

# Paulsboro Public Schools

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Mr. Paul Sommers – Director of School Counseling / Student Personnel Services

Dear 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians:

We look forward to seeing your student on September 6<sup>th</sup> and have been busy this summer readying both the physical school building and academic schedules for the opening of the 2022-2023 school year. Based on the strong academic quality of our junior and senior classes, we have high expectations for this school year. We have spent significant time this summer placing students in the appropriate classes, attempting to match academic levels, course requests and post-graduate interests.

**Specifically for Senior Parents/Guardians:** Please review the letter and college/career checklist shared by Mrs. Suggs a few weeks ago. We've attached it again for your review.

When you have a moment, please review the following reminders along with information about the High School Option (HSOP) program at Rowan College of South Jersey:

1. **First Day:** The first day of school (full day) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> with first period starting at 7:57am; students should plan to arrive between 7:15-7:45am if interested in breakfast
2. **Dressing for PE:** Students should be prepared to dress for Physical Education classes starting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>; more information about this is available in our [SUMMER NEWSLETTER](#)
3. **Cell Phones:** Cell phones will ONLY be permitted during breakfast/lunch, between classes and if your student has a study hall; cell phones must be on silent and put away during class time
4. **Genesis Parent Access:** If you currently don't have access to the Genesis Parent Portal, we HIGHLY recommend that you sign up immediately to regularly track your student's progress. To request access, please fill out this [GENESIS ACCESS REQUEST FORM](#) and we will set up/reset your account ASAP.
5. **College Courses at RCSJ (High School Option Program):** Because of how strong our junior and senior classes are, we recommend that your student take a college course at RCSJ this year. Through the High School Option Program (HSOP), courses are either FREE through local scholarships or discounted at 65% of the normal cost. Many courses are offered as online or hybrid (only go to RCSJ 6-7 times a semester) courses, so transportation would be less of a concern.
  - a. Here is the website with all of the HSOP information: <https://www.rcsj.edu/hsop>
  - b. Attached is the list of all of the courses offered through the program; this also includes entrance scores necessary to participate (students typically take the Accuplacer test to become eligible)
  - c. Also attached is the participation form that needs to be turned into our counseling team (we then sign and send in with a transcript)
  - d. Rebecca Vezza is our school's advisor, who can be reached at [DesignYourFuture@rcsj.edu](mailto:DesignYourFuture@rcsj.edu) or you can book an appointment at <https://www.rcsj.edu/hsop/appointments>

Sincerely,  
Paulsboro High School Administrative Team  
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