



SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL ONE  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for your support to help get our students back in-person. It is without a doubt that the vigilance of our parents in helping keeping our school community safe has allowed us to come this far. In addition, I want to commend our staff for being diligent in practicing safety and health protocols to maintain a clean and safe environment for our children. These standards contribute to keeping our school community healthy.

**\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\***

As we move forward, if students are not sick and there were no extenuating circumstances, please be reminded that in the district's communication to parents on March 4th it was shared that students who choose the in-person option are expected to be in school every day. Further, it was noted:

- Students would be permitted to log in and attend class remotely without being marked absent if the student was quarantined or isolated due to Covid-19 or the student is generally feeling well but was ordered by their health care provider to recuperate at home after a contagious illness or medical/ surgical procedure.
- *Any other request for virtual learning would require approval from the principal or nurse.*

In the future, if you are having the children log in virtually, please notify the school if it is due to medical reasons or check-in with either me or the nurse for approval. Otherwise, children will be marked absent if they are virtually attending without prior notice.

I am happy to recognize a few successful events that took place virtually during the month of March. Our PTA Virtual Author Visits, the Read Across America Parent Read Along, and the PTA Science Fair Padlet. Thank you to the PTA chairs for preparing for these events and keeping the spirit of parent and student involvement alive!

**IMPORTANT APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Schools Closed for Spring Recess
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 - All students remote
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards available for Parents in the PS Parent Portal
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – 26 - School One's Lunch Social 1:15-1:45 p.m. **Mondays** through the month of April
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - School Spirit Day – Wear Blue to support Autism Awareness  
- Autism Awareness Celebration
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - PTA Clothing Drive



**SCHOOL ONE'S VIRTUAL LUNCH SOCIAL:** Mrs. Lori Lidofsky, School One's Counselor will be hosting a VIRTUAL Lunch Social for students. Each week, students are encouraged to chat, share, and listen about the topic of the week. Some themes include Star Wars, Arts and Crafts, Roblox, and more! Students can access the lunch social at <https://meet.google.com/lookup/bha5ensfmp>.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year is underway. The district is requesting that all kindergarten age children, both returning students and new students, register by **May 28, 2021** to ensure placement in their home schools.

Registration will take place at the Department of Special Services located at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. To assist with security and safety procedures, it is required that parents make an appointment with Ms. Shatika Nathaniel, Registration Secretary, by calling 908-889-0100 Ext. 31504.

Please visit the district website at <https://www.spfk12.org> for additional information regarding registration and required forms. Should you know of a neighboring family with a school-age child, please pass this information along to them.

**NEW REGISTRANTS:** Parents of children in Grades 1 through 4 who will be enrolling at School One in September and were enrolled in private or parochial schools this year are urged to contact the Main Office at this time. This is particularly important for children entering our first-grade program. **Children registering for first grade must be at least 6 years of age on or before October 1, 2021.** If you know of a family in your neighborhood with children entering School One in the fall, please convey this information to them. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien at [cobrien@spfk12.org](mailto:cobrien@spfk12.org) or (908) 322-7731 Ext. 15002 for further details.

**GRAB-N-GO LUNCH ORDERS:** All lunches must be preordered through your student's lunch account at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com); then click on Pre-Order Meals to the right; vegetarian lunches can be placed by calling 908-889-8600 x31184. Meals can be preordered for the entire month. A lunch menu for the month of April may be viewed on our school website. Click on the Lunch Menus and Payments shortcut on the bottom bar.



In-person students will be handed lunch prior to leaving for the day; remote students will pick up their lunch at the High School cafeteria window near door #10 between 11-1:45. For more information on our Grab n Go lunch program please go to our school website and click on the Lunch Menus and Payments shortcut on the bottom bar. You may also call the school office.

If you have any general comments regarding the school lunch program, you may e-mail Pomptonian at [comments@pomptonian.com](mailto:comments@pomptonian.com). Please direct any inquires to the Food Services Director at (908) 889-8600 x31184 or [cafeteria@spfk12.org](mailto:cafeteria@spfk12.org).