

# THE BRAVE WAY

Manalapan High School

August 2019

*Today's Students Tomorrow's Leaders*



## Message from Dr. Angelozzi - Principal

On behalf of the administration at Manalapan High School, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year. Throughout the course of the upcoming school year, we will once again look to accomplish two school-wide goals. First, we will implement student-centered instruction to challenge students to think critically, collaborate, creatively problem solve, and communicate with their peers. Second, we will maximize opportunities for students to achieve individual student goals.

With the increase in instructional time, which started last school year, our teachers have reflected upon, revised, and are once again prepared to implement engaging and dynamic 67-minute lessons. Furthermore, our counselors will broaden the supports offered to students and their families in an effort to help students develop and pursue their passions over the course of their high school careers.

As our school community continues to excel in extraordinary ways, we want to ensure that all students have an opportunity to engage in a learning process that not only challenges them to reach their highest potential, but also supports them socially, emotionally, and academically.

As many of you may have heard, the Freehold Regional High School District (FRHSD) stands to lose \$25 million in state funding over the next few years. If everything remains status quo, the impact of this loss will be devastating to the current student supports, academic offerings, athletic and extracurricular opportunities, bussing, and targeted refinements outlined in our strategic plan. I urge all parents and guardians to visit the *Advocating for our Students* website to learn more about how the current state funding formula will adversely affect FRHSD. Consequently, it is critical that parents and guardians vote Tuesday, November 5, 2019, on FRHSD's Ensuring Excellence Referendum. The referendum includes enhanced safety and security measures, infrastructure improvements, modernized learning environments, and a turf field in our stadium. For additional information, please visit [www.frhdsd.com](http://www.frhdsd.com) and click on the [FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence](#) link on the right of the screen.

As always, we will embrace the philosophy that "We are Manalapan High School and this is OUR HOUSE!" Our students will spend a large amount of time at school throughout the course of the year, and this philosophy entails that we, as a school community, maintain pride in our school and strive toward academic excellence while taking the time to enjoy the many curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities that Manalapan High School has to offer.

I encourage students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members to attend our athletic events, plays, concerts, art shows, and other school-wide functions. Moreover, teamwork amongst teachers, parents/guardians, counselors, support staff, and administrators will help maintain the continued success of our students. We welcome and appreciate your involvement, ideas, suggestions, and questions. I look forward to welcoming the Freshmen Class on September 4th and seeing all students on September 5th. Enjoy the rest of your summer!



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### Meet the Coaches Night

*(for current fall athletes)*

August 19, 2019

6:30 p.m.

### Back to School Night

September 19, 2019

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### 9th Grade Meet Your Counselor

*(before Back to School Night)*

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE AND CREDIT WITHDRAWAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Consistent daily attendance and on time arrival to school is critical to the learning process and academic success. In accordance with state law, students are required to attend school regularly to ensure continuity of instruction and classroom participation. **Your child's course credit may be withdrawn if the total number of absences (excused and unexcused) is excessive.** *Excessive* is defined as exceeding:

- four (4) days for a quarter course
- seven (7) days for a half year course
- twelve (12) days for a three-quarter course
- Fourteen (14) days for a full-year course

Attendance shall be taken daily in every class and parents/guardians will be notified of absences through various communications. Interventions and supports will be provided to students to assist in improving attendance. More detailed information is available on our website, [www.frhsd.com](http://www.frhsd.com), in the *Student-Family Handbook on the right of the screen*.

Course	Max Absences	Notification #1 via Genesis	Attendance Improvement Action	Notification #2 via Genesis	Credit Withdrawal Notification
Health	4	2 days absences		3 days absences	5 days absences
Semester	7	2 days absences	4 days absences	5 days absences	8 days absences
Physical Education	12	4 days absences	6 days absences	8 days absences	13 days absences
Full Year	14	5 days absences	7 days absences	9 days absences	15 days absences



### Final Makeup Teen Driver Safety Program - September 26, 2019 Marlboro High School at 6:00 p.m.

Students who have completed the required process will be able to pick up the parking hang tag starting on **August 26, 2019**. Students who have applied for parking and have not met all the district requirements or still owe a fine will be notified. All fines must be paid prior to receiving the hang tag. This hang tag **MUST** be displayed in order to park on campus. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK ON CAMPUS WITHOUT A VALID HANG TAG.**

## YEARBOOK PICTURES

Underclassmen photos will be taken in the auditorium on **September 18, 2019**.

## FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence Vote on November 5, 2019

### What is FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence?

- FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence is a proposal to reinvest in our schools without raising property taxes. Existing debt is due to expire at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. If the referendum passes, we will utilize the dollars saved from this expiring debt to reinvest into our facilities. This means we can provide the upgrades mentioned below to our schools without increasing the burden on our taxpayers.
- FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence seeks to enhance safety and security, provide critical infrastructure improvements, develop modernized learning environments, renovate instructional spaces, and enhance athletic facilities.
- FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence will be presented in three separate questions. Question 1 must be approved by voters in order for Question 2 and Question 3 to pass.
- The total cost should all three questions be approved by voters is approximately \$41.7 million.
  - Question 1 - Enhanced Safety/Security and Functional Infrastructure Improvements - \$20.2 million
  - Question 2 - Modernized Learning Environments and Stadium Bleacher Upgrades - \$11.2 million
  - Question 3 - Expanded Utilization of Athletic Facilities and Renovations of Large Instructional Spaces - \$10.3 million
- We anticipate the state will cover a portion of the costs related to these projects. We do not yet know what amount the state will provide, though our estimate is around 30% of the costs.
- Again, thanks to expiring debt, all of these projects can be achieved with no negative impact to our taxpayers.
- For additional information, please visit [www.frhsd.com](http://www.frhsd.com) and click on the [FRHSD: Ensuring Excellence](#) link on the right of the screen.

Visit our website for daily  
announcements and more.

<http://www.frhsd.com/Domain/9>



Parent-Teacher Conference Night  
Thursday, November 14, 2019

## *Welcome Class of 2023 and Transfer Students*

The Manalapan High School community extends an invitation to all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, transfer students, and their parents/guardians to attend our *Annual Brave Beginnings!*

**Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6 p.m.**

### *Freshmen Orientation*

On Wednesday, September 4, 2019, all freshmen report to school from 7:25 to 9:45 a.m. for Ninth Grade Orientation. School buses will run their regular routes, so freshmen should adhere to the information posted on their bus passes for pick up times and locations. Bus passes are located on the Parent Portal.

### Bell Schedule

BLOCK	START	END	A DAY	B DAY	C DAY	D DAY	E DAY	F Day	G DAY
BLOCK 1	7:30	8:37	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3
BLOCK 2	8:42	9:49	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4
BLOCK 3	9:54	11:01	Period 3	Period 2	Period 1	Period 4	Period 3	Period 2	Period 7
LUNCH	11:06	11:41	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
BLOCK 4	11:47	12:54	Period 5	Period 7	Period 6	Period 5	Period 7	Period 6	Period 5
BLOCK 5	12:59	2:06	Period 6	Period 5	Period 7	Period 6	Period 5	Period 7	Period 6

### **Block Lunch**

The following areas will be open for students during the lunch period: cafeteria, main gym, auxiliary gym (*reserved for freshmen*), media center, auditorium and surrounding areas. Students can purchase food in the main gym, outside of the media center, and in the cafeteria. **No outside food deliveries to the building will be accepted.** If a student needs to buy a lunch and does not have money on his/her account, he/she can come to the main office for a lunch voucher.

### **Student Drop Off and Pick Up Before and After School**

Student drop off will remain on the auditorium side of the building. However, in an effort to increase building security, students must enter through the front of the building which will open at 6:45. The side entrances will not be open. Also for safety reasons, students must exit and enter the vehicle onto the curb. The senior parking lot entrance will be open from 6:45 - 7:25. After 7:25, all students parking in the senior lot must enter through the front of the building. **The senior parking lot entrance is not a student drop off or pick up location.** No one should drop off or pick up students in the senior parking lot which is located next to the gym.

## Message from the Supervisor of Extracurricular Activities—Mr. Taylor



I would like to wish you a warm welcome to Manalapan High School on behalf of the Department of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities. As we start this 2019-2020 school year, our advisors and coaches are eager to assist you as you explore your passions and interest. In addition to the various varsity and sub-varsity level sports offered to our students, there are over 40 activities and clubs available to help enhance our students' educational experience. We encourage each student to become involved in their school community by participating in any of these various opportunities. Participation is a key component to a successful journey.

As we approach the Fall Season with the first official day of practice set for August 12th, please visit our newly updated "Clubs/Sports" page located on [www.frhds.com/manalapan](http://www.frhds.com/manalapan) for all important deadlines, information, and upcoming events. We look forward to a phenomenal upcoming school year. It is an honor to contribute to such a rich tradition with you. Feel free to contact me at [rtaylor@frhds.com](mailto:rtaylor@frhds.com) or (732) 792-7200 ext. 5011 when necessary.

**Meet the Coaches Night - Fall Sports  
August 19, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.**

### IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE HEALTH AND ATTENDANCE OFFICES

**ATTENDANCE:** Please notify the attendance office (ext. 5020) for all absences/tardies. Students should submit doctor's notes for absences to the Attendance Office within 48 hours of returning to school.

**CELL PHONES:** Students may not use cell phones to contact parents regarding illnesses. All communication should be handled through the Health Office.

**MEDICATIONS:** A physician's order and written parental permission is required for all medications administered at school, including over-the-counter medicine, such as Advil, Tylenol. All medications must be brought in by the parent/guardian in the original container. New orders are required for each school year. Students are permitted to carry/self administer emergency medications such as inhalers and Epi-Pens only. Specific forms must be completed by the child's physician and parent/guardian. If you have any questions regarding medication administration at school, please call the nurse's office.

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** If your child has a health issue (medical problems, allergies, Epi-pen, etc.), please notify the school nurse. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the sharing of your child's health information with the staff, please contact the Health Office.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION RESTRICTIONS:** If your child is unable to participate in a physical education class, a doctor's note is required with the following information:

- Diagnosis
- Return to Physical Education class date
- If applicable, the doctor's note must indicate that your child must use crutches and/or the elevator.

**CRUTCHES:** Students who need to use crutches must obtain documentation from a physician or other appropriate medical professional. Documentation must provide the following information: diagnosis and duration of the authorized use of crutches and documentation that the student has received training on the use of crutches.

**PHYSICALS:** Students should have at least one physical exam from grades 9-12. Physical forms are available on the district website, [www.frhds.com](http://www.frhds.com).

**Please feel free to contact the Health Office with any concerns at 732-792-7200 ext. 5046.**



## Dress Code

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the student's personal style and individual preferences. However, students may NOT

- Wear clothing that endangers their health or safety or that of others.
- Creates disorder or disrupts the educational programs.
- Wear any type of clothing, apparel or accessory that indicates the student has membership in or affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity.
- Wear apparel with biased, offensive or profane messages, alcohol, drugs, tobacco or sexual references.
- Single strapped, strapless, low cut, bare midriff, tube or halter tops, tight fitting, transparent, or suggestive clothing.
- Wear "torn-off" or "half-shirts".
- Clothing more appropriate for beach wear (bathing suits, very short shorts, etc.) or sleepwear (pajamas).
- Wear or carry sunglasses, hats, headbands, bandanas, or other head coverings; metal chains, jewelry or accessory articles that have the potential to be used as a weapon, gang attire, facial markings that display non-school related symbolism.

### Students must

- Wear clothing which totally covers the torso. If wearing spandex pants the bottom of your shirt must reach your finger tips.
- Wear skirts, dresses, or shorts that extend to the student's fingertips when standing upright.
- Make sure that undergarments are not visible.



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## Meet Your Assistant Principals

Dr. Hough  
Grade 12, Grade 9 A-G



Dr. Ross  
Grade 11, Grade 9 S-Z, RLA/WRAP



Mrs. Venuto  
Grade 10, Grade 9 H-R



**Thursday, September 5, 2019 is the first day of school for all students.**  
**The warning bell rings at 7:25 a.m. - 1st block begins at 7:30 a.m.**

### INFORMATION ON PARENT PORTAL

The Freehold Regional High School District provides access to forms and important information, including student attendance, grades, and conduct, electronically through its online Portal. The Genesis Parent Portal is now open in order to provide access to required forms for each student for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents are required to log into their parent account, review the forms and information and acknowledge their review. This acknowledgment will constitute an electronic signature and will have the same force and effect as a written signature. **Please note that student schedules will not be available on the Portal until Friday, August 16th at 10am and will not be visible until all required forms are reviewed and acknowledged.** Please contact the main office of your child's school to request paper forms if you do not have computer/internet access.

**Important forms:** Log-in, review, and acknowledge through an electronic signature the following important documents via the FRHSD Genesis Parent Portal:

***Form Completion Required Annually***

- Student-Family Handbook Acknowledgement Form 19-20
- Student Health History Form– Parent Questionnaire 19-20
- NJ Family Care Information Form 19-20
- Emergency Contact Form 19-20 – note: you will be prompted to update your child's emergency contact information
- Military Connected Status 19-20

***Form Completion Required at least once per high school career (not annually)***

- Media Information on Release Form
- Network Use Agreement Form
- FERPA and Directory Notification of Rights Form

**\*Parents: please do not provide your Genesis Parent Portal login password to your child for any reason as this will give them access to change critical emergency contact information.** Students can access the Genesis portal with their student account using their district email account as the User Name. If they forgot their Genesis Portal password, they should use the "Forgot My Password" button and enter their district student email. A new password will be emailed to their district student email account.

**Student bus passes: Student bus passes will be available on Friday, August 23rd at approximately 4:00 p.m.** Click on the "View Bus Pass" link in order to download and print the student bus pass. Please contact the Office of Transportation at (732) 431-8368 with any questions or concerns regarding transportation.

**Student schedules:** Student schedules will be available on **Friday, August 16th** at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**Schedules will only be available when ALL forms are completed and signed.** Any questions regarding student schedules should be directed to your child's Guidance Office. **Course changes will not be possible after September 16, 2019.**

Acceptable reasons for changing a course include:

1. Data processing errors, i.e. a required course is not on the student schedule or the requested level is not indicated.
2. Successful credit recovery program or credit advancement which allows progress to the next sequential course.
3. Seniors who need a course to fulfill a graduation requirement.
4. A documented history of student/teacher/immediate family conflict. Requests for schedule changes based on teacher preference will not be honored.

***\* These guidelines and procedures for schedule changes will be followed at all times.***

**Guidance office contact information: Manalapan High School- 732-792-7200 Extension 5037**