

**South Hackensack  
Memorial School**



**Student/Parent Handbook**

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### **A Message from the Administration**

Welcome to South Hackensack Memorial School. We are pleased to have you as a member of our school community and will do our best to help make your experience here as enjoyable and successful as you wish to make it. To help provide a safe and productive learning environment, our school administration has developed this handbook to assist our students, parents and visitors better understand our school services, procedures, and policies. It is a quick reference guide that you will find extremely useful throughout our current school year.

It is the responsibility of the student and their parents/guardians to read through this handbook thoroughly and its entirety, so that you gain a clear understanding of the expectations, procedures, and policies we have in place here at Memorial School. Teachers will also review this handbook with students at the beginning of the school year. After reviewing the handbook, please sign the Parent/Guardian and Student Acknowledgment and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

Whether you are joining the Memorial School community for the first time or have been with us for a number of years, we encourage you to become an active participant in our school and in your child's education. In addition to an excellent academic program, we offer a variety of activities and clubs that will assist our students in developing into well-rounded, responsible young adults. We truly care about each and every one of our students and are committed to developing them in all aspects of their lives.

Thank you for taking the time to become familiar with the important information in this handbook. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,



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**Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,**

The South Hackensack Board of Education would like to welcome those of you who are new to Memorial School, and are proud to welcome those who are returning, for another exciting school year! We take great pride in all that our school has to offer. Here at Memorial School, we continually strive to enhance the learning of our students in a safe and secure learning environment. The Board of Education recognizes that we are all partners in education and are proud to support our students throughout their educational journey. We look forward to continuing , and building upon, our "tradition of caring" for each of our students.

**Respectfully,**

***South Hackensack Board of Education***

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## Mission Statement



The South Hackensack Memorial School District offers educational experiences to our students which are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels. These standards are designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to help make them succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our school's mission is dedicated to nurturing and developing positive attitudes and instilling the confidence necessary to be responsible, positive contributors to society.

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### Directory

Ms. Duva .....	Prekindergarten
Ms. Higgins .....	Kindergarten
Ms. Mainieri .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Mrs. Petrella .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Ms. Fersch .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Mrs. Watts .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Mrs. Castillo .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Mrs. Murphy.....	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ms. Carroll.....	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Mrs. D’Elia .....	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Ms. Caporrino .....	Middle School English/Language Arts
Mrs. Kipp .....	Middle School English/Language Arts
Mrs. Moreno .....	Middle School Social Studies
Mrs. Thom .....	Middle School Science
Mr. DiLorenzo .....	Middle School Math
Mr. Masullo.....	Middle School Math/Computers
Ms. Coban .....	Basic Skills
Ms. Gould .....	World Language/ESL
Mrs. Criscione .....	Literacy Coach
Mrs. Hartmann.....	Special Education
Mrs. Liggio .....	Special Education
Mrs. Marrella .....	Special Education
Mrs. Taveras .....	Music
Mrs. Turtoro .....	Library/G&T
Mrs. Vidal .....	ESL/World Language/Art
Ms. Giacalone .....	Speech Therapist
Mr. Ramagli .....	Physical Education/Health
Mrs. Zanelli .....	Nurse/Health
Ms. Nirenberg .....	LDTTC
Ms. Forsdahl .....	Occupational Therapist



### Sports and Club Advisors

<b>Athletic Director</b> .....	Mr. Ramagli
<b>Boys Soccer</b> .....	Mr. Ramagli
<b>Girls Soccer</b> .....	Ms. Caporrino
<b>Boys Basketball</b> .....	Mr. DiLorenzo
<b>Girls Basketball</b> .....	Ms. Caporrino
<b>Cheerleading</b> .....	Ms. Carroll
<b>S.T.E.A.M.</b> .....	Mr. Masullo
<b>Student Council</b> .....	Ms. Higgins & Mrs. Moreno
<b>Yearbook</b> .....	Ms. Caporrino & Ms. Giacalone
<b>Cultural Arts</b> .....	Mrs. Taveras & Mrs. Vidal



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### Full Day Bell Schedule

<i>Period</i>	<i>Full Day</i>	
	Starts	Ends
Homeroom	8:30 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
1	8:35 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
2	9:15 a.m.	9:55 a.m.
3	9:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
4	10:35 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
5	11:15 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
<b>LUNCH (6)</b>	<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	<b>12:55 p.m.</b>
Homeroom	12:55 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
7	1:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
8	1:45 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
9	2:25 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
Homeroom	3:10 p.m.	3:15 p.m.

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### 1:00 P.M. Dismissal

<i>Period</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Ends</i>
Homeroom	8:30 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
1	8:35 a.m.	9:10 a.m.
2	9:10 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
3	9:40 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
4	10:10 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
<b>5</b>	<b>No Lunch Period</b>	
6	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
7	11:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
8	11:40 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
9	12:10 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
Homeroom	12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.

- This schedule will be followed for **planned** 1:00 p.m. dismissals. It will **not** be used for emergency dismissals that are called once the school day has started. On those days, the **regular** schedule will be followed by staff and students.

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### Delayed Opening Schedule

<i>Period</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Ends</i>
AM Homeroom	10:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
1	10:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
2	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
3	11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
4	11:30 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
<b>Lunch (6)</b>	<b>11:55 a.m.</b>	<b>12:55 p.m.</b>
Homeroom	12:55 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
5	1:00 p.m.	1:35 p.m.
7	1:35 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
8	2:05 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
9	2:35 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
PM Homeroom	3:10 p.m.	3:15 p.m.

### Emergency Closing/Delayed Opening

The Superintendent is authorized by the Board of Education to close schools, open them late, or dismiss them early in hazardous weather or in other extraordinary circumstances which might endanger the health or safety of pupils or school employees. An automated phone call will be made via Global Connect.

#### Notifications

- Global Connect
- Email
- School Website & App

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### **Student Health & Illness**

We ask you assess your child's level of wellness before sending him/her to Memorial School. Your cooperation in this matter will help safeguard your child's health and the health and well being of others within Memorial School. To help stop the spread of infection among students and staff, students should not be sent to school when any of these symptoms of illness are present: Students with fever, frequent cough, rash, diarrhea/vomiting, sore throat, discharge from eyes, etc. should remain home until symptoms subside. Please keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after an elevated temperature has returned to normal (without medication) and/or after the cessation of vomiting and diarrhea.

Contact the school nurse @ [jzanelli@shmemorial.org](mailto:jzanelli@shmemorial.org) with any questions.

### **Health Records / Emergency Contacts**

**Parents/guardians are legally responsible for filling out Emergency Information Card thoroughly and accurately.**

It is imperative that the school has accurate information regarding emergency calls. Please be sure that all phone numbers are accurate. If you change a phone number, we must be informed. It is important that parents arrange to have emergency contacts in place, as time is crucial in emergency situations.

### Early Dismissal

State law requires that children attend school for a full day on all days that school is open. The exception to this are medical and dental appointments, emergencies or for religious services on days listed. When possible, request early dismissal in advance by note. In the case of an emergency, a phone call to the Superintendent/Principal or Vice Principal will be sufficient.

**\* All students must be called for at the school office.**

### School Reporting Times

- Children in grades Pre-Kindergarten to 8 are to be **in their homeroom no later than 8:30 a.m.** for the morning session and 12:55 p.m. for the afternoon session. Any child reporting after those times will be considered late.

It is important that your child **does not** arrive at school **before 8:05 a.m.** Please abide by this, since **THERE ARE NO STAFF MEMBERS ON DUTY UNTIL THIS TIME AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE UNSUPERVISED.**

### School Entrances:

All children in grades Pre-K to 8 are to enter at their designated school entrance and will be dismissed at his/her respective door. All students are to enter/dismiss in an orderly fashion.

**\*Please refer to the next page for the school's designated Drop Off & Dismissal Plan**

Pre-K, K, 1st

2nd—3rd

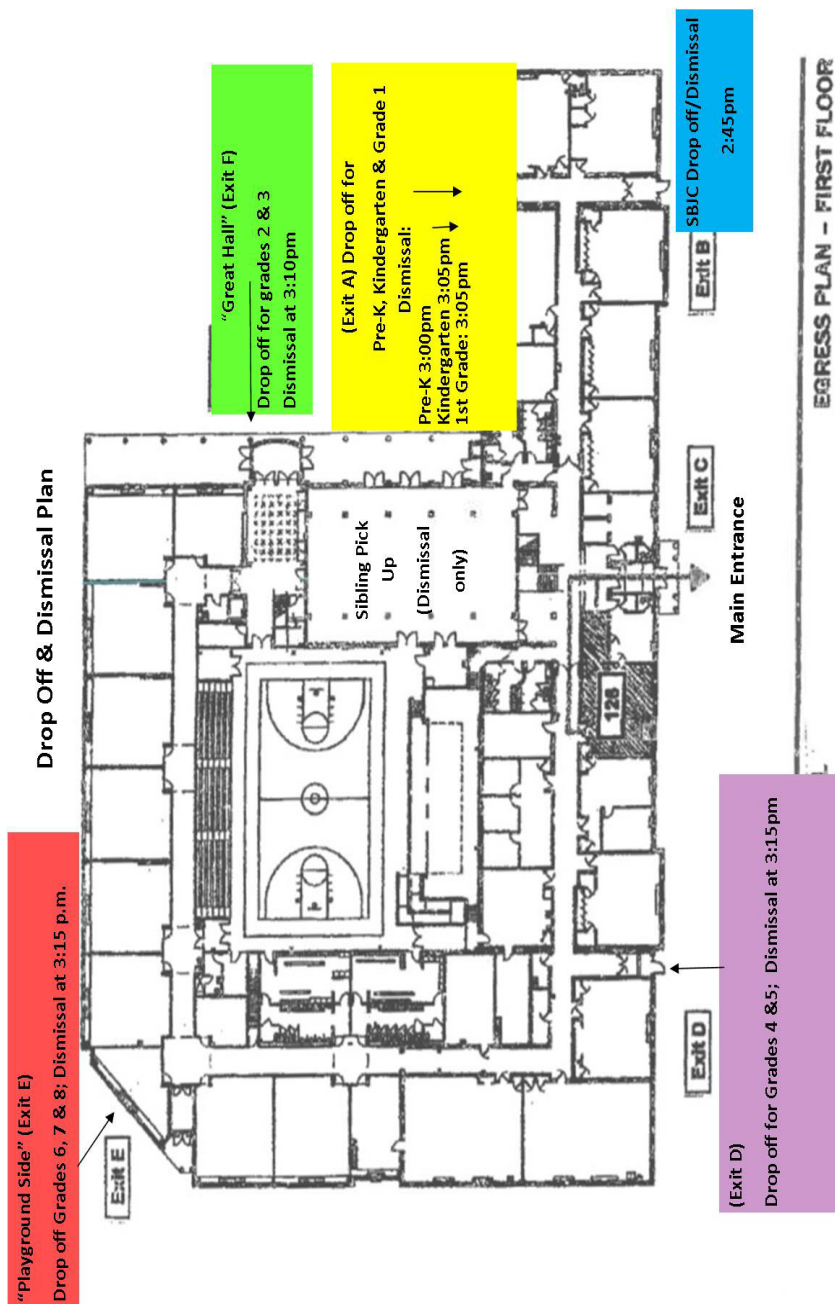
4th—5th

6th, 7th, 8th

SBJC

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## Drop Off & Dismissal Plan



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## Attendance

All students are expected to make attendance in school a top priority. The administrators, teachers, and staff recognize their responsibility to provide a thorough and efficient education to all students. Therefore, it is critical that every student and their parent/guardian accept responsibility for the student's attendance at school as scheduled, and required by state law. Excellent attendance will positively impact student achievement.

If a student is to miss school as part of an excused absence, it is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to notify the school. The process for notifying the school of the student's absence should be followed as outlined below:

1. The parent/guardian is requested to call Evelyn Stefano in the Main Office at **(201) 440-2782 ext. 2**, no later than 9:00 a.m. (notification after 9:00 a.m. will be considered truant). **If there is no answer, please leave a message on the voicemail system.**
2. The information provided should include the student's name, grade, and a callback phone number for the parent/guardian.

It is vital to the safety of our student's and the proper functioning of the school day to have all student's accounted for at all times.  
***PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL IN ALL ABSENCES!***



### Attendance Continued

Students that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence. A student who is absent from school for observing a religious holiday shall not be deprived of any award, eligibility, or opportunity to compete for any award, or deprived of the right to take an alternate test or examination that was missed because of the absence provided there is a written excuse of such absence signed by the parent.

Prolonged or repeated absences, excused or unexcused, from school or from class, deprive students of the educational and classroom experiences deemed essential to learning and may result in retention at grade level. After 10 absences, an Action Plan may be implemented. Students shall be subjected to the school district's response for unexcused absences that count toward truancy during the school year as outlined in ***N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6(a)4 Policy and Regulation 5200.***

Unexcused absences from school may subject a student to consequences that may include the denial of a student's participation in co-curricular activities and/or athletic competition. Repeated absences from school interfere with efforts of this Board and its staff in the maintenance of good order and the continuity of classroom instruction.

### Tardiness

The Board of Education believes that promptness is an important element of school attendance. Pupils who are late to school or class miss essential portions of the instructional program and create disruptions in the academic process for themselves and other students.

Tardiness to school that is caused by a student's illness, an emergency in the student's family, the observance of a religious holiday, a death in the student's family, or by the student's compliance with a request or directive of an administrator will be considered justified and is excused. All other incidents of tardiness will be considered unexcused.  
***(District Policy and Regulation 5240)***

#### Late to School:

Any student who reports to school after 8:30am must report to the Main Office. The student must be signed in and receive a late pass from our School Secretary. The late pass is to be given to the classroom/homeroom teacher for admittance to his/her class.

#### Discipline Issued for Tardies:

Students are considered late if they have not arrived in Homeroom by 8:30am. In accordance with Board of Education policy, students who are tardy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below:

<b>1 – 4</b>	Tardies:	Excused
<b>5</b>	Tardies:	Administrative Detention
<b>10</b>	Tardies:	2 Administrative Detentions
<b>15</b>	Tardies:	10 Days Placed on Restricted List *
<b>20</b>	Tardies:	Denial of participation in co-curricular activities until further notice

\*Restricted list: No participation in any school sponsored events, including but not limited to sports, dances, field trips, etc. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the school administration.

### Going Home For Lunch

Any parent who wishes to have their child come home for lunch must return the permission slip on the first day of school. ***Any child who does not have their permission slip will not be permitted to leave the building.***

### Dress Code

Individual students and parents have the responsibility for student dress and general appearance. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the academic environment of a school. Disregard for the school's dress code can result in disciplinary actions.

#### **School Dress for Warm Weather (September, May & June):**

Shorts are permitted with the following conditions:  
they must be of "fingertip" length;  
they must be loose fitting (**NO** spandex)

#### **The following rules for student dress are to be followed:**

- NO** holes in any clothing; (i.e., jeans, shirts, etc.)
- NO** open shoes;
- NO** sandals, crocs or slides;
- NO** mid-riff tops, "tank" tops or fish net shirts
- ALL** shirts/tops must have at least half sleeves and must be long enough to be tucked into the waistband;
- NO** inappropriate wording or images on shirts or pants

**\*The administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding appropriate dress in school, as well as, at all school-sponsored functions.\* (District Policy and Regulation 5511)**

## **Student Behavior**

### **Hallway**

Students are expected to keep to the right while traveling in the hallway, keep voices low, and keep moving to your next classroom. It is important not to gather with friends or stop to talk during the passing of classes. Loitering could result in lateness to class. Students are not permitted to enter classrooms without a teacher present. Students must wait outside and line up along the wall until the teacher arrives and/or permits student entrance.

### **Cafeteria**

Lunch period is an opportunity to relax and interact with friends. Students are expected to clean up after themselves, behave appropriately and follow the directions of the teachers and administrators in charge. Trash barrels are available to deposit trash. There are also containers specifically designated for recycling, and all are encouraged to help with the school's effort in this regard. Leaving trash on the table or throwing trash on the floor is unacceptable. Students who display inappropriate behavior during lunch or who do not clean up after themselves may have restricted lunchroom access as a consequence.

### **Assemblies**

Students are expected to: Enter/exit in a quiet and orderly manner. No talking or physical contact during the performance. Remain in your seat for the duration of the program, unless you have permission from a staff member. Treat the speakers in a respectful manner and offer appropriate applause.

## Student Behavior Continued

### Gum Chewing

Careless disposal of gum in drinking fountains, furniture, and floors presents sanitation and cleaning problems and costly repair. Therefore, gum chewing is not permitted.

### Vandalism

Vandalism and/or destruction of school property and/or materials is prohibited.

## Cell Phone Policy & Procedure

Use of cell phones is prohibited within the school building. They must be handed in to homeroom teachers at the start of the day and kept there for the duration of the school day. Students can reclaim their cell phone at PM homeroom dismissal. Students may come to the main office for an emergency call to a parent/guardian. Failure to follow procedure will result in disciplinary action as follows:

### Disciplined issued if a student is caught with their cell phone:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Turned in to office; Student can reclaim at 3:15 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Turned in to office; Parent *only* can reclaim at 3:15 p.m.; Administrative Detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** In School Suspension

### Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

The Board of Education believes that all students have a right to pursue their academic goals at Memorial School and be successful. The Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct was designed to help provide a safe school environment that is conducive to learning. The staff and administration believe that the most effective discipline is self-discipline. Any conduct that is construed as causing a reasonable possibility for disruption of the educational process or that interferes with the health, safety, or rights of others is prohibited. Students are expected to follow the code as outlined in ***District Policy and Regulation 5600***. Students who violate this code will be subject to the appropriate consequences as determined by school administration. All of these rules apply not only to classroom/school day activities, but to school functions, field trips, athletic events, etc.

#### Student Expectations:

- ◆ follow directions of administrators, teachers, other staff members.
- ◆ display behavior which contributes positively to the overall atmosphere of the school.
- ◆ demonstrate respect for all staff and other students.
- ◆ attend school free of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- ◆ not to be in possession of or sell alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ respect all personal and school property.
- ◆ conform to the dress code policy.
- ◆ Administrative detention is a consequence issued by the Superintendent/Principal and/or Vice Principal for grades **4 to 8 ONLY**.
- ◆ Any act not listed in this "Infraction Code" will be handled at the discretion of the Superintendent/Principal and/or Vice Principal.

#### Demerit System:

The demerit system is premised on the feeling that all student infractions should be recorded. When a student is assigned demerits, parental notification is made. If a student accumulates three (3) demerits, an Administrative Detention is assigned. An excessive number of Administrative detentions may result in an In-School Suspension.

## Infractions

After School Detention / Demerit / Minor Infractions

	<u>Demerits</u>
◆ <b>Cell Phone Violation</b>	2
◆ <b>Disruptive Behavior</b>	1
◆ <b>Dress Code Violation</b>	1
◆ <b>General Use of Profanity</b>	1
◆ <b>Horseplay (minor)</b>	1
◆ <b>Misuse of Computers/Chromebook/Network</b>	1

### Teacher Assigned Detention:

This will be held by the teacher assigning detention. When detention is assigned, the date and time the detention is to be served will be specified. One day notice must be given in assigning the detention.

### Administrative Detention:

A school-wide detention is assigned by an administrator. This is a supervised area where students are expected to sit quietly. Administrative detention is after school from 3:15 to 4:00pm.

Students who fail to satisfactorily complete the assigned Administrative detention will report to the school administration on the next school morning. A student's first missed Administrative detention of the school year will result in a mandatory parent conference and the assignment of two Administrative detentions. Additional missed Administrative detention will be assigned an In-School Suspension.

**Any combination of three (3) Administrative detentions and/or In-School Suspensions, not related to Tardy incidents, will result in loss of student privileges, such as, but not limited to: athletic events, dances, field trips, interscholastic sports, clubs, or any other extracurricular activities.**

**Any infractions not listed above are listed in *District Policy and Regulation 5600* related to violations of behavioral expectations and the school's response to such violations.**

## **Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to uphold the four fundamental core values of Academic Integrity, which are as follows:

### **HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **HONESTY**

- ◆ Being truthful
- ◆ Presenting your own work

#### **INTEGRITY**

- ◆ Act in accordance with high moral principles and encourage the same from others

#### **RESPECT**

- ◆ Consider each action an opportunity to gain trust

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- ◆ Maintain personal accountability to make positive choices
- ◆ Take action against wrongdoing

Students are expected to conduct themselves honorably, honestly and responsibly to grow both academically and as productive citizens within the community. Through this commitment, students and faculty will maximize their fullest potential in the areas of academics and personal character.

## **Academic Achievement**

Students are expected to acknowledge ownership of his or her own work. Students are prohibited from:

- ◆ Copying or lending assignments without authorization
- ◆ Cheating on homework assignments and/or tests
- ◆ Plagiarism



### Grading Scale

Grading may include individual and/or group projects, papers, tests, quizzes, laboratory performance, effort, homework, and class participation. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to refer to the individual teacher's syllabus/teacher page for specific expectations and guidelines. Students are expected to complete all homework assignments.

#### Primary Grading System (K - 3rd)

**O— Outstanding**

**S+ — Satisfactory +**

**S—Satisfactory**

**N—Needs Improvement**

**U—Unsatisfactory**

#### Elementary / Middle School Grading System (4th–8th)

<b>A</b>	90-100	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>B</b>	80-89	<b>Above Average</b>
<b>C</b>	70-79	<b>Average</b>
<b>D</b>	65-69	<b>Below Average</b>
<b>F</b>	Below 65	<b>Failure</b>

**\* Report Cards will no longer be distributed in paper form. Please refer to the section entitled Genesis for more information.**

## High Honors/Honor Roll

### High Honors

High honors will be awarded to those students who achieve a minimum grade of **93 and above** in all content areas.



### Honor Roll

Honors will be awarded to those students who maintain a minimum grade **83 and above** in all content areas.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are welcomed to request a Parent/Teacher conference to discuss their child's progress at any time. Conferences can be scheduled directly with the classroom teacher or can be conducted via telephone. Teachers email addresses can be found on the school website, under the **Teacher Pages** tab.

## Fire/Security Drills

### Fire Drills

Fire drills will be conducted at least once each month during the school year. At the sound of the fire alarm, all students are to exit the building according to the directions posted in each classroom, or at the direction of the teacher/staff member in charge. Students are to conduct themselves in an orderly and silent fashion; misconduct of any kind while leaving or returning to the building is forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken to any student in violation.

### Security Drills

Pursuant to 18A:41-1, at least one School Security Drill will be conducted each month. A minimum of two of each of the following security drills will be conducted annually: Active Shooter, Bomb Threat, Evacuation (non-fire), and Lockdown.

Security drills are conducted, in conjunction with the South Hackensack Police Department, once each month and are designated to secure the school buildings efficiently and effectively. Students will be given clear directions by their classroom teacher regarding the procedures at the start of the school year. Students are expected to cooperate with all of the rules and procedures outlined by the classroom teacher.

### Parent Notification

Our school uses Blackboard Connect as our parent notification system. This system is connected to our Genesis student information system. It is used to communicate with all parents when necessary. This system is utilized for one of three reasons – for emergency purposes; for school closing or delayed opening; or for general informational announcements. So that we can be assured that our Genesis student information system database has the correct contact information, we ask that each family to provide our school and main office of any changes such as phone numbers and/or email. Please e-mail Evelyn Stefano at [estefano@shmemorial.org](mailto:estefano@shmemorial.org) **and** Jeff Badre at [jbadre@shmemorial.org](mailto:jbadre@shmemorial.org) with the updated information.

### Genesis

Memorial School uses Genesis, a web-based student recording data system for our progress reports, marking period report cards, and various other data. The Genesis parent portal allows parents to access daily attendance, progress reports and report cards. ***At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, Memorial School will only be using the parent portal of Genesis.*** This means that no paper progress reports or report cards will be sent home. The only access to see your child's report is to login to the parent portal via our school website [www.shmemorial.org](http://www.shmemorial.org) or through our school app. If you have not registered for a parent portal account and need assistance, please contact Jeff Badre at [jbadre@shmemorial.org](mailto:jbadre@shmemorial.org). If you should have any questions, please call our main office.

## Social Media

**Follow Us on Twitter & Flickr!** Or download our **School App**

<https://twitter.com/sohackms>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/shmemorial/albums>



## Chromebooks

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, our district will provide all students in Grades 3 through 8 with a Chromebook. Students will use their Chromebooks at school and be charged and stowed in their classrooms.

This is an exciting time for our district. We believe a Chromebook for each student will lead to an overall enhanced educational experience, better student organizational skills and learning and sharing beyond the walls of the conventional classroom. Students are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued by the school. Devices that are broken or fail to work properly must be reported immediately by the student in order for the District Technology department to evaluate the problem.

We look forward to the opportunities this technology will provide to our students and teachers and we deeply appreciate the support of our stakeholders in the Memorial School District community.

Students and parents are asked to complete and return the Network Responsibility Contract which you can find under our Resources tab on our school website: [www.shmemorial.org](http://www.shmemorial.org)

### **Important Sports Information for Tryouts**

All interested 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must submit the following documents to be eligible to tryout for an interscholastic sports team:

1. Sports Physical Form
2. Sports Emergency Contact/Permission Slip Form
3. Concussion Fact Sheet - Parent Agreement
4. Sudden Cardiac Death Brochure Sign Off Form

All the necessary sports forms can be downloaded by selecting the "Athletics" option on the homepage of our school website ([www.shmemorial.org](http://www.shmemorial.org)). In order to tryout, you are required to submit appropriate paperwork to our School Nurse, Jennifer Zanelli.

Students must also attend 2 tryout/practice sessions. **No one will be allowed to tryout until they are cleared by our School Nurse.**

### **Eligibility for Interscholastic Sports, Cheerleading and Spring Intramurals**

#### **Report Cards:**

Grades - 1 F - (Academic Subject) Suspended for the season.

1 U - (Special Area) Suspended for the season.

Conduct - 1 U - Conduct - Suspended for the season.

The eligibility of student athletes receiving U's in areas other than listed above or N's on their report card will be determined on a case by case basis by the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade team in cooperation with our Superintendent/Principal and Vice Principal.

**Progress Reports:**

- 1.) All student athletes who receive a progress report will be put on a two week trial period.
- 2.) At the end of the two week trial period, *improvement* must be noted in all subject areas that a progress report was received, or suspension for the season will automatically follow.

The eligibility of student athletes at the end of the trial period will be determined on a case by case basis by the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade team in cooperation with the Superintendent/Principal and Vice Principal.

**L.E.A.D. Program**

Students in grade 6 have the opportunity to participate in our L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Program. This program is conducted in conjunction with the South Hackensack Police Department and is intended to educate our students on how to create safer, healthier communities, free of drugs, bullying, and violence. Contact our main office with any questions.

**Section 504 / 504 Coordinator**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students who meet eligibility requirements and are not receiving special educational services will be provided services through Section 504. Section 504 services are provided for students who have a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities. Parents, students, and teachers are advised to initiate this process through the 504 Coordinator, Jason Chirichella, Vice Principal, who can be contacted at [jchirichella@shmemorial.org](mailto:jchirichella@shmemorial.org)

### **Affirmative Action**

Our school's affirmative action program shall recognize and value the diversity of persons and groups within society and promote the acceptance of persons of diverse backgrounds. Our affirmative action program will also promote equal educational opportunity and foster a learning environment that is free from all forms of prejudice, discrimination, and harassment based upon race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status in the policies, programs, and practices of Memorial School.

### **Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying**

A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents. Students/faculty are encouraged to contact those listed below if issues arise.

#### **Anti-Bullying Coordinator (ABC)**

Jason Chirichella, Vice Principal

[jchirichella@shmemorial.org](mailto:jchirichella@shmemorial.org)

#### **Anti-Bullying Specialist (ABS)**

Tricia Smith, Child Study Team Supervisor

[tsmith@shmemorial.org](mailto:tsmith@shmemorial.org)



### **School Safety Team**

The Memorial School Safety Team is responsible to develop, foster, and maintain a positive school climate by focusing on the on-going, systemic process and practices in the school, and to address school climate issues including harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent/Principal

Tricia Smith, Child Study Team Supervisor

Jason Chirichella, Vice Principal

Priscilla Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant

Gina Kipp, Teacher

Kristin Forsdahl, Parent

### **Statewide Youth Helpline**

The New Jersey Youth Helpline is a toll free, anonymous and confidential helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to all NJ young people, ages 10-24. Youth can call 1-888-222-2228 to speak with professionals and trained volunteers who listen attentively, non-judgmentally and compassionately to issues and problems they are facing. Visit [www.2ndfloor.org](http://www.2ndfloor.org) for more info.

### **Parent Resources**

Please visit our school website [www.shmemorial.org](http://www.shmemorial.org) under Resources to access and download any school forms needed for your child. Forms should be completed and returned to you child's homeroom teacher.

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### **Expectations for Students, Staff & Parents/Guardians**

At Memorial School, we believe it is essential to promote a positive home - school connection for our students. We believe parents, teachers and students are partners in the educational process. Our belief is that these cooperative working relationships enhance the social, emotional and academic growth of students.

#### **Students are expected to:**

- ◆ Know and exercise positive modes of behavior including being respectful, kind, responsible citizens within our building and community
- ◆ Be respectful of peers, staff and the building within
- ◆ Adhere to all policies and procedures of the district
- ◆ Be accountable for his or her actions
- ◆ Actively participate with the school community

#### **School Staff are expected to:**

- ◆ Model positive modes of behavior
- ◆ Exercise respect and civility in all interactions
- ◆ Foster and maintain a positive and safe learning environment
- ◆ Maintain mutual respect among students, staff, and parents
- ◆ Engage learners throughout the learning process
- ◆ Maintain open communication with parents, other staff and students
- ◆ Reinforce the home-school connection

**Parents/Guardians are expected to:**

- ◆ Model positive modes of behavior
- ◆ Enforce regular school attendance and timeliness
- ◆ Exercise respect and civility in all interactions
- ◆ Explain and enforce the code of conduct with his/her child
- ◆ Reinforce the home-school connection
- ◆ **Notify school of any changes in address/phone**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

I have read, and familiarized, myself with this Student Handbook. I understand that I will be held accountable to abide by the policies and procedures detailed within this manual. Any policy that is not directly addressed within this handbook is up to the discretion of the administration and Board of Education. **Parents are expected to read, sign and return the Student Handbook Acknowledgement form once received.**

***\*Please be advised that the administration of the South Hackensack Memorial School District reserves the right to change this handbook, at any time, due to changes in policies, protocols and procedures.***

## *Memorial School*



*In the South of Hackensack  
Stands Memorial School.  
Bordered by the weeping willows,  
Fanned by breezes cool,  
All ye comrades join together,  
Loud our praises sing.  
May our school live on forever,  
Joy and gladness bring.*

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