



**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Middletown High School South**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Whether it is welcome back, or welcome for the first time, we hope that you are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year as much as we are. To say that this school year will begin in a nontraditional manner would be an understatement. Please know that the health and well-being of the students, staff, and school community is always my top priority, but now more than ever during these unprecedented times. In collaboration with High School South's staff, I will work tirelessly to ensure that our students are receiving an exceptional education in a safe and nurturing environment

The cohort model that we will be implementing to begin the year will afford students the opportunity to attend school in-person two days a week, and virtually the remaining three days. Unlike the virtual model that was utilized in the spring of 2020, this year on virtual days, students will be required to attend their classes at their regularly scheduled times in order to receive synchronous instruction, as well as reinforce the importance of responsibility and accountability. The modified grading practices from last year's fourth marking period will no longer be used. Traditional grading procedures will be in place throughout the school year.

It is our mission to create a high school environment that fosters academic, social, and emotional growth, and prepares our students for post-secondary education and employment. The positive climate and culture at Middletown High School South will continue to afford the students a high school setting that is conducive to success. With several new staff members, updated curricula, state-of-the-art technology related programs and devices, and building and grounds upgrades, we are confident that our students will have an outstanding educational experience.

We wish your children luck as they transition into a new school year.

Please note that Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. This year Back to School Night will be held virtually. More details related to Back to School Night will be made available in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Matt Kirkpatrick  
Principal, Middletown High School South