

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Student/Parent:

I hope you are enjoying your summer and cherishing time with your friends and family. This letter is to inform you of the opening of school information and some dates for the fall calendar. High Point Regional High School administrators, faculty, and staff are presently working to ensure the 2018-2019 school year is one of our best. We are very excited to welcome you to the school and serve your educational needs. Below please find the information for the start of school:

Wednesday, September 5th, is our “Freshman Orientation” for all of our incoming 9th graders (½ day schedule enclosed). All freshmen should follow their bus passes that were mailed home. Upon arrival to the school, please report directly to the auditorium at 7:35 am and the buses will depart at 11:55 am. During the orientation, they will have an opportunity to meet peer leaders, guidance counselors, and administrative staff. The 9th graders will then follow their normal schedules, meeting their classroom teachers, as well as getting acclimated to the school building.

Prior to the first day of school, students need to log into Genesis and view their updated schedule and 1st period class. All students were sent their Genesis student portal information through their High Point email account.

Thursday, September 6th, is the first day of school for all students, and we will follow an “All periods meet” schedule with a Wildcat period in the beginning of the day (full day schedule enclosed). Students will report directly to their 1st period class. School begins at 7:35 am and regular dismissal time is 2:27 pm. In 1st period, all students will receive a new student ID, locker combinations, and an updated schedule that will reflect any last minute changes due to staffing or room changes. All students should follow their new/revised schedules.

Parking applications will be available to eligible Senior and Junior drivers on the first day of school (9/6). All requirements must be met before this privilege will be granted. Students who have met all requirements or who had a tag last year may drive on the first day of school. Students that need to complete the Drive Right Program can do so on September 5th at 11:00 am. Parents that have not been able to attend the prior parent meetings, two additional meetings are scheduled for September 12th at 7:00 pm or September 15th at 10:00 am.

To view your child's grades, please use the Genesis portal. Access is available through Genesis <https://parents.genesisedu.com/highpointregional>; please refer to our website under Genesis resources. A paper copy of the final report card will be mailed home the last week of June. The best way to contact your student's teacher is via email. If you do not have an email account, you can call the main office to leave a message.

Throughout the summer, we have communicated that Genesis is the nexus of communication for High Point Regional High School. We have transitioned to nearly 100% online forms submission through the parent portal. Please make sure you have completed the required forms through the portal prior to the first day of school.

Parent portal: <https://parents.genesisedu.com/highpointregional>

If you need assistance: EMAIL: HPgenesis@hpregional.org | HELP DESK: 973-875-3101 x1280

If you do not have internet access, please contact the main office 973-875-3101 x1213.

Academic Updates:

- This year we are focusing on the integration of character education and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) through multiple methods to further support our students' needs and to continue our goal of developing a well-rounded student and citizen.
- Throughout each marking period we are continuing to utilize formative assessments with PBA's (Project/Performance Based Assessments), portfolio's, and teacher designed skills assessments to be administered at the end of each marking period. Each marking period will carry a 22.5% weight in addition to a 2.5% marking period assessment.
- We are planning to continue our peer to peer tutoring program this year which will further support our student's needs.

Technology Updates:

- All students need to read and complete the Responsible Use Policy (RUP is completed through Genesis portal). Students will be acknowledging the expectations of the RUP and student code of conduct with this process. Please review the Code of Conduct and Student Media Release with your son and/or daughter through the Genesis parent portal forms page. Mobile learning devices may be used by students during non instructional time only: during unit lunch, senior corridor/courtyard, and passing time. The only other time devices may be used is for learning purposes at the discretion of their teacher.
- We have increased the number of Chromebooks (Internet ready laptops) in the building to allow for more instructional access and flexibility for students and staff.
- All students have a High Point issued Gmail account that they can utilize for all their school communications. The log-in information can be found on the school website (http://www.hpregonal.org/students/student_g_suite_information). All students should login to their High Point account before the start of school so they are prepared for the classroom.

Facility Updates:

- Renovated last two science labs to create a flexible lab learning space. Redesigned Architecture/CADD/Video Game Design classroom and Computer Science classroom to create a more interactive learning experience. Renovated and repaired the West Gym to create a better athletic facility for our PE classes and community events.
- Implemented more classroom collaboration spaces throughout the building and media center utilizing flexible classroom design.
- During Unit lunch, students are able to eat in the cafeteria, annex, west gym, main lobby and outside annex courtyard. Students will not be permitted to eat in the media center during unit lunch, it will be utilized for academic support, quiet reading/studying, virtual instruction, peer tutoring, and maker space.

Communication Updates:

- o We are continuing to utilize the High Point App to help with communication and give you quick access to information. Please download the free app from the following links:

Google play for Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.relianceco.cma.highpoint>

iPhone and iOS:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/high-point-regional/id899316637?mt=8>

- o In an effort to increase communication with parents on the happenings at High Point Regional High School (HPRHS), I am encouraging you to sign up to use Twitter (www.twitter.com). Twitter is a platform that allows people to communicate through the exchange of quick and brief statements. We utilize Twitter to disseminate useful information about HPRHS (i.e., school news, testing, progress reports/report card dates, school events, etc.) and valuable parent resources instantaneously. Signing up is easy. Go to www.twitter.com, create a user profile, and once you are registered, perform a search for the school user name **@HPRwildcats** and my principal user name **@JonTallamy**. Then click on the profile and select “follow”.
- o We are also on Facebook (just sign up and follow our fan page) and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/hprhs/?ref=badge>
- o Look for upcoming issues of the High Point Regional High School Smore Principal's newsletter. You can access newsletters on your digital device. Here are the links for the first two issues: <https://www.smores.com/hvqc3> and <https://www.smores.com/xvyc7>.

High Point Regional High School is striving to ensure that every student is offered a world class education which provides access to 21st Century Learning skills that provide a solid educational foundation. Most importantly we want to provide each and every one of our students with the opportunity for growth and success. I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer, and that every student returns to school with enthusiasm for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to serving your educational needs in an exciting learning environment.

“If there is no passion in your life, then have you really lived? Find your passion, whatever it may be. Become it, and let it become you and you will find great things happen FOR you, TO you and BECAUSE of you.” – T. Alan Armstrong

Yours Sincerely,

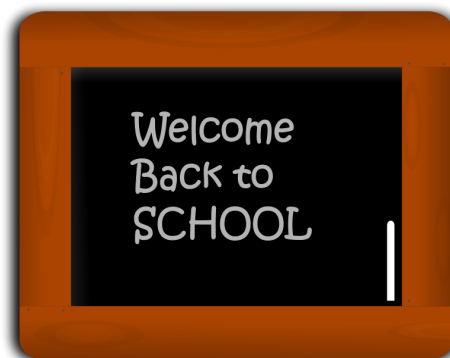


Jonathan L. Tallamy
Principal

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Enclosures

2018 - 2019 School Year High Point Regional High School Fall Calendar of Events



- September 5 -** Freshman Orientation
- September 6 -** First Day for “All Students”
- September 11 & 12 -** Underclassman Photos
- September 13 -** Ninth Grade Parent Night (7:00 pm) Auditorium
- September 27 -** Back to School Night (7:00 pm) Auditorium
- October 1 - 5 -** Spirit Week & Homecoming Activities
- October 5 -** Homecoming Football Game vs. Wallkill (7:00 pm)
- October 6 -** Homecoming Dance (7:00 pm) Café
- October 8 -** Teacher In-service (school closed for students)
- November 1 -** Academic Awards (6:00 pm)
- November 15 -** Principal’s Parent Advisory Committee (7:00 pm) Media Center

School Calendar



Freshman Orientation on 9/5/18

Length of Block	Period	Minutes
7:35-7:55*	Aud	20
8:00 - 8:33	1	33
8:37 - 8:57	2	20
9:01 - 9:21	3	20
9:25 - 9:45	4	20
9:49 - 10:19	UL	30
10:23 - 10:43	5	20
10:47 - 11:07	6	20
11:11 - 11:31	7	20
11:35 - 11:55	8	20

*Wildcat Assembly

Opening Day - All Students on 9/6/18

(All periods meet w/Wildcat period)

Wildcat Period	7:35	8:10
1	8:14	8:59
2	9:03	9:38
3	9:42	10:17
Unit Lunch**	10:21	11:12
4	11:16	11:51
5	11:55	12:30
6	12:34	1:09
7	1:13	1:48
8	1:52	2:27
Buses Depart		2:31

**No Science Labs

Wildcat Period Locations:

Grade 9 - Cafeteria

Grades 10/11 - East Gym

Grade 12 - Auditorium