

Babylon Union Free School District

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Dear Babylon Families,

I welcome you back to a new school year filled with great promise and infinite possibilities! I hope the summer months have given you a chance to relax and take the necessary time to rejuvenate and enjoy your family and friends. We are very excited about the upcoming academic year and look forward to all students returning back to school on **Thursday, September 6, 2018!**

Additionally, school hours & dates for our **“Meet the Teacher Nights”** are noted below which can also be found in your copy of the school district calendar as well as on the district website.

Babylon Elementary School, Grades K-2

Principal: Mr. Travis Davey

School Hours for Students: 8:25 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

“Meet the Teacher” Night: September 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Babylon Memorial Grade School: Grades 3-6

Principal: Mr. Steven Goldberg

School Hours for Students: 8:20 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

“Meet the Teacher” Night: September 12, 2018
(Grades 3 & 4 at 6:30 p.m./Grades 5 & 6 at 7:30 p.m.)

Babylon Junior/Senior High School: Grades 7-12

Principal: Mr. Al Cirone

School Hours for Students: 7:34 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

“Meet the Teacher” Night: September 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

(Note: JSHS Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled to be Monday, November 5, 2018. Day & evening appointments will be available, once again utilizing the *Teacher Reacher* software system.)

Together we begin the 2018/2019 school year with a continued opportunity to create another wonderful chapter in the history of Babylon Schools! While we have seen cherished educators retire last June, we have spent the necessary time this summer hiring terrific educators who have joined our leadership and instructional family. Please give a warm welcome to the following newcomers to our Babylon District-wide & instructional staff:

District-Wide Personnel:

Mr. Kevin Warren, Director of Facilities
Mr. Tony Ciervo, Facilities Consultant
Mr. Cathy Orsini, Senior Clerk Athletics

Babylon Grade School:

Ms. Lauren Heck, Physical Education

Babylon Elementary School:

Ms. Emilee Rahner, Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Samantha Czczotka, Leave Replacement Teacher - Grade 1
Ms. Emily Moran, K-2 STEAM Teacher
Adrienne Margarites (to be appointed at the 8/27 meeting), K-2 FLES Teacher

Each academic year gives us another reason to celebrate. The 2018/2019 school year will continue to be shaped by our multi-year reform efforts. For the past three years, all educational stakeholders have embraced and championed our District-driven initiatives that have become synonymous with an exemplary “Babylon Education”. Some of those initiatives, for example, have been achieving the highest possible graduation rates with Advanced Diplomas, our notable STEAM initiatives such as our “Project Lead the Way” engineering pathway, our eclectic science research program, the planning and implementation of Advanced Placement opportunities, World Language expansion, our commitment to the Arts, and of course, technology enhancements. We will continue to promote the finest delivery of instruction and leadership so that students make meaningful progress that ultimately prepares them for the world beyond a K-12 public education.

Here are some updates as we lead into September:

- ✓ This September will mark the official implementation of our 1:1 world computing initiative for every student in grades K-12. While devices assigned to each student in K-6 will remain in classrooms, devices to students in Grades 7-12 will travel from home to school! The distribution of devices for students entering grades 7-12 will take place during the week of August 20th as per previous notifications from the District. We feel it is a District’s obligation to ensure that both students and professional staff have the necessary tools and knowledge to be productive in a technological world which defines the times.
- ✓ While the documented level of student success is always at the forefront of our decision making, this year we will also focus on addressing additional school safety and mental health initiatives, particularly with the roll-out of *Scholarchip* as a visitor management system at all three buildings. Come September you will see the attendance and visitor kiosks at all building entrances. All visitors seeking permission to enter any building on campus will be required to initially display as well as scan their official ID into the system in order to gain clearance. There will be no exceptions. The kiosks at the high school will also be utilized for student attendance during lunchtime hours.

- ✓ Additionally, we are currently in the final phase of bond-related renovation projects throughout the District, and come September everyone will notice many visually-pleasing improvements at both Babylon Junior Senior High School and Babylon Memorial Grade School campuses, such as the following:

High School:

- a new security vestibule at the circular entrance
- new interior paint throughout
- two new STEAM suites
- new student lockers throughout
- new ceilings in certain sections
- LED lighting in certain sections
- upgraded floor tiles in certain sections
- an upgraded parking lot with site work completed

Grade School:

- renovated gymnasium – new floor, new pads, new bleachers, new paint
- renovated music suite – new floor, new paint
- new student lockers throughout
- new ceilings in certain sections
- led lighting in certain sections
- upgraded floor tiles in certain sections
- new sinks and vanities in certain classrooms

In closing, we look forward to working with you as we partner to offer our students another terrific school experience grounded in strong academics, positive advocacy, and meaningful collaboration. Enjoy these remaining days of summer!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

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