



BASSICK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a restful summer and welcome to the 2022 -2023 school year. I could not be prouder to continue to serve the Bassick community as we are ready to accelerate learning. In alignment with the district mission, Bassick faculty remains dedicated to **“Every Student, Every Period, Every Day.”** so our graduates are career and college ready, exemplifying our *vision of a graduate*. **Parents we need your help!** Please take some time to review the information in this letter and do not hesitate to ask questions.

Bassick has some changes in the administrative team with two of our Assistant Principals (AP) earning promotions to Principal. We appointed two veteran AP’s to join the team. Please welcome Mr. Sean Ward and Mr. Steven Cassidy. Together they bring close to 20 years of school administrative experience to Bassick. In addition, we are opening the Office of School Climate led by our new Dean of Students, Mr. Andre Huston. Lastly, we have established a school instructional leadership team ready to impact teacher and student outcomes. If you need to contact an AP, administrative assignments are as follows:

- A-F – Cassidy / Maggiore
- G-O - Ward / Shields
- P-Z - Lynn / Gildea

Take an active role in your child’s education by **checking PowerSchool and parent square** daily. Your child can access schedules for the first day of school on PowerSchool. These platforms will keep you up to date on your child’s progress in school and are our first lines of communication with you. Please **be sure your phone numbers, email address, and home address are up to date** in the school’s system. You can also stay up to date on school happenings through our twitter account or the school’s web page. The school webpage provides contact information for each of our teachers; please reach out with concerns about your child.

Students will be issued the laptops they turned in last year. The laptop should come to school daily and can be used for home work. All school work is available on Teams and students will all have a license to Edgenuity and My Path, software platforms that provide personalized support.



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As a reminder **vape pens or smoking paraphrenia is not allowed** on school grounds. Please talk with your child about these dangerous products. The school will intervene as necessary with students receiving counseling support along with consequences for possession / use vape pens, marijuana and other contraband in alignment with our code of conduct. Please review this website on the dangers <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/knowtherisks.html>

Please help to make sure your child arrives to school on time. Breakfast is served starting at 7:10 and **students should arrive to school by 7:30**. If a child is late we may require parental contact. Hats are not allowed in school and students should be dressed in appropriate attire daily. The **attire should be neat, clean and school appropriate**, free from anything that may disrupt the educational process. Plain, unmarked clothes free from holes and tears are always best. Student masks are optional but **must be of the surgical type**, full face coverings or other larger masks are not permissible in school.

We are asking **parents to become involved in school** though our School Governance Council (SGC) or our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), please contact me if you are interested in running for office or participating. Please come to our Back to School night on September 14th from 4:30 – 6:00, details will follow.

It is a great year to be a Bassick Lion. Just yesterday I was notified that Bassick has earned the Governor's Award for FASFA completion. New Bassick High School construction is continuing, in December we will complete building the airplane, our advanced manufacturing pathway with Housatonic Community College is thriving, we are offering programs to become a union laborer, culinary professional, or automotive specialist. Lastly, we are entering into a planning year for the State of Connecticut Department of Education Commissioner's Network, once accepted we will grow internal capacity at rates never seen at Bassick. This coupled with the construction of our new school makes the future brighter than ever for our community.

If I can be of any assistance please reach out and ask, wishing you all the best during this school year.

In partnership,

Joseph A. Raiola, Ph.D.
Principal