



Dear **Class of 2020** and Parents and Guardians:

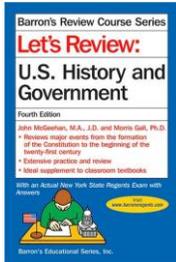
**Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!** All of us at Newtown High School look forward to providing our students with the academic, career, and personal tools they will need to have a successful, productive freshman year.

**Freshman Orientation:** A mandatory orientation will be held on **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 10AM**. Please be there as important information will be provided as well as the availability to purchase gym uniforms, gym locks and students will take their photo IDs. Details about the distribution of programs will be disclosed during freshmen orientation.

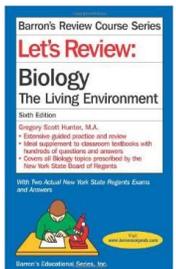
Please review the information listed below before the first day of school on **September 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

**School Supplies:** Each teacher will provide students with a “supply list” during the first week of class. Please obtain these supplies which will help ensure that students are prepared every day for each class.

*Both review books are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble*



This supplementary classroom text reviews American history in its totality, starting with the Colonial era and concluding with events of the twenty-first century. The book presents summaries of hundreds of key topics, maps, charts, illustrations, review exercises, a 13-page chronology of major events in American history, thumbnail biographies of notable Americans, a glossary of terms, and an extensive index. Shaded page edges give students quick access to any one of six general study units: Constitutional Foundations, Industrialization, The Progressive Movement, Prosperity and Depression (1917-1940), The United States in an Age of Global Crisis, and A World in Uncertain times (1950-Present). Also presented is the latest New York State Regents Exam with answers. This will be used to prepare for the USH Regents in June 2016.



This updated biology review book covers all topics prescribed by the New York State Board of Regents and serves as a valuable companion to high school biology textbooks. Question sets are included in each section of the book and are accompanied by explanations of answers and wrong choices. Two recent Regents exams are also included with all questions answered.

- **Unit One** explains the process of scientific inquiry, including the understanding of natural phenomena and laboratory testing in biology
- **Unit Two** focuses on specific biological concepts, including cell function and structure, the chemistry of living organisms, genetic continuity, the interdependence of living things, the human impact on ecosystems, and several other pertinent topics

**Dress Code:** School is serious business; we “Dress for Success in the Ninth Grade Success Academy”. We are preparing for college and careers. Dressing for success puts the focus on academics, not fashion; students should project a neat, serious, businesslike image.

\*\*\*The following articles of clothing are **NOT** allowed, parents will be called and students will be sent home should you be wearing the following:

- Skirts, dresses, or shorts that do not extend beyond the fingertips fully extended at the side of the body
- Tank, tube, or halter tops, strapless dresses and backless dresses (“no backs, no bellies”)
- Pants or shorts worn below the intended waist line
- Any attire printed with inappropriate language or messages including clothing that suggests pro-alcohol, tobacco, drug messages, or messages that promote violence
- Any item that may be considered disruptive to the educational process

**Cafeteria:** We offer a free healthy breakfast every morning. All students will be provided with a scheduled lunch period. Students are required to fill out lunch applications at the beginning of the year. We are asking parents to fill out the applications online over the summer beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, even if the child opts out of lunch services: **nyc.applyforlunch.com**. You will not need to submit a paper application or form in September if you apply online over the summer.

**Parent Teacher Association:** The Parent Teacher Association holds monthly meetings to discuss important matters that affect the whole school community. Parents will receive notification in advance of the days and times of monthly meetings. We encourage all parents to take on an active role by attending meetings and running for office.

**Emergency Contacts:** If phone numbers and addresses are changed during the school year, parents/guardians are obligated to inform the attendance office as well as the school nurse immediately. Please be sure that the school has a current phone number so that you are able to receive automated school calls.

**Metro Cards:** Newtown High School has requested Metro cards for those students who qualify for this service. They will be distributed on the first day of school. If you do not receive a metrocard you will be able to place an application to receive one.

**Translation Services:** Newtown High School has translation services available. If a parent/guardian needs to come to school to discuss any matter about his or her child and translation services are needed, please inform our Parent Coordinator Griselda Zapata 718.595.8483 in advance and the service will be provided.

**Communication:**

- I. **Pupil Path:** Pupil Path is a student information system for parents and students. Pupil Path allows parents and students to view important student and school information such as student attendance records, class schedule, assignment due dates and grades, graduation eligibility, school announcements, and more. *Additional information about signing up will be available at Freshman Orientation.*
- II. **Remind:** Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students & parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs.  
**Mrs. Tsouristakis would like you to join Class of 2020!**
  - a. To receive messages via text, text @keh3f to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, unsubscribe @keh3f. Trouble using 81010? Trouble using 81010? Try texting @keh3f to (571) 989-4834 instead
  - b. Or to receive messages via email, Or to receive messages via email, send an email to keh3f@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line

**We look forward to seeing all of you on September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10AM. Please be prompt!**

Email: [nhsclass2020@gmail.com](mailto:nhsclass2020@gmail.com) to RSVP and to be added to our email list

Please email Ms. J. Schneider Ninth-Grade Guidance Counselor [jschnei12@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jschnei12@schools.nyc.gov) with any questions

We hope that everyone will enjoy the summer vacation and be ready for the upcoming school year.  
Remember **Success is the Only Option!**

Sincerely,

**John Ficalora**  
Principal

**Catherine Tsouristakis**  
Assistant Principal & Director 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy