



Nutley Public Schools

315 Franklin Ave.
Nutley, NJ 07110

Dr. Julie Glazer, Superintendent

Tel: 973-661-3500

jglazer@nutleyschools.org

August 29, 2019

Dear Nutley Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation with family and friends and are energized for our return to school next week. Throughout the summer, our administrative team and staff have been busy with curriculum writing, programs and athletics, while our facilities and grounds team has been working diligently to have our buildings and instructional spaces ready to welcome our students.

Students will return on Wednesday, September 4, which along with Thursday, September 5, is a single session day for all students. Friday, September 6 will be a full day of classes.

Open Houses

Open house nights for parents have been scheduled for September. JHWMS will hold theirs on Thursday, September 12. Elementary schools will hold theirs on Wednesday, September 18. NHS will hold their open house on Thursday, September 19. More details will follow from your child's building principal.

Welcome New Staff

Thirty new staff members will join the district this year and were welcomed at New Teacher Orientation last week, spearheaded by our Directors of Curriculum, Mr. Bania and Mrs. Loconsolo. We are thrilled to have so many new faces on board. We will recognize 25 staff members with the designation of tenure, as well as new district staff, at the September 9 Board of Education meeting. All are welcome to attend. New staff will also be welcomed to the district and community at a dinner hosted by the Rotary at the Nutley Public Library on Wednesday, September 25.

New Website

Over the summer, the district launched a newly-redesigned website at www.nutleyschools.org. While this is an ongoing project and the site is still being modified and updated daily, I am so pleased with the new look, feel and the organization of the streamlined site. There is a tab for both students and parents, at the top navigation, that I believe will provide helpful tools and resources for you and your child. The district calendar is also available on the site. It can be found [here](#).

Construction

The repairs to the NHS auditorium are almost complete, with the seats being cleaned, and the finishing touches being done. It was a long process, but so worth it! It looks beautiful.

At Washington School, the trailer by the field has now been craned into place. The crew is working daily, including Saturdays and Labor Day to complete the necessary work for first floor occupancy for Wednesday, September 4. Occupancy for the second floor trailer is scheduled for Monday, September 9. Work on the ramps and staircases will continue. I will update you when I receive the end date.

The trailer at Spring Garden has been sited, and plumbing and electrical work has begun. This trailer, and the additional trailer at Washington School, will not be ready to occupy until later in the fall. More details will follow as the occupancy gets closer.

Safety and Security

Safety and security remains our top priority. In addition to changes in the time and traffic flow for dismissal at Yantacaw school, we continue to implement our priority items at each school. We will be doing the permitted and non-permitted items entry at each elementary school for Open House September 18. This is now in place at the middle school and high school, and for events in the Oval. The implementation will continue to evolve at the elementary schools as we monitor and adjust the process and prepare for concerts and other big events in the schools later in the school year. More information will follow this fall. The list of permitted and non-permitted items for our district is available [here](#).

District and Board Goals

At the July Board of Education meeting, the Board approved district and Board goals for the 2019-2020 school year. They can be found on our website here. <https://www.nutleyschools.org/district/goals> and <https://www.nutleyschools.org/district/boe/goals>.

Also at the July meeting, the year one Strategic Plan goals were reviewed, and year two goals and action steps were introduced. The presentation can be found [here](#).

Policies

I would also like to share a link to the Board of Education [Policy Book](#). As you may know, the Board's main responsibility is to set district policy. The Policy Committee meets monthly to review and update policies and regulations in accordance with the NJ Department of Education mandates and State legislation. These policies and regulations provide guidance for all district operations. I encourage you to review our district policies, and as we begin the new school year, specifically those policies relating to Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB), and attendance at the middle and high school levels.

Handbook

Also at the August 26 Board of Education meeting, the 2019-2020 Elementary School Parent and Student Handbook was approved, and can be found [here](#).

Enjoy the last few precious days of summer and Labor Day weekend. I look forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Glazer".

Dr. Julie Glazer