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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the summer vacation. We are excited to begin yet another school year and hope that the information below will help you navigate the return to school. As you should know, the first day of school for students is **Thursday, September 7, 2023**. Students should follow their "A" day schedule.

Parent Student Handbook

All students (Grades 9-12) and their parents should review the *2023-24 Parent /Student Handbook* which can be accessed on the high school website, in the *Student* section, access *Academics* and locate the *Student Handbook* option. Please review this handbook with your child as it contains important expectations and procedures implemented at the high school.

Buses/Student Arrival/ID cards

The transportation schedule will be posted to the District website prior to September 6th. Students who take the bus to school will enter through the main entrance doors. Students who get dropped off will enter through the cafeteria doors using the walkway on the north side of the cafeteria. A map of the drop off area is posted on the HS website. For everyone's safety, please DO NOT enter the student/staff parking lots during arrival and dismissal.

Students are required to use their Scholar Chip ID cards to "tap into" school daily upon arrival and when using the bathrooms, therefore, it is important that they bring it each day and keep it with them throughout the school day. Grade 9 students will receive their ID cards at the Freshmen Orientation/Open House. Should you need a new ID card, please contact the HS main office prior to the first day of school.

Attendance

Research supports a direct correlation between student attendance and academic achievement. Therefore, parents are encouraged to take an active role in monitoring their child's attendance. The high school attendance policy ensures that students who receive credit for a course have attended 85% of the course's scheduled classes.

If your child will be absent from school, you may call the **Health Office at 631-870-2822** to inform us. If we do not get a call, you will receive an automated message on the day(s) your child is absent from school. Further, quarterly report cards note the number of absences each student has accumulated for a particular quarter. Please be diligent in reviewing your child's attendance record and feel free to call the applicable teacher, your child's guidance counselor and/or us with any questions.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of "being on time", a focus will be placed on student punctuality and attendance to school. The high school building is available for student arrival beginning at 6:45 a.m. daily. **The first bell of the day sounds at 7:15 am. It is strongly encouraged that all students be in school by that time. Period 1 begins at 7:20 a.m. and students should be in their first period class on time.** It is vital that you plan your morning accordingly to avoid getting to school late, especially if you are planning on dropping off your child to school. We will be strictly enforcing the lateness to school and attendance policies, which can be found in the *Parent/Student Handbook* on our website.

Over the course of the school year, a significant number of students request to sign out of school early with parental permission. Students may be dismissed early from school for medical/dental appointments, religious observance, approved college visits or other appointments that cannot be accommodated after school hours. A note should be sent prior to the

requested early dismissal and brought to the main office. While emergency situations may warrant students' early dismissal, consistent attendance to all of their scheduled classes is a important to their academic success. Therefore, administrative acknowledgement will be required for students' early dismissal.

School Lunch

Schools within our district follow federal/state guidelines for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals on an individual basis. Please visit the Mount Sinai District webpage for more information regarding applying for free and reduced options and/or how to access your MySchool Bucks account.

Student Schedules/Lockers

Student schedules for the 2023-24 school year were mailed home the week of August 21. Another schedule, including teachers' names and room numbers will also be provided to students in Homeroom/Period 2 on the first day of school.

Please review the schedule and report any issues to the appropriate high school counselor. Email addresses are listed below and the counsleors will be available to assist you after August 28.

DONNA MURPH (last name A-D):	dmurph@mtsinai.k12.ny.us
KYLE COTTER (last name E-K):	kcotter@mtsinai.k12.ny.us
KRISTINA McGUIRE (last name L-P):	kmcguire@mtsinai.k12.ny.us
SCOTT McEVOY (last name Q-Z):	smcevoy@mtsinai.k12.ny.us

Lockers will be given out by request. If you would like to request a locker, you can do so through the Guidance Office.

1:1 Laptop Initiative

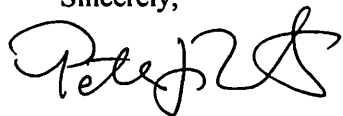
As part of the District's Smart School Bond and 5-year Technology plan, all students in grades 9-12 received a laptop. Students were asked to hold onto and secure their devices over the summer. Please make sure that your laptop is charged and ready to be brought to school. Teachers will be providing more info regarding other school supplies, etc.

The District asked parents and students to be responsible for the care of the device and any damages to the device during the summer recess. Costs for various repairs are indicated in the 1:1 Device agreement that each student (parent) agreed to prior to being issued a device. There is also information regarding an opportunity to purchase device insurance. The insurance is not required in order to be given a device, however it is strongly encouraged, given the cost to replace it should it be damaged or lost. There is an open enrollment period for insurance. The device insurance can only be purchased during the open enrollment window which is currently open and closes on September 30. If you signed the 1:1 agreement when your child received their device, you do not need to submit a new one, however it is encouraged to review it again.

If you are new to the District, please review the agreement and fill out the corresponding Google form located in Parents section of the District webpage www.mtsinai.k12.ny.us acknowledging that you have read it. Once the form has been filled out and submitted, your child will be issued a device during the first week of school by our Library Media Specialist, Ms. O'Reilly. If you have any questions regarding the 1:1 initiative, please contact the Office of Information Technology at 631-870-2812.

We are looking forward to welcoming back students and staff. Please continue to visit the High School website for additional information as we approach the first day of school.

Sincerely,



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