**BASSICK HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Guardians, August 23, 2023

I hope you had a restful summer and welcome to the 2023 -2024 school year.  I could not be prouder to continue to serve the Bassick community as we remain dedicated to supporting **“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 Lion daily routines include the following:

* Attend every class, on time
* Turn in all assignments
* Is respectful and courteous

Take an active role in your child’s education by **checking PowerSchool and parent square daily**.   You and 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.  Each student has an assigned Assistant Principal and School Counselor that will support student progress through graduation day, feel free to reach out if need anything.
Administrative assignments are as follows:

* A-F – Mr. Cassidy / Ms. Maggiore
* G-O – Mr. Ward / Ms. Shields
* P-Z – Ms. Lynn / Mr. Gildea

 Students will be issued the laptops this 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 reading plus and HMH math, both are personalized software platforms for individual support with literacy and numeracy.
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.  Our Back to School night on September 12th from 4:30 – 6:00, details will follow.
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 and in period 1 by 7:53**. 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.  Below is our bell schedule for reference:

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| **Bell Schedule Full Day** |
| Breakfast | 7:10 AM | 7:30 AM |
| Period 1  | 7:53 AM | 9:13 AM |
| Period 2 | 9:17 AM | 10:37 AM |
| **Period 3** |
| Lunch Wave A | 10:41 AM | 11:07 AM |
| Lunch Wave B | 11:09 AM | 11:35 AM |
| Lunch Wave C | 11:37 AM | 12:03 PM |
| Lunch Wave D | 12:05 PM | 12:31 PM |
| Period 4 | 12:35 PM | 1:55 PM |
| Period 5 (Flex) | 1:59 PM | 2:25 PM |
| Afterschool Activity Start | 2:35 |  |

It is a great year to be a Bassick Lion. New Bassick High School construction is continuing, we have started to build our second 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 continuing our planning for the State of Connecticut Department of Education Commissioner’s Network, 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,

Joseph A. Raiola, Ph.D.
Principal