



Newtown High School
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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CALENDAR - 2016 – 2017

- Sept 8 - First Day of School.**
- Sep 12 - Eid al-Adha** (schools closed)
- Oct 3 - 4 - Rosh Hashanah** (schools closed)
- Oct 10 - Columbus Day Observed** (schools closed)
- Oct 12 - Yom Kippur** (schools closed)
- Nov 8 - Election Day.** Students do not attend school.
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day** (schools closed)
- Nov 17 - 18 - Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- Nov 24 - 25 -Thanksgiving Recess** (schools closed)
- Dec 26 - Jan 2 - Winter Recess** (schools closed)
- Jan 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (schools closed)
- Jan 30 - High School students do not attend school,**
- Jan 31 - Spring Term begins** for high school students.
- Feb 20 - 24 - Midwinter Recess** (schools closed)
- Mar 23 - 24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- April 10 – 18 - Spring Recess** (schools closed)
- May 29 - Memorial Day** (schools closed)
- Jun 8 - Anniversary Day.** Students do not attend school.
- Jun 26 - Eid al-Fitr** (schools closed)
- Jun 28 - Last Day for All Students**

WELCOME TO NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL!

Newtown High Schools offers a world of opportunities for students to succeed. The school consists of six **Small Learning Communities (SLC's)**: the **Ninth Grade Success Academy SLC** (Incoming 9th graders are enrolled in it). From sophomore through senior year, students will select one of five themed Small Learning Communities, which include **Art & Media, Business, Engineering, Forensics and International**. Newtown also offers special services to Special Education students, such as a **School Based Support Team** that includes a psychologist and a social worker. We have a **College Office** with a counselor, where all students from 9th to 12th grade can get information about colleges / universities and /or any requirement needed to attend college. The school also offers **Advanced Placement (AP) classes** as well as **College Courses** in collaboration with higher education institutions.

Free tutoring is offered through our **Saturday Academy** and throughout the school day. **Credit Recovery, Independent Study, and Extended Day Classes** offer students, who have fallen behind, a chance to accumulate credits towards graduation. For more information about these services students should speak to their guidance counselor.

Newtown High School is working with the **City Year** organization. The City Year Team offers support as well as tutoring and after school activities to 9th grade students. To learn more about City Year, access online @ www.cityyear.org.

Students can participate in a variety of **Extracurricular Activities** such as clubs: Key Club (For those who are interested in doing community service), National Honor Society, Arista (must keep an average of 85% or more), Robotics, etc., or be part of a sport team (Basketball, Soccer, Track, Tennis, Golf...and more). For extracurricular activities information, students may visit the **Student Organization Office**, Room 249.

The school offers many more activities, programs, services and resources for students and their parents (workshops, **free English classes for parents...**). Any questions about the school and its programs, please contact the parent coordinator in Room 137. Telephone #718-595-8483.

TRANSPORTATION:

The school will distribute MetroCards to eligible students at the beginning of each semester of the school year. Transportation eligibility for children is determined on the basis of the distance between the student's residence and the school. If you have any questions, about transportation, the office in Newtown HS is located in Room 165 or you can contact the Office of Pupil Transportation at (718) 392-8855.

Public Notice of Nondiscrimination:

The New York City Department of Education hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including career and technical educational opportunities ("CTE"), without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Grievance procedures are available to interested persons by contacting the office listed below. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to: *Office of Equal Opportunity*, 65 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201, (718) 935-3320. A copy of the CTE courses offered is available on our web site, www.schools.nyc.gov

SCHOOL MEALS: (Please, fill out a lunch application online today at www.applyforlunch.com)

Your child may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Free and reduced-price meals are available to eligible students. Eligibility is based on the household size and monthly gross income. A lunch application can be completed online at www.ApplyForLunch.com. Online applications are processed within 24 hours. If a paper application is preferred, your child can get one in the school (Room 149). Please fill it out immediately and submit it to Room 149. All students need to fill out a new application every school year.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS DIRECTORY

Ralph Montalvo, A. P. Guidance -
 Room 132 / Tel. #718-595-8480
 - Room 137-

- Marcia Aguanca** - 718-595-8486
- Y. May Cheng** - 718- 595-8488
- Jennifer DeVivo** - 718-595-8487
- Jennifer Lomangino** - 718-595-8485
- Sandy Malena** - 718- 595-8482
- Jennifer Schneider** - (9th Graders Counselor) - 718-595-8484
- Ramón Canela, College Advisor** (Rm. 136) - 718-595-8490

Alison Logan (Rm. B73) - 718-595-8529

Joe Meglio (Rm. B73) - 718-595-8527

Juanita Dobis, Grade Advisor – (Rm. 266) - 718- 595-8536

.....Any questions or concerns about graduation requirements contact your child's guidance counselor.

NEWTOWN H.S. Bell Schedule: 2016—2017

| Period | Begins | Ends |
|--------|--------|-------|
| 1. | 8:00 | 8:47 |
| 2. | 8:50 | 9:40 |
| 3. | 9:43 | 10:30 |
| 4. | 10:33 | 11:20 |
| 5. | 11:23 | 12:10 |
| 6. | 12:13 | 1:00 |
| 7. | 1:03 | 1:50 |
| 8. | 1:53 | 2:40 |
| 9. | 2:43 | 3:30 |

ATTENDANCE AND YOUR CHILD:

Tardiness and absences impact your child's education negatively. Please assist us by ensuring that your child arrives to school at least 10 minutes before the start of his / her first class. If you have any attendance concerns, or—**very important**—need to update your contact information (address or telephone number), please visit Room 117 or call (718) 595-8412 / 8413 / 8414.

FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS ONLINE:

<https://pupilpath.skedula.com> an online system, Newtown High School has in place that enables the school staff to provide information about students' progress to parents.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/myaccount> provides families with academic information about their children, including scores on state and periodic assessments.

Please contact the parent coordinator to obtain a password to access these programs. To get access to these programs you must be the child's parents or legal guardian and provide ID.

For additional information on obtaining a photo ID, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc>

REPORT CARDS will be distributed on:

October 26, December 7, January 31, March 23, May 19 & June 28

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA):

Newtown High School Parents Association meets the third Thursday of every month. Parents are invited to join the parents' association. Our first PA meeting will be on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the school's library, Room 131.

All parents are invited!

Any questions about Newtown H.S., your child's education, or to request an enrollment ID and password to access Pupilpath / NYC Schools Account, please contact Griselda Zapata, Parent Coordinator Telephone # 718-595-8483 or E-mail: gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov School website: www.newtownhighschool.org