

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Families,

Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. Please find information regarding the return to school and other items below.

- **To find Return to School Links and Information:**

[Return to School page](#)

[Updated School Calendar for 2020-2021-PDF](#) // [District Online Calendar](#)

- **Message from Glen Rock Library Director, Ellen O'Keefe**

During normal circumstances, we look forward to greeting flocks of students and families with the resumption of the school year. Unfortunately, we are not back to "business as usual" here at the Glen Rock Library. This summer the Library's Board of Trustees carefully evaluated and crafted protocols designed to keep the Library staff and the public safe during this pandemic.

We continue to offer limited public service hours with strict policies. Visits are limited to 30 minutes to browse or use a public computer. One of the most impactful to schools is the visitor age restriction: a student must be in sixth grade or above to enter by themselves. A child in fifth grade and below must be accompanied by an adult or guardian who is at least 18 years old. Two people per household may enter at a time. Also, there are no tables or meeting spaces for studying. Full details of our visiting guidelines are here: <https://www.glenrocklibrary.org/reopening>.

Pending the success of indoor dining, entertainment venues and schools reopening, the Board of Trustees will reevaluate these guidelines and slowly expand services as local health conditions permit.

- **Curriculum Updates:** [Summary](#) of all the curriculum updates accomplished during the summer.
- **Elementary School Orientation:** Orientation/Meet and Greet : Thursday, 9/10. Details to follow
- **GR Middle School and High School Orientation:**

The Middle School / High School has been conducting in person orientations and tours for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. The orientations were in small groups and have provided the students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity to meet Dr. Parent and Mrs. Bacolas. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders met with Dr. Parent, Mr. Pepe and their school counselor Mrs. Hamilton. "One of our main goals over the summer months was to

provide an in person meet and greet for both the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and freshman class,” Mr. Pepe said. “It was great to see the students and hear them chatting with their peers. We could feel the excitement walking the hallways with them,” said Dr. Parent.

Each student had to complete a COVID Safety checklist before entering the building and they were required to wear a mask.



- **GR Middle School and High School Announcements:** All grade 6-8 student laptops will be distributed to parents on the evenings of September 8, 9, and 10. The distribution has been organized as follows:

Date	Grade	Grouping	Time	Location
September 8	6	Last Name “A” through “Lee”	5:30 pm through 6:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium
	6	Last Name “Li” through “Z”	6:30 pm through 7:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium

September 9	7	Last Name "A" through "Lee"	5:30 pm through 6:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium
	7	Last Name "Li" through "Z"	6:30 pm through 7:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium
September 10	8	Last Name "A" through "Lee"	5:30 pm through 6:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium
	8	Last Name "Li" through "Z"	6:30 pm through 7:30 pm	Middle School Gymnasium

At least one parent or guardian must come to the school and pick up the school-issued laptop. Be informed that when entering the building:

- Parents and Guardians must enter the building through the Auditorium Lobby entrance
- Everyone must wear a mask
- Everyone should maintain proper distancing in the gymnasium and hallways while waiting to pick up the laptop

There is no need for a parent or guardian to submit a signed form, however it is strongly advised that the attached District Acceptable Use Policy be reviewed with your child(ren). If you have more than one child in the Middle School, please come on the evening designated for your oldest child. We will not issue a laptop to a student, friend, or neighbor on these evenings - a parent or guardian must come in for the pickup.

If a parent or guardian cannot attend any of these evenings, your child's laptop will be issued on the first day of school. We urge everyone to make every effort to attend these distribution nights - we want all students to be ready for school on their first day.

• **High School Athletics Announcement:** The online athletic packet for **high school** fall sports registration will open up on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020**. The online athletic packet **MUST** be completed for high school fall sports clearance. It can be **accessed on the Athletics & Clubs tab** off of the **High School website**. Please note that if your child was cleared and participated in the voluntary summer workouts, you do not need to turn in any additional paperwork for fall sports clearance. You will just need to complete the online athletic packet which includes the athletic fee. If your child was not cleared for voluntary summer workouts, paperwork from the online athletic packet **MUST** be turned in at collection on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. Collection will take place outside the Hamilton lobby doors from **1 - 2:30 pm**. **\*\*This memo only pertains to high school fall sports. Paperwork for middle school sports is not being collected at this time.\*\***

• **If you are new to the district or social media, please consider following school and district social media accounts: Facebook @GRBOE // Instagram @grpublicschoolnj // Twitter @grpsupt**

@GRPSByrd @GRPSCentral @GRPSColeman @GRPSHamilton @GlenRockMSHS // **Updates**  
glenrocknj.org/communications

• **For new families, here is a list of the district websites:** [Byrd](#) // [Central](#) // [Coleman](#) // [Hamilton](#) // [Middle School](#) // [High School](#) // [District](#) // [Community School](#)

• **Glen Rock Community School Announcements:**

***Before and After Care for Elementary School Students:*** The Glen Rock Community School will not be offering Before Care until January. After Care will be offered at Central, Coleman and Hamilton. If you would like to be placed on the waitlist for before care at any of the elementary schools or after care for Byrd for January (or should the need arise earlier), please [contact the office](#). [Updated information and registration](#) // [Contact the Director](#) **Families who are registered for after care at Central, Coleman and Hamilton will receive an email with updates by next Monday for pickup procedures and any supplies required.**

***Fall Enrichment:*** Registration for fall enrichment begins Thursday, September 3. [Class information and registration](#). Classes include, Lacrosse, Golf, Chess, Fashion Design, Veterinarians in Training, Yoga, Instrument Lessons and more.

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

*Allison De Meulder*

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