

## LVIOTTIN NEW ROCHELLE HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018

THIS YEAR OUR TOP PRIORITY WILL BE **SAFETY**.

THIS YEAR THE THEME IS **UNITY**.

We are strong and resilient. The staff and community will unite to make New Rochelle High School safe, productive, mindful, and student-centered. Every child in our school has to feel that they matter and that their life has meaning.

- Faculty will be at their doors during the changing of classes.
- Faculty will be assigned hall duties or a study hall.
- We will limit the amount of time teachers are pulled out of class for meetings.
- Teachers will make referrals through an automated system so that referrals can be processed expeditiously and parents informed.
- We are starting an **Adopt a Bulletin Board Program** to display student work, or to send out a message of school spirit, success, and celebration.
- Teachers will be trained in restorative justice practices.

### **Late Policy: Students are not to be late for class.**

- *First period will have a 5 minute grace period from 8:15 to 8:20 AM.*
  - *All other periods will have a 3 minute grace period.*
  - *Once the bell rings for a period, the student is late and will be marked late.*
  - *After the grace period, they will not be allowed into the class. They will go to the Late Center and a call will be made to the child's parent or guardian.*
  - *Teachers are to have a sign-in sheet for those who enter late. After 3 times late, teachers will call home and send a referral to the house office. Repeat offenders will be sent to the Mindfulness Center (formerly the In-School Room).*
  - *We no longer have late passes, only hall passes in the event the student has to go to the Health Office, a guidance counselor, or an administrator.*
- **Choices** is a new alternative to suspension initiative designed by Mr. Monteleone. Choices is a conflict resolution/mindfulness support program for students who would otherwise be on out-of-school suspension. It will take place at the Boys' and Girls' Club and will include support groups, restorative circles, academic support, and self-esteem building activities to create a sense of belonging and purpose. Parent will be given the choice between out-of-school suspension or this program, except in incidents related to aggression.
  - **Mindfulness Center** – This is an alternative to In-School Suspension. Students will spend their day(s) with a new mindfulness/restorative justice trained teaching assistant. They will be provided academic support and restorative interventions.

(Choices and the Mindfulness Center will be linked as part of our Restorative Justice Intervention Services which will be overseen by Mr. Monteleone, Ms. Schwach, Mr. Sloane, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Akil.)

- New Rochelle High School will continue to be a closed campus for all students. Students who do not abide by this policy will receive a suspension.
- When there is a student in the hallway between classes, security will ask for his or her ID and schedule each and every time.
- Hallway sweeps will be done each period, every day, and all year.
- Students who are rude need to be reported directly to the principal or assistant principal and will be referred to a restorative justice program. This will likely be coupled with disciplinary action such as a suspension.
  
- **NewRoNews** will be used to make announcements and celebrate.
- **Puppy Time:** We will have a service dog come into the building to help students in times of stress
- **Cheer Team:** We will be organizing a Cheer Team which will be a student club. Student members of the club will attend various events and “Cheer On the School.”
- There are now 4 additional guidance counselors. One counselor will work with our neediest students and provide additional support and monitoring.
  
- The principal will attend outside meetings less frequently.
- The principal will be available at 7:15 each day and there will be a nurse in the building at 7:20.
- Daily and regularly scheduled “Walk Abouts” will be made by the principal/assistant principal, a security supervisor, and a house principal.
- Teacher representatives will be asked to join the Principal’s Cabinet Meeting on a monthly basis to express concerns and share ideas.
- There will be a monthly Staff Coffee and Solutions meeting with the principal.
- There will be a meet the principal session prior to each PTSA meeting at 6:00.
- The building Design Committee will meet monthly. Members will include teachers, staff, parents, administrators, and student representatives. The topics will include: grading, safety, climate, and Middle States.
- There will be a student advisory committee to provide recommendations to the principal’s cabinet.
- We will continue to use Remind in the event of an evacuation or emergency.
- A baseline climate survey has been sent out to the faculty.
  
- **Active Learning Center:** Our new active learning center is here. The library computer lab is now an Active Learning Center. This is a student-centered designed classroom which allows for tables and chairs to move to regroup students to create alternative learning spaces.