

**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,

We are excited to welcome you back to the start of school. Although we are beginning the school year in an uneasy time, we are confident that our reopening plan has made the safety, health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff a priority.

South High will look a little different as we begin the start of school. Please be advised of the following measures we have taken to meet all safety and health guidelines:

- All students reporting to school must have their temperature taken by their parent/guardian prior to arriving at school. If the temperature reading is 100 degrees or greater you must remain home.
- 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 six-foot distance between each desk. The furniture design meets social distancing guidelines. Desks may not be moved at any time.
- The cafeteria tables have been removed and replaced with student desks. Each desk is spaced so students will be a minimum of six feet apart while eating. Students may take a mask break during their designated lunch period. Students can choose to eat in either the upper or lower cafeteria. Students may also eat their lunch outside in the courtyard while maintaining proper social distancing. **The student desks in the cafeteria may not be moved for any reason.**

- Bottle filling stations are to be used for filling water bottles only. The use of the water fountain capability is not permitted and has been disabled. The water bottle filling stations will be sanitized regularly throughout the school day.
- Please be advised that there will be limited bathroom use during the school day. Not all bathrooms will be open and bathroom usage will be limited to one student at a time.
- Please be advised that all after school activities are suspended through September 18, 2020. At that time, more information will be shared regarding extracurricular activities.
- There will be NO LATE BUSES through September 18, 2020. All students must leave the building at the end of the school day. This will allow for the time needed to clean and sanitize South High.
- **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.**
- Please be aware that at South High, Learning Group Hybrid A will be referred to as "Orange" and Learning Group Hybrid B will be referred to as "Blue". **Please see the attached calendar that will help students to better understand the daily rotation for all groups.**
- Please be advised that changes have been made to our attendance procedures. Please see the attached 20-21 Attendance Procedures document.

**Please always remember to WEAR YOUR MASK, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE and WASH YOUR HANDS.**

As we adjust to a “new” normal together, the importance of assisting each other in order to re-acclimate to school, one day at a time, will help us ease our concerns and fears. South High will continue to be a safe and secure environment that provides the greatest opportunity for success for all.

Please be well, be safe and be sound...

Sincerely,  
The Great Neck South High School Administration

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