/Health	20
✓History	15
✓Science	15
✓Math	15
✓World Language	5
✓Visual & Performing Art	5
✓21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life Skills	5
✓Financial Literacy	2.5
✓Electives/Additional Course	22.5+

Minimum Credits Needed to Graduate **125**

# Sample A/B Schedule

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DAY	PERIOD	COURSE
A	1	English 1
A	2	Phys. Ed.
A	LUNCH 1	LUNCH
A	3/2	Fresh. Sem.
A	4	Honors Biology

DAY	PERIOD	COURSE
B	1	Wood Tech 1
B	2	Geometry
B	LUNCH 1	LUNCH
B	3/2	Italian
B	4	H. World Cultures



# College, Career & Personal Guidance Office



## Classes of 2024 & 2026

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Ms. Pernell      Dr. Kiang

Mr. West      Ms. Martelli  
Mr. Wischusen

## Classes of 2023 & 2025

Ms. Aviles      Ms. Brewster

Ms. Duarte      Mr. Brown

Ms. Fraticelli

College and Career Counselor: Ms. Chilakos

SAC & Character Education: Ms. Rogers

Supervisor of Counseling: Ms. Edmondson



# Parent/Guardian/Family Social Time in the Patton Cafeterias

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## School Store Side:

- ◆ ASK ME! - Parents & staff with stickers to answer any questions you may still have
- ◆ Light Refreshments

## Windows Side:

- ◆ iPad Exchange (if not done already)
- ◆ Request a locker for your student
- ◆ Community Resources

# Parent/Guardian/Family Social Time

## ASK ME! Participants



### Parents

Mr. Fay

Mr. Hall

Mrs. Horvath

Mrs. Lawhorne

Ms. Talwar

Dr. Whitney

### Nurses

Mrs. Zimmerman

### Staff

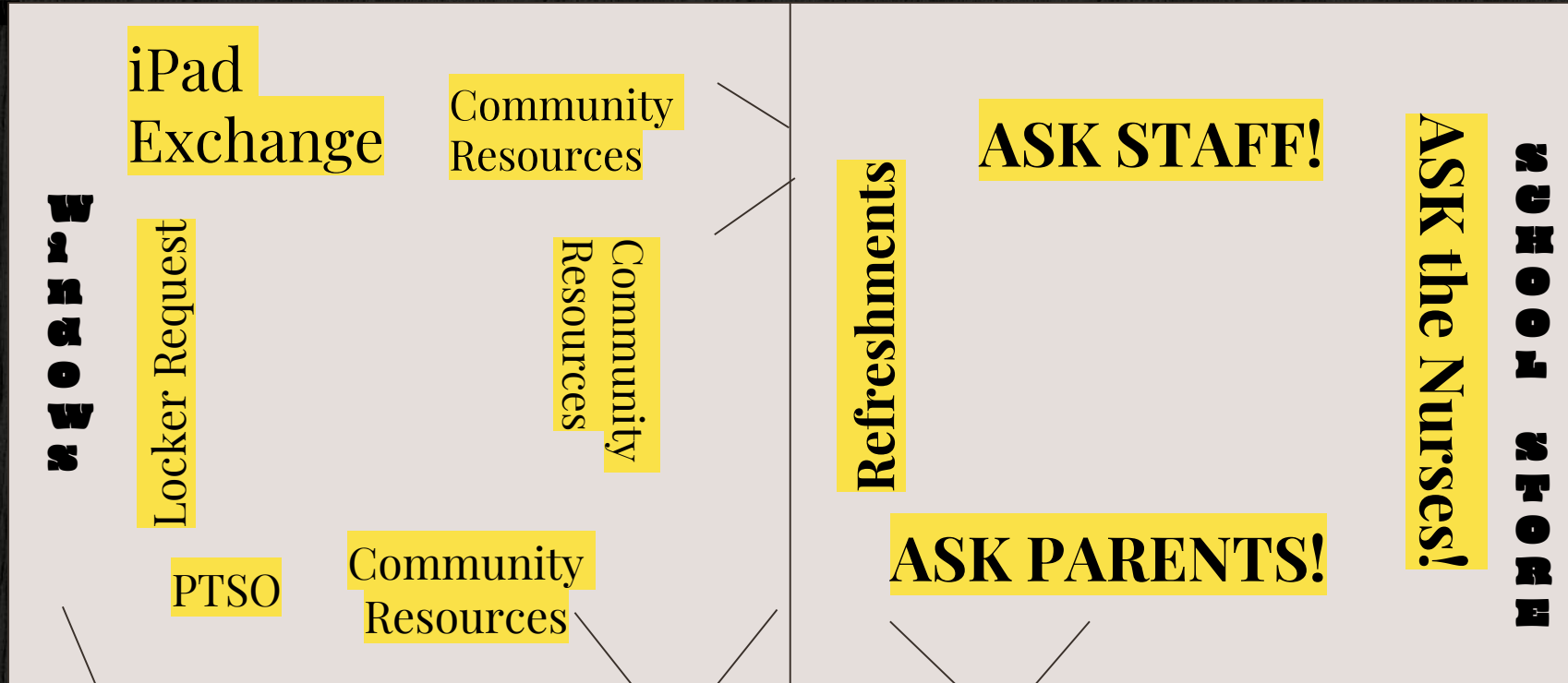
Ms. Martelli

Mr. West

Ms. Cucciniello

Dr. Cetta

# Map of Patton Cafeterias







*Please exit the rear of the PAC,  
make a left, go outside the  
building, & make a right into our  
Patton Cafeterias for the next  
portion of programming!*

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Parent/Guardian/Family Social Time!