



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students
through a World-Class Education*

August 20, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. As the warm weather and long days are slowly ending, staff across the school district have been busy preparing to welcome students to another new school year. This letter contains information about the opening of school, items that may be of interest and important upcoming dates of events. Please review the information below and as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the high school.

First Day of School

The first student day is **Tuesday, September 3**. We will follow an “A” day schedule, have an extended homeroom period and conduct grade level meetings in the theater. In addition to reviewing important information for the student body, the student government will entertain all with their traditional welcome back video. The Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) also begins school on **Tuesday, September 3**. Students enrolled at MBIT will follow their split school schedules as listed on the Home Access Center.

Family ID

The school district will be using Family ID for distribution and collection of documents typically distributed during the first week of school. Parents will receive an email this week explaining the new system, along with a PDF tutorial with directions. Some families may be familiar with the program as it has been used several years for the registration and collection of documents for high school athletes. Please look for this important email in the coming days.

9th Grade Open House

There will be a 9th grade Open House on **Thursday, August 22 between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm**. There is no formal program, but this is an opportunity for students to locate classrooms on their schedules and familiarize themselves with the building. Peer Leaders will be around the building to assist students and answer any questions they may have prior to the first day of school. As we are a 1:1 laptop school, 9th grade students in attendance can pick-up their device for use throughout their high school years. Students that are not able to attend the Open House will receive their laptops on the first day of school.

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Student Schedules

Student schedules were posted in the Home Access Center (HAC) this past week. Students should review their class schedule and report directly to first period on the first day of school, followed by homeroom. Staff members have worked diligently to provide all students with their primary choice selections. Schedules are firm and will not be changed unless a significant problem is apparent, or a specific need is identified. To request a change in the schedule, you must complete a *Request for Course Change* form that can be found under “Quick Links” on the homepage of the high school website. Requests should be submitted to the Guidance Office.

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal – 11th & 12th Grade

Students in 11th and 12th grade that have a study hall in either first or eighth period are eligible to apply for late arrival or early dismissal. To read the guidelines and apply for this privilege, please complete the *Late Arrival/Early Dismissal Application* that can be found under “Quick Links” on the homepage of the high school website. Applications should be submitted to the main office.

School Day

The school day will begin at 7:50 as in past school years. Being on time is paramount to having a successful academic experience as first period begins promptly at 7:50 am. Homeroom is scheduled at the end of first period. We will again have two lunch periods due to the maximum occupancy limits in our cafeterias. The first lunch will run from 10:15-10:45 and the second from 11:00-11:30. Students will be informed which lunch they are to report to on the first day of school.

Morning Drop-Off /Traffic Patterns

The high school main entrance is located on the west side of the building facing the stadium. There is a drop-off loop accessible via the road used to enter the west parking lot. *However, parents are encouraged to use the east lot for student drop-off and pick-up as it is far more accessible and easier to navigate entry and exit of the campus.* Please reference the map on the last page of this letter showing preferred traffic patterns for the campus during various drop-off and pick-up times.

Student Parking

We will continue to offer student parking on a first come-first serve basis. There are plenty of spaces for students throughout most of the school year. However, it is still suggested that students pair up with friends instead of driving individually if possible. Student drivers will be allowed to park in any open spaces that are not designated for staff, visitors or handicapped parking.

Immunization – 12th Grade

Pennsylvania mandates that students entering 12th grade must be up-to-date on all required immunizations by the fifth day of school ([12th Grade Immunization Requirements](#)). Many seniors have already complied with this requirement. However, if you are not in compliance, please read what steps need to be taken and act before school begins.

Recruitment of Students – 11th & 12th Grade

State and Federal law requires school districts to provide post-secondary educational institutions and military recruiters access to the name, address, and telephone listing of junior and senior students unless the parents/guardians specifically request to be removed from this listing. If you wish to opt-out of this requirement, please complete the [Recruitment Opt-Out Letter](#) and return to the Guidance Office.

Parent-Student Handbook

The 2019-20 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed on the high school website under “Quick Links.” Please review with your child during the first week of school. Students will receive an overview of the handbook at the grade level assemblies.

Dress Code

The first few weeks of school can sometimes be quite warm. Students are reminded to dress appropriately even though it may still feel like summer outside. Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to change. If they do not have appropriate clothing in which to change, parents will be called to bring a change of clothing.

Important Upcoming Dates

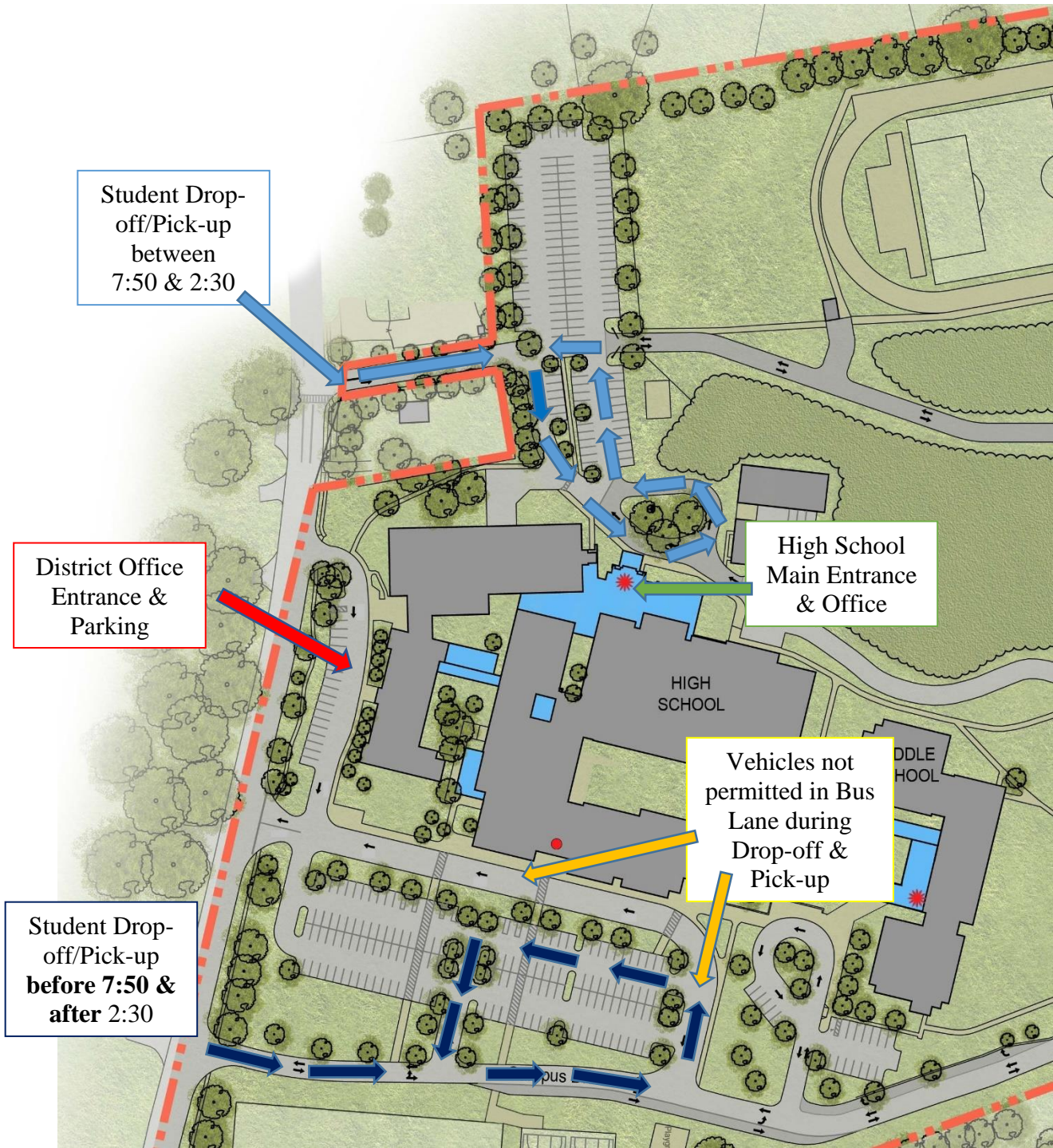
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| First Day of School | September 3 | |
| Senior College & Financial Aid Night | September 5 | 6:00 pm |
| Back to School Night | September 10 | 6:30 pm |
| Student Picture Day - Lifetouch | September 18 | |

Enthusiastically,

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2019-2020 High School Campus Traffic Flow



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