

# September – October Newsletter

## New Dawn CHS II

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome all to the first newsletter of the 2020-2021 school year. This newsletter is all about changes. Firstly I would like to introduce myself, Zach Flory, as the new Principal for New Dawn Charter High School II. I formerly served in the Dean role for our opening year last year and I am eager to move into the new role. Currently I am focusing on the growth of the school and our student body and helping students engage in our new hybrid learning environment. I would like to make myself available to meet you all and answer any questions you may have on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Please follow this link if you would like to join: [Principal's Meeting Link](#)

As you can see in the top right picture, we have moved into our new, permanent space on 161<sup>st</sup> Street. We are currently set-up to host staff in the building for remote construction but there is still construction happening on our cafeteria space. The space is much larger than our previous location and will afford us many great opportunities to make it welcoming and special for our students. Construction is expected to complete in October to accommodate on-site learning for those students who elect that option.

With the new space and new school year we have several new staff and returning staff in new roles. Dr. DiGaudio, our founding Principal, has been promoted to Director of Curriculum and Instruction and will be splitting her time between both our school and our Brooklyn Campus. Mr. Pressoir has been promoted to the role of Dean of School. Mr. DiFede has moved to a teaching role working with students on Research Papers as part of the new Internship program. Joining the SPED team this year will be Ms. Silverstein. Leading the Internship program is Ms. Disla who will be joined in that department by Ms. Williams, previously our Aspiring Teacher. Very excited to welcome Ms. Ordonez (Spanish / Art), Ms. Finnegan (Global Studies), Mr. Abraham (Science), and Ms. Cruz (Counselor) to the staff this year. Everyone both returning and new is very excited to work with students and open up more opportunities than ever for progress towards graduation!

Please see the following information page for info regarding COVID-19 and the options for instructional models.

Sincerely,  
Zach Flory, Principal

## Fall Enrollment and Learning Model Survey

If your student has not already been tested and scheduled please log-in to Jupiter or reach out to your student's mentor for help on testing – **no student will be scheduled for Fall semester until they have tested.** If you are having technology issues please call Ms. Francis at 347-947-2580, ext. 2201 to make an appointment to come to school to test and pick up a chrome book.

If you have not spoken to Ms. Francis or Ms. Spain to respond to the Parent Survey regarding your choice between full-remote learning and hybrid learning, please do so ASAP. If you do not complete the survey it will be assumed you have elected Full Remote learning as your choice of model this semester. Please call Ms. Francis at 347-947-2580, ext. 2201 to complete the survey.



## Upcoming Dates

### September 14

First day of classes – everyone begins remote

### September 28th

No Classes – Yom Kippur

### September 29th

Principal's Q& A – 4pm

[Click here to join](#)

### October 12th

No Classes – Indigenous Peoples' Day

## Classes have begun!

Please see the following page for bell schedules. Students should be logging on to Zoom at the start of each period to begin the class with their teacher and then proceeding to independent learning for the remainder of the period. Friday has been reserved as Office Hours time to meet with teachers about make-up work and to get extra help. All links for classes will be found on your student's Jupiter Calendar.

## INFORMATION PAGE:

### FA20 Semester Bell Schedule:

Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	9:00 am	9:50 am	50
2	9:55 am	10:45 am	50
3	10:50 am	11:40 am	50
4	11:45 am	12:35 pm	50
Lunch	12:35 pm	1:00 pm	25
6	1:00 pm	1:50 pm	50
7	1:55 pm	2:45 pm	50
8	2:50 pm	3:40 pm	50

### COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Currently COVID-19 infection rates are at levels which have allowed us to reopen the school for staff and students. At this time in our reopening plan, all New Dawn Students are to be engaging in remote instruction only. Students may make appointments for testing or equipment pick-up at the building – only students with appointments will be admitted into the building at this time. In-person instruction will begin at a date TBD based on construction at the school in October. If you elect for your student to participate in in-person instruction, during the first phase they will be assigned one day per week in-building and will participate remotely on the other four days of the week. Students will not be allowed to enter the building for classes on days in which they are expected to be remote. You may also elect for your student to remain on remote instruction only at this time.

In order to minimize the chance of spreading COVID-19, every person who enters the building must submit to a temperature check and survey daily at the door upon entering. Those who have symptoms of a fever or who report yes for any of the screening questions will not be able to enter the building on that day and it is recommended that they go for COVID-19 testing. Staff, Students, and visitors must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while in the building and must observe a 6ft social distancing protocol whenever it is possible to do so. Cleaning and sanitizing will occur daily throughout the building and nightly building wide. Students who are not following the protocols as outlined may be asked to leave the building and can be placed in the remote instruction only group if behaviors continue.