





New Staff at Memorial School 25-26

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano - Interim Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Emidio D'Andrea - Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Nicole Suntino - Vice Principal

Mr. James Wagner - Director of Child Study Team/School Psychologist [Starting October 3rd]

Mr. Marc Perdon - Music Teacher

Ms. Marissa Janots - Library Media Specialist

Mrs. Rana Mahmoud - Teacher Aide

Mrs. Huneen Ijaz - Teacher Aide

Mrs. Kathryn Maceri - Teacher Aide



Friendly Reminders

- **Genesis Parent Portal**
 - Online access to all student information such as report cards, interim/progress reports, and attendance.
 - Email support@shmemorial.org or visit the Tech Support tab on the school website for creating a parent portal account. Please visit Mr. Sheppard at this table.
- **Student/Parent Handbook**
 - Quick reference guide for school services, procedures, and policies.





Safety Update

- Drop off is at 8:25 am, no supervision prior to that time. Thank you South Hackensack Police Department for controlling the flow of traffic.
- Every student has a lanyard, which holds their ID and is color coded to indicate belonging here. It also is used as a lunch card.
- For safety, security and convenience a secure drop box will be located in the front of the school for any paperwork, which can be dropped off at any time.
- Lunch drop off box located right outside the Great Hall doors.
- If you have a need to come into the school, please call ahead to make an appointment. We strongly discourage walk ins.
- If you are picking up a child prior to the end of the school day, your child will be escorted to you.



ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

We aim to prioritize regular student attendance students by:

1. Setting clear expectations for students and parents

- Students are to be in homeroom no later than 8:30
- Excused absences must meet specific criteria

2. Tracking data and implementing tiered interventions for unexcused absences and tardies

3. Providing attendance incentives

“A mix of carrots and sticks”



Excused and Unexcused Tardies in Memorial School

Excused Tardies include:

- Disability from illness or injury
- Family emergency
- Observance of religious holiday
- Religious instruction
- Medical/dental appointments that could not be otherwise scheduled
- Pupil's attendance in court
- Private lessons in music, art, dance, or private practice for competitive events
- Interview with prospective employer

Tiered Interventions for Unexcused tardies include

- 5 = letter mailed home to parent, detention
- 10 = letter mailed home, 2 detentions; equates to 1 absence
- 15 = letter mailed home, parent meeting required, student restricted for 10 days
- 20 = letter mailed home, parent meeting required, student may be denied participation in co-curricular activities



If your child is tardy, they must enter through the front door.



Excused and Unexcused Absences in Memorial School

Excused absences include:

- Student illness
- Student's attendance in court
- Consistent with IEP
- Family illness or death
- Visit to secondary school
- Unavailable medical or dental appointments
- Take A Child to Work Day
- Deemed excused by the Principal upon written request by the student's parent stating the reason for absence

Tiered Interventions for Unexcused absences include:

- 4 = letter mailed home with attendance education materials
- 5-9 = Intervention and Referral Services Referral and development of "Attendance Success Plan"
- 10-19 = potential truancy, meeting to assess outcomes of attendance success plan
- 20 or more = potential retention per policy 5410



STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

Assessment	Grades	Administration Window
New Jersey Student Learning Assessments - Adaptive (NJSLA) Fall Field Test	ELA: 4-10 Math: 4-HS	October 27 - November 14, 2025
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLS	Access: K-12 Alt Access: 1-12	February 2 - March 27, 2026
Dynamic Learning Maps Year End Model; ELA, Math, Science	ELA and Math: 3-8, 11 Science: 5,8, 11	April 6 - May 22, 2026
New Jersey Student Learning Assessments	ELA: 3-9 Math: 3- HS	April 27 - May 22, 2026
NJSLA Science	Science: 5, 8, 11	April 27 - May 22, 2026



From the Nurse's Office



- Health Concerns: Please update the school nurse on allergies, medications, or medical needs.
- Medications at School: All meds must be dropped off by a parent/guardian with the doctor's order.
- Illness Policy: Keep children home if they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or contagious illness.
- Immunizations: Flu vaccines are NJ State Mandate for Pre-K students and must show proof by Dec 31st *Religious and Medical Exemption Letters are accepted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1 and N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3/4.4*



Phone: 201-440-2782 x 125

Email: Nurse@shmemorial.org



School Lunch Program

- Set up a Pay For It Account to Register Your Child: payschoolscentral.com
 - This allows you load funds onto your child's food account to avoid a negative status;
 - Mrs. Kropp emails the lunch menu each month to view
 - If you feel you are eligible for free/reduced meals, please fill out an application and visit our table this evening.





Sports Program (Middle School)

- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 to 8.
- COACHES HOLD TRYOUTS FOR EACH SPORT
- TRYOUT DATES ARE ANNOUNCED WEEKS IN ADVANCE
- COMPETE AGAINST OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN AREA (BERGEN, PASSAIC)
 - SOCCER: September - October
 - BASKETBALL: November - February
 - CHEERLEADING: November - February
 - INTRAMURALS: March - May
- INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPATION FORMS:
 - Sports Physicals
 - Other forms
 - Available on school website: Parents>>>Athletic Forms





Project Child Find

- **A Free Referral Service**
- **Early intervention provides services for children under the age of three who have been identified as eligible. Eligibility centers around developmental delays in the area(s) of cognitive, communication, motor, social and/or adaptive skills**
- **The resident district is responsible for providing services for children between the ages of 3 – 21 who have been determined eligible for special education and related services**
- **Please contact Dr. Hillary Sobel, Supervisor of our Child Study Team for more information @ 201-440-2782**



Parent Educator Organization

