



Public School 3

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff of PS 3, I am happy to welcome all students to the building for the 2022-2023 school year! We are going to have a great year!

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our children can achieve to their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We are confident that a strong collaboration will make the difference in your child's education.

This year there has been a change to the school schedule. School officially begins at 8am and ends at 2:35pm every day. Students can be dropped off at 7:45am for breakfast in the cafeteria. If parents need to have students in earlier or pick them up after 2:35, PS 3 has a morning care program that begins at 6:50am and our after school latchkey program extends the day until 6pm. The applications for these programs and the associated fees can be located on our school's website: www.PS3BlueHerons.org.

COVID-19 Updates

A number of the protocols for COVID-19 have been removed by the DOE for this school year, including the daily health screening form, the weekly randomized testing, masking and quarantining of students who are exposed. There are some key protocols that remain. First, any time any student has symptoms like a fever, they should not be sent to school until fever free (without medication) for 24 hours. Second, if a student has COVID-19 symptoms, they should be tested. All DOE schools will be sending home 4 Rapid COVID-19 tests per month for every student and staff member. Third, if a student is positive, please inform the school and that student is to isolate at home for 5 days. The student can return on Day 6, but will need to mask for days 6-10. Students from that child's class will no longer need to quarantine, but we will want to inform the class of a positive case so parents can monitor their child more carefully. All students and staff entering the nurse's office will be required to be masked (similar to hospitals and doctor's offices). Lastly, the DOE continues to have a policy that parents who are not vaccinated are allowed to pick their children up from school but not to volunteer or attend any indoor events that are held in schools.

Transportation

Bussing should have begun today. If you have any bussing questions or issues, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Sandy are my two point people on bussing for PS 3. Both can be reached at 718-984-1021.

Parent Teacher Association

Our first PTA meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm. Our current plan is to hold the meeting in person in our school's courtyard pending weather conditions. More information will be sent out in the coming week.

Medical

If your child has any specific medical conditions that we need to be aware of, please make sure to contact our school nurse, Lisa Tasca, to coordinate all information and medications.

Important Upcoming Dates

September 15	Opening Parent Teacher Meeting	Virtually
September 26, 27	Holiday- Rosh Hoshanah	No school
October 5	Holiday- Yom Kippur	No school
October 10	Holiday – Italian Heritage/Indigenous People’s Day No School	

Technology

PS 3 and NYCDOE utilize technology with students more and more frequently. All NYC students have a unique email address and student account that stays with them from PK-12. Once you have a student email address and account, you log into teachhub.schools.nyc.

This will be where parents have access to DOE Grades, DOE messaging, Envision Mathematics and many other DOE applications, curriculum and programs.

If you or your child needs to reset their student's DOE account password, here is the information:

There are three different ways you can reset your DOE password:

1. **Reset it yourself through the Student Self-Service tool.** To use the [Student Self-Service](#) tool you must have created a PIN or set up security questions. If you have not done either, see options 2 and 3. Through this method, you can reset your own password once every 30 days.
2. **Ask your parent or guardian to reset it through NYCSA (NYC Schools Account)** Your parent or guardian can [reset your password in NYCSA](#). If they don't have a NYCSA account, they can create one for free.
3. **Ask your school to reset your password for you.** If you are unable to reset your password, contact your school for help. They can find instructions on how to reset your password on the [Reset Student Account Passwords page](#) (DOE staff only) on the InfoHub

Communication

The DOE is not allowing schools to utilize Pupil Path this school year due to the hacking of student information citywide last year. As a replacement, the city has created a program named Grades that will be the reporting mechanism for parents. The city has also created an application named Messenger to replace School Messenger and Remind for schools. It is important that all students have a MySchools account and that we have accurate contact information. If you need support with creating an account, please reach out to our parent coordinator, Ms. Guerrieri.

Thank you,
Elmer Myers