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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year, which begins on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

When signing into the parent portal, all questions and documents must be completed in order to access your child's schedule, which will be available, Tuesday, September 1, 2026. We strongly recommend printing a copy of your child's schedule for the first day of school, as this may alleviate any anxiety for them finding their classrooms. **If you have trouble accessing your portal call 973-956-0010 ext. 2104.**

Please note, school hours are from **9:00 A.M. to 3:20 P.M. School doors open at 8:45 A.M. **Your child will be marked tardy if they are not seated in the classroom by 9:00 A.M.**** If your child wishes to purchase breakfast, they may enter at 8:35 A.M. and proceed directly to the cafeteria.

Cafeteria service will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Please see the ***"Payschoolscentral.com"*** for cashless system information on the parent portal.

All visitors should come to the main doors at the front of the building. You will only be able to enter with the proper ID and by appointment **ONLY**. Please do not attempt to use any other doors of the building during school hours. **DO NOT** leave your vehicle parked or idling by the front entrance gate. There are a limited number of visitor parking spaces near the front doors (**Only visitor spots may be used, all numbered spots are reserved for staff members only**).

If you need to contact Washington Park School, call 973-956-0010 and listen to the prompts, in their entirety, to get the extension of the party you wish to speak with. Should you receive a call from school, please listen to the complete message prior to calling school, as all our staff members are directed to leave a message. This will help the office in connecting you to the correct party.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons, please make sure you either enter the absent in Real Time(**Real Time will only accept reported absences until 9:00A.M.**), call the attendance office at 973-956-0010 ext. 2010 or send an email to **wpsattendance@totowa.k12.nj.us** before the start of the school day. Please be advised that due to changes in enrollment, bus route numbers and stops may have changed from previous years. Check your child's portal under transportation. For early dismissal or your child's transportation plans are changed, an email (**written consent**) is **always required**. We **will not** release a student to anyone **NOT** on your contact list or allow a change in dismissal **without** an email sent to the attendance office before 12 P.M. If you do not receive a confirmation response, please contact the main office immediately (973-956-0010 ext. 2104). **(Please keep in mind that any student that does not attend school or leaves early on a day for any after school event, will not be permitted to participate in the after school event).**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Sincerely,

Joseph Compel
Principal