

Babylon Union Free School District

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Dear Students and Parents:

We are very excited to welcome all new and returning students back to school on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Our faculty and staff members are eager to begin the new school year and are ready to deliver authentic and meaningful instruction.

As we begin a new year, safety is always a serious matter. I thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation regarding our tight security procedures. With that being said, I'd like to extend a few gentle reminders to ensure a smooth first-day back for all students:

1. During the first week or two of school, we ask that parents be at bus stops a few minutes earlier than usual during both a.m. and p.m. bus pick up and drop off windows. It typically takes a couple of weeks for the timing of routes to become routine and consistent. Please be aware that bus pick up and drop off in the morning and afternoon, respectively, may be a few minutes later than usual as drivers are still getting to know students and their respective stops to ensure a safe pick up and release to authorized parents/guardians.
2. As a reminder, every school has a comprehensive visitor check-in and check-out system. Each visitor must check in and out when in any school, regardless of the time of day, and a personal identification (ID) card must be shown to the security officer upon entry at all times. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Therefore, please be prepared to have your personal identification (ID) card on you at all times upon entry to any of our buildings. Any governmental issued ID card will suffice. In most cases, parents show a driver's license.
3. You will also notice an exterior intercom system located outside of the main visitor entrance to each building. There is also a sign posted with easy directions on how to proceed. These intercoms will require all visitors to simply press a button, show their formal identification up to the camera and state the purpose of their visit prior to being buzzed into the initial catch-vestibule by the security officer.
4. Upon a person's initial entry into the catch-vestibule, his or her personal identification (ID) card will be scanned and recorded into our visitor management system, called *Scholarchip*. The *Scholarchip* system runs an automated check on each visitor against a list of registered sex offenders every time he or she visits. Please also know that your initial registration may take up to a minute to initially record your identifying information, but once this step is complete you are then registered and linked to your student(s) within the District. However, each time you enter any building you are always required to show and scan your personal identification (ID) card. For families who are new to Babylon Schools, we have arranged to have registration tables available during all of our *Meet the Teacher* evenings as a convenience for newly-registered families.
5. Once cleared for entry, all visitors must wear their name badges in plain sight at all times while permitted on school grounds.

6. We also encourage all parents, K-12, to utilize the eSchool Parent Portal to tap into your child's daily attendance, student schedules, assessment results and other important information, such as report cards. More specifically, parents of Junior High and High School students in grades 7-12 can also track real-time grades earned as grades by individual teachers are recorded on the portal throughout a marking period. I've included the main link to all eSchool Parent Portal documents below in case you are a new parent who needs to register or simply a returning parent who may wish to have a refresher on the eSchool Parent Portal.

http://babylonufsd.com/departments/technology/parent_resources.php

In closing, I wish all of our Babylon students and families a fabulous year in Babylon Schools!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

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