



LINK TO HOME

Week of October 2, 2023

This Week

Week of October 2	Week of Respect
Monday, October 2	Girls on the Run, 3:15 pm – 5:30 pm, pick up at 230 Halsey Street*
Monday, October 2	National Custodians' Day
Wednesday, October 4	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for Students; Staff Instructional Planning and Professional Development, 1:15 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 9	SCHOOL CLOSED: Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday, October 10	7 th Grade Outdoor Education Trip
Tuesday, October 10	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue
Wednesday, October 11	8 th Grade Outdoor Education Trip (2 teams)
Wednesday, October 11	REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY
Thursday, October 12	8 th Grade Outdoor Education Trip (2 teams)

REMINDERS

- **PLEASE PAY THE TECHNOLOGY FEE PROMPTLY. SEND THE MONEY TO SCHOOL AND THE ACCEPTABLE USE FORM IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "TECHNOLOGY FEE" OR CLICK HERE [TO PAY ONLINE](#).** Please contact the school's Main Office at 973.642.0529 you have any questions.
- Please complete the **Federal Lunch Program Applications** so Link can submit the forms for reimbursement from the state. And, even if your child doesn't eat the school meals, it is important that you complete the form. [CLICK HERE](#) for the forms. (Scroll down the page to locate them.)
- Also, please consider joining the **Link Parent Association**. Membership dues are \$10.00 [Click here to join](#). Or there is a form you can complete and send in to school with your dues payment at the end of this newsletter.
- Students who signed up for the **Novartis Program** need to complete their registration before October 6th and get all forms signed by parents. Ms. Clarke sent the link to students who have been accepted to apply. Contact Ms. Clarke at eclarke@linkschool.org if you have any questions.

*GIRLS ON THE RUN CALENDAR CHANGE

Girls on the Run has been moved to Monday for this week only. (October 2). Other meetings will be on Tuesdays unless we notify you otherwise. Please make certain to pick your child up promptly at 5:30 pm at the Halsey Street building.



COVID IS ON THE RISE...AGAIN...HERE'S HOW WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- If your child tests positive for COVID, please make sure they stay home and ISOLATE from others for at least 5 full days (day one is the first day of symptoms or if no symptoms, the day the test is administered)



- If at the end of the 5 full days of isolation, symptoms have improved and your child has been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, your child can return to school with a mask for days 6 through 10.
- If at the end of the 5 full days of isolation, symptoms are not improving and your child continues to experience a fever, continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms improve.
- Children with more severe symptoms or a weakened immune system should contact their doctor for more guidance and may need to isolate for a longer period of time.

Scholars, staff, and visitors may wear masks if they wish and masks are available at the entrances of the school.

Beyond COVID, if your child experiences a fever, please don't send your child to school until free free for at least 24 hours WITHOUT fever reducing medication.

WEEK OF RESPECT

The first week of October has been designated as The Week of Respect by the New Jersey State Legislature due to the tragic events that have taken place in far too many youths' lives regarding bullying experiences. During the week of October 2 -6, our middle school students will be involved in discussions in Morning Circle and Advisory that focus on respect, prevention of bullying, and ways to build our community in positive and caring ways. Please speak with your child about respect and caring for others this week to reinforce what they will hear in school.

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WALK WITH LINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS!

Link is walking in the Newark Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and we encourage students, parents, and staff to participate with us. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 15...and we will gather at 23 Pennsylvania Avenue at 9:15 am and walk to Mulberry Park and back as a group. [If you can participate, please click here to let us know.](#)



THINK PINK AT LINK

For a donation of \$2, students may dress in PINK to observe National Breast Cancer Awareness month on Friday, October 13, 2023. They may wear SOLID PINK tee shirts or other shirt, top, or blouse with sleeves, but NOT crop tops or other tops with torso showing, even if a shirt is worn underneath or hooded sweatshirts. They may wear slacks or pants of their choice but NO RIPPED JEANS, NO LEGGINGS OR JEGGINGS, AND NO SHORTS. They may not wear sandals, crocs, or backless shoes. If students choose not to participate, they are to wear their Link uniform. The donations will go to the American Cancer Society. Students should bring in their donations in an envelope with their name on it and give it to their advisor. If you have any questions as to attire, contact Mrs. Kennedy at hkennedy@linkschool.org.



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child will be absent for any reason, you must contact Ms. Brooks at 973.642.0529 or send an email to absent@linkschool.org by 8:30 am on the morning of the absence. Absences count as excused only if Link has parent notification.

Also, please note that, for an absence to be excused you need to do the following:

- if your child is out for illness for 1-2 days, call/email the school each day



- **if your child is out three or more days**, you must notify the school as above and your child needs to present a doctor's note to the office upon return to school.

If your child will be out for an extended period and you would like to obtain your child's classwork for them to complete while home, send an email to gradelevelleaders@linkschool.org and someone will get back to you in 24 hours.

Note: Student absences, excused and unexcused, are published on student report cards and transcripts.

If you have any questions, please check Policy 5500 Attendance on our website. (Click on "School Board" in the navigation bar and then scroll down to "Board Policies.")

CLARIFICATION ON LINK UNIFORM

Grey Slacks – Your child may wear grey slacks that are not purchased from Flynn O'Hara if they:

- Are charcoal grey in color,
- Are slacks in make and fabric (no jeans/denims, leggings/jeggings, cargo pants, sweatpants)
- Are not tight fitting
- Have belt loops with which your student must wear a plain black belt.



Students receive demerits for inappropriate uniforms and parents will be called if their student is dressed incorrectly.

Also, "mixing and matching" garments from the regular and gym uniform is not allowed. For example, no grey sweaters with gym uniforms; no polo shirts with gym uniforms; no tee shirts with regular uniforms, etc.

USED LINK UNIFORMS

Please consider donating gently used Link uniforms back to the school so they can be shared with other families. Similarly, if you need a particular garment, please let us know at uniformrequest@linkschool.org and we will see if there is a used one for you. Note: most of our stock right now consists of sweaters and sweatshirts. But we hope in time to have a larger selection that can help our families with the expense of the uniform.

HOMEWORK

Homework reinforces and extends the learning that takes place in the classroom. Parents will begin to see students coming home with homework that they are required to do. You can help by providing a quiet place for your child to concentrate on lessons and encouragement so they complete their homework in a quality way and in a timely manner.



- Students in grades 7 and 8 will generally have assignments in 2 core subjects on two nights per week and then in two other core subject areas on the other two nights. On Fridays and weekends, students are expected to read for pleasure and/or complete IXL (online math program.)
 - Student in grades 5 and 6 will generally have assignments in 1 core subject each evening (4 evenings.) On Fridays and weekends, students are expected to read for pleasure and/ or complete IXL (online math program.)
 - Students in kindergarten through grade 2 may receive daily assignments, but generally not weekend work. Also they are expected to read each evening.
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HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The High School Placement process is in full swing for our 8th grade students and families! **If you have not yet scheduled your High School Placement (HSP) Conference with Mr. Silver, please be sure to contact him at gsilver@linkschool.org.** During the conference, families will learn about all the exemplary high school options, application steps, entrance exam details, financial aid/scholarship information, and much more! The conference can be conducted in-person in Mr. Silver's office/classroom, or via Zoom, whichever works best for the families. The conference typically lasts 30-45 minutes.



In the meantime, it is important that students and parents/guardians begin to learn more about some of the high schools to which students might be applying! **The best way to learn about specific high school academic programs, extra-curricular opportunities, (arts, athletics, leadership programs), admissions procedures, and overall school culture is to VISIT HIGH SCHOOLS THIS FALL!** Many schools offer Open House programs in the evenings and/or on weekends. See below for some links to various high schools' open house schedules and other prospective new family events. Don't forget to RSVP/register for any open house events that you plan to attend, as many programs fill to capacity weeks before the event takes place. As always, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Silver at gsilver@linkschool.org if you have any questions or if you need guidance throughout this process.

OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR NEWARK PUBLIC MAGNET SCHOOLS

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/open-houses/>

(American History High, Arts High, Bard High School Early College, Science Park High, Technology High, University High, Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology, Newark School of Fashion & Design, Newark School of Global Studies, Newark Vocational High School, Eagle Academy For Young Men)

OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY (Payne Tech, Newark Tech, West Caldwell Tech)

<https://www.essextech.org/admissions-welcome/>

Note: Open House dates & other admissions dates have NOT been announced yet!

OPEN HOUSE DATES FOR LOCAL CATHOLIC/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

(RSVP by clicking links below and following prompts.)

St. Benedict's Prep: <https://www.sbp.org/admissions/open-house>

St. Vincent Academy: <https://www.svanj.org/open-house-schedule>

Immaculate Conception of Montclair: <https://ichspride.org/visit>

FOR INFORMATION ON INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENT BOARDING SCHOOLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC MAGNET, CHARTER, AND/OR VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SILVER.



IN AND AROUND NEWARK

 La Junta Cívica Cultural
Les invita a la

Celebración' DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

7 DE OCTUBRE
12 - 4PM

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL
345 Broadway
Ave, Newark, NJ
Estacionamiento Detrás del edificio

GRATIS PARA LA COMUNIDAD

Habrán platos típicos para saborear

Habrán danzas culturales

Habrán pabellones de diferentes países

 **ROBERTO CLEMENTE**
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

 **RHS**
SHARKS



"Essex County and RWJBarnabas Health share a common goal of promoting healthy lifestyles and wellness among our residents. That is why we are partnering to bring a variety of medical screenings, information and support to your neighborhood. We encourage you to take advantage of the services being offered on our Mobile Health Clinics."

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.,
Essex County Executive

The Board of County Commissioners
RWJ Barnabas Health

And the Essex County Office of Public Health Management

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Kick Off Event

Watsessing Park
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
2 PM - 6 PM
38 Conger St Bloomfield

Eligibility Requirements:

(Children through 18 years of age)

- o Medicaid enrolled - NJ Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare Plan A
- o Uninsured
- o American Indian or Alaskan Native

Vaccines For Children are available by
appointment only.

To schedule an appointment,
call 973-877-8456

Putting Essex County's Health First