

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update September 11, 2022

## Patriot Day

At 8:46 AM on September 11, 2001, the first Twin Tower in New York City was struck by a terrorist attack. This was followed by a planned and coordinated attack on the other Twin Tower, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a 4th plane that was designated for another Washington, D.C. target, but was instead forced to crash in Pennsylvania by American patriots on board that day.

Patriot Day is an annual observance of those September 11th attacks and to remember those who were injured or died that day. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11th.

As we remember all those we lost on that day and the Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in the wars that followed, we must strive to carry forward their legacy. On this National Day of Service and Remembrance, we take up their unfinished work and pay tribute to their lives with service and charity. Through these acts and quiet gestures, we can honor their memory and reclaim our sense of togetherness. I encourage everyone to learn more about service opportunities across our country.

Today we pay our respects to those individuals who lost their lives during those attacks, and to those individuals who continue to protect us from harm today.

## Important Events

9/14/22

- 6:30 pm - Grades 6-8 (parents only- will meet in the gym)

9/15/22

**Grades 1–4:** To accommodate families who have students in multiple grade levels, there will be two sessions. *\*parents/guardians only*

- **Grades 1 & 2** will be held from 6 - 6:45 \*parents report directly to the classroom at 6 pm
- **Grades 3 & 4** will be held from 7 - 7:45 \*parents report directly to the classroom at 7 pm
- **Assigned Arts, intervention, speech teachers, and (select) CST members** will be available in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **The Hardyston PTA and other organizations** will also be in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 8 pm

9/19/22 - Picture Day

9/29/22 - PTA Meeting: ES Library

- 6:15 Meet and greet
- 6:30 Meeting begins

## Start with HELLO!

The first middle school dance is this Friday, September 16. It is entitled, "Start with Hello." There is no cost for the students to attend; snacks and refreshments will require purchase.

**September 16**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

*Hardyston Middle School*

## TREX Recycling Challenge

The middle school will once again be participating in the Trex Recycling Challenge. Acceptable plastics can be dropped off at any retail store that collects plastic bags. Franklin Library also has a drop bin. Most stores prefer frequent trips with smaller drops rather than one large drop. Once you've dropped your recycling, please e-mail [TScognamiglio@https.org](mailto:TScognamiglio@https.org) with the approximate number of pounds. Thank you for doing your part to help the world! [See attached flyer!](#)

## Paraprofessionals Wanted!

We are currently looking for paraprofessionals to assist students at all levels in our district.

### Basic Qualifications:

- High School diploma, fingerprint/background check

### Preferred Qualifications:

- 60 college credits- eligible for substitute certification

If you or anyone you know is interested, please share this information and email Dr. Maffia at [gmaffia@https.org](mailto:gmaffia@https.org)

**Band & Choir Sign-Up**

**From the Health Office**

A complete physical is needed if your child wants to participate in any school-related extra-curricular activity. Sports physicals are due by September 1. *You may drop off your physicals prior to September 1 at either school Monday - Thursday, 8 AM - 3 PM.*

Every student entering grade 6 requires the following immunizations:

- DTaP
- Meningococcal

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Office by **September 15, 2022**. Students who do not have documentation of the above immunizations will be excluded from school.

## **Application and Instructions for Free and Reduced School Meals**

If you would like to participate, please click on the links below for more information.

[Letter](#)

[Instructions for Application](#)

[Application](#)

## **Nominate Your Educator Now!**

The New Jersey Department of Education aims to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond their service to New Jersey's students. Hardyston is asking our district families to take the time to complete the Google form which is accessed by the link below, to highlight a staff member who has made a difference in their child or children's education experience. All staff members are notified if nominated; I hope you find time to let these teachers and educational services professionals know about the difference they have made.

All submissions are Due October 28, 2022.

**Educator of the Year**

[Click here to nominate your favorite educator!](#)

## **PickUp Patrol**

PickUp Patrol eliminates the need to write notes or make phone calls when changing your student's dismissal plans. New parents will receive a welcome email inviting you to set up an account.

If you have any changes, please log into your account and record your pick up preference for the new school year.

## Pick Up Patrol

Pickup Patrol - How To Use The App



## 2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbook

[Click here for the full calendar and handbook!](#)

## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

## PTA NEWS - [Click here for the latest happenings!](#)

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