

**WILLIAM A. SHINE**  
**GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

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

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Dear South High Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our faculty, students, staff, and parents on a great opening of school. Great Neck South High School is in full swing as we enter the 2023-24 school year.

New Faculty and Staff

This year we welcome the following new faculty and staff to South High:

- Randy Appell, Science
- Alexandra Camarda, Physical Education
- Amber Chen, Science
- Jessica Cuevas Alba, World Languages
- Scott Eckers, Social Studies
- Michelle Fast, Special Education
- Christian Guevera, Physical Education
- Amanda Kenigsberg, Special Education
- Joanne Kostopoulos, English
- Peri Litt, Library
- Nicole Miranda, Social Studies
- Matthew Rosenberg, Performing Arts
- Melissa Strugatz, Math
- Lilly Zhaomu, World Languages

Upcoming Events

- September 12: Virtual Grade 12 College Night at 6:00 p.m.
  - Please check your email for information related to this event from our Guidance Department.
- September 13: Community Meet & Greet with Dr. Bossert
  - The Great Neck Board of Education invites the GNPS community to enjoy coffee and conversation at a meet & greet with our new Superintendent of Schools. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- September 21: Open House at 7:00 p.m.
  - As we approach this date more specific information related to this evening will be shared.
- October 3 and 4: Photo Day for Grades 9-11
  - Students will be taking their photos during their Social Studies classes. A schedule listed by period and Social Studies teacher will be shared in the near future.

Please refer to our [South High Calendar](#) on the South High School website under the Calendars tab for more information about events going on at our school.

### Student Information

As we prepare for the new school year, we are requesting your child's cell phone number so that we can contact them directly in the event of an emergency. This initiative is endorsed by the District Safety Committee and is a best practice for safety and security. Please click on the following link for instructions on how your child can update their contact information in the Campus Student Portal: [Campus Student Portal Instructions](#).

### South High Table of Organization

Please take a moment to view our [South High Table of Organization](#). Should you have any questions or are seeking information about your student we are hopeful the table of organization will assist you. Please note the table of organization outlines duties for our building administrators and deans. If you have any specific questions related to your child's teacher, class, and/or school work we encourage you to make initial contact with the classroom teacher and/or the department chairperson first. The table of organization will alleviate any confusion in regards to who to contact in order to obtain information and/or receive guidance for the continued success of our students.

As always, the safety of our students continues to be our priority. Please take a moment to review our [Morning Drop-Off /Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures](#) and [Attendance Procedures](#) on the South High School website under the Quick Links tab - Letters from the Principal. Thank you for your attention to and your cooperation with our procedures.

I am filled with warmth and excitement as the hallways of Great Neck South High School are buzzing with activity. This year promises to be a successful one as we continue to do what South High does best: creating an environment that is kind, caring, compassionate, and accepting. Thank you to our faculty, staff, students, and parents for all that you continue to do to maintain the great reputation of South High. I wish you all a successful and peaceful school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Gitz  
Principal