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“I’ve always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings.” ~ Jenny Han

Dear Lincoln High School Families:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

I hope that this letter finds you and your family healthy and excited for a brand new school year. Most of all, I hope that you and your child found time to rest, relax, and enjoy your summer vacation. The Lincoln family is looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school this fall.

The first day of school for all students is **Friday, September 3, 2021**. We will be starting this academic school year all in-person. This means that there will not be any online remote classes or different cohorts of students coming to the building on assigned days.

Social Distancing and Face Coverings:

In order to protect all members of our Learning Community, we will be adhering to the CDC guidelines that recommends:

- **Schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students.**
- **Everyone in the school building will be required to wear a mask.**

In addition to these guidelines, all students are asked to follow the posted information around the building. For example:

- **Directional arrows in the hallways and staircases.**
- **Occupancy number on bathrooms.**

Even though we will be in-person this fall, it is essential that you and your child know how to access the following online platforms:

Microsoft Teams: (See enclosed flyer)

This was the platform used last year for video assignments and assessments. Teachers are still going to use this for class/homework assignments and assessments.

Microsoft Outlook: (See enclosed flyer)

All Yonkers Public School students have an email account from the district. This email account should be used as a source of communication between students and any staff member.

PowerSchool: (See enclosed flyer)

All parents and students have access to this system from the portal. When you access the portal, you will be able to see the student's schedule, attendance by period, their grade for assignments, and marking period. Checking the portal is the best way to stay informed about your child's academic progress.

Student Schedules:

Student schedules will not be mailed home as they will be available in PowerSchool starting the week of **August 23, 2021**. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's schedule, please contact their grade level counselor via email.

Supplies:

- Masks
- Teachers will distribute class supply lists the first week of school.
- Basic supplies needed: pens, pencils, notebooks, book bag, two pocket folders and an assignment pad.

Lockers:

We will not be using lockers at this time.

Expectations and Guidelines:

- Open and ongoing communication between the home and school.
- Please refer to the Yonkers Public Schools website: yonkerspublicschools.org and review the District's Conduct and Expectations. Please pay close attention to the following sections:
 - Students' Rights and Responsibilities (page 5).
 - Attendance Policy (page 15).
- First period starts at 7:45 a.m.
- All students will arrive to school prepared for the school day.

Not Feeling Well or Absent:

If your child is not feeling well, you are asked to **not send** him/her to school. Please call the school nurse's office for information and procedures. Additionally, you are asked to notify our attendance office of any absences as well.

Information Home:

Here at Lincoln High School we do our very best to keep all members of our Learning Community informed. In order to ensure that you receive all of our communications, it is essential that we have correct contact information for the following:

- Home phone number.
- Cell phone number.
- Email address.

If you have changed any of this information, please contact our school registrar, Ms. Lane, at **(914)376-8400 ext. 5124** or via email at glane@yonkerspublicschools.org.

The Lincoln High School administration team and staff are committed to maintaining a safe and productive learning environment, and taking proactive measures to promote positive social interactions by working with students to make good choices. We have four school counselors that are assigned to a specific grade. If you or your child have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s counselor at (914)376-8400 or via email.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
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12 th	Zoe Charitos	zcharitos@yonkerspublicschools.org

Thank you for your commitment to your child’s education. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Sincerely,
Ian M. Sherman
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