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*“Our Orange and Blue
starts with an Extraordinary You”*

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Dear South High Community,

I am writing this letter with the feeling of excitement as we prepare to welcome more of our students back for the remainder of the school year. 9th and 10th grade students that have elected to return will do so on May 18th through to the end of the year. 11th and 12th grade students that have elected to return will do so on May 20th through to the end of the year. We will be analyzing the survey results and adjusting schedules to meet all health and safety guidelines and protocols.

Please be advised of the following measures that have been in place and continue to be in place for the remainder of the school year:

- Students must enter South High through the main entrance or the East Gym entrance upon their arrival.
- As students enter school they will have their temperature scanned. If a student records a temperature of 100 degrees or greater they will be sent directly to a quarantine room located in the health office.
- If a student is not taking the bus and being driven to school, the student cannot be dropped off until 7:45 a.m. Please see the attached diagram for parent drop-off. All parent drivers must pull in as far east (to the East Gym) as they can to alleviate back-up.
- Once in the building, students must go directly to their first period class and wait there for the school day to start. Lockers will not be in use and no student should attempt to access their locker.
- We have developed hallway traffic patterns during passing time in order to eliminate bottlenecks in the halls and to help maintain social distancing (Please see the attached map). There will be arrows on the floor and walls indicating the direction you must travel during passing time.
- Each classroom has been set up so there is at least a three-foot distance between each desk. The furniture design meets social distancing guidelines. Desks may not be moved at any time.
- **All students must wear a mask during the school day. Students that do not wear a mask will be subject to school discipline.**
- **All students must follow social distancing guidelines during the school day. Students that do not follow social distancing guidelines will be subject to school discipline.**

June Regents Exams

Please see the regents exams schedule below for the dates and times of the regents exams being administered at South High this June. Only those students taking an exam will report to school on these days. The bus schedule will be shared at a later date.

Date	Time	Regents Exam
Thursday, June 17	8:00 am – 11:00 am	English Language Arts
Tuesday, June 22	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Living Environment
Wednesday, June 23	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Algebra I
Thursday, June 24	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Earth Science

Senior Class Updates

1. Senior Prom is being held on Thursday, June 10th from 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Crescent Beach Club. As of now, attendees are limited to South High seniors only. In order to attend the prom, students will have to provide either proof of vaccination to Mrs. McGurk no later than Friday, June 4th or a negative COVID test result prior to the start of the prom. If you take a PCR test your negative result must be submitted within 72 hours of June 10th. If you take a rapid test your negative result must be submitted within 72 hours of the start of the prom. For more specific information about the prom, you can join the SHS Senior Prom 2021 Google Classroom: ouqsia5.
2. On Friday, June 18th, seniors will be dismissed from school at Noon. We will begin our graduation cap and gown distribution at 12:30 p.m. Additionally, yearbooks will be distributed at that time. Once students receive their cap and gown and yearbook they may proceed to the Senior BBQ being held at the lower fields at South High. The Senior BBQ will be for South High seniors only. Our hope is our seniors can use this time to revel in their accomplishments with their classmates, peers, and friends while enjoying the cooking efforts of Dr. Gitz, Mr. Duggan, and Mr. Hopkins. Students may feel free to attend while displaying regalia related to their future plans (clothing representing their college choice or their plans for after high school). The Senior BBQ promises to be a fun time for all. The rain date is Monday, June 21st.
3. Graduation will be held at the James M. Stuart Stadium of Hofstra University on Thursday, June 24th. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Tickets will be distributed on Friday, June 18th during cap and gown distribution. Please continue to look for more information related to graduation in the future. We will continue to share information as we finalize plans with Hofstra University.

Thank you to our students, parents, faculty, staff, and community for supporting, encouraging, and guiding us through our new normal this year. I believe our school year was a success because of the kindness, compassion, and dedication demonstrated by all. I am looking forward to a smooth end of the school year and a great summer.

As always, continue to be well, be safe, and be sound...

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Gitz
Principal