Dear Parents/Guardians, Class of 2021:

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your child to Passaic Valley High School. As we begin the new school year, we have compiled this packet of materials for your review. They are designed to make the first few days at Passaic Valley less overwhelming and to give a brief overview of the procedures in place at our school.

It is important that your son/daughter bring their class schedule with them on Wednesday September 6, 2017. This schedule contains their locker combination. It should be kept in a secure place and not shared with other students. This day has been designated Freshman Day and only ninth graders will be in attendance. The following bell schedule will be in effect:

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Please note that students are expected to be in their first period class at **8:04 a.m.** Students who arrive early should find their first period room or go to the cafeteria. Bus transportation on September 6, 2017 will be provided at the time indicated on your bus pass and continue each day thereafter.

Please check PVTV (Channel 77) for updates related to the opening of school.

“Today’s preparation determines tomorrow’s achievement”

The first year of high school is a significant one for your child. The foundation for his/her success will be built during the course of this school year. It is important to approach high school with a positive attitude. A good work ethic and a willingness to learn can make all the difference in the world. I urge you, the parent/guardian, to become actively involved in your child’s education. Do not hesitate to make early contact with the teaching staff and regularly communicate with his/her Guidance Counselor. Should you have any specific questions relative to your child’s schedule, please contact the Guidance Office at 973-890-2520. If you have any questions regarding the opening of school, rules and regulations, or school policies, call the Principal’s office at (973) 890-2578.

“You never get a second chance to make a first impression”

Students will meet their teachers for the first time on Wednesday, September 6th. What kind of image do they wish to establish? How they act and how they look will contribute to that important first impression.

Passaic Valley has a dress code that was developed by a committee of students, parents, teachers, administrators and board members. It is important that your child dresses appropriately when attending P.V. Here is the dress code:
The Passaic Valley Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education believes that the students of Passaic Valley should dress in an appropriate manner. Students are advised to dress and groom themselves with propriety and a sense of modesty. The following are unacceptable while attending Passaic Valley High School:

1) Hats, outdoor jackets, overcoats and gloves. (These items must be stored in student lockers upon arrival to school). In the case of head coverings (i.e. bandannas, head bands, etc.), all head coverings either worn or being carried will be confiscated and held until final exam week.

2) Bare feet (footwear must be worn).

3) Shorts and skirts may be no shorter than the length of the student’s fingertips when the hands are placed at the student’s side and the student is in an upright position.

4) Spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, strapless garments, pajamas, slippers, off-the-shoulder (one shoulder) tops, see-through garments, brief or low cut tops and/or revealing or suggestive apparel, undergarments worn as outer garments, any apparel which exposes the student’s midriff or underwear at any time.

5) Untidy, torn, damaged and/or soiled clothing.

6) Apparel which does not conform to a sense of propriety (items that glorify or graphically display violence, sex, weapons, drugs, etc.).

Students in violation of the above, excluding head coverings, may be given the opportunity to immediately correct the violation(s). Students that do not correct such violation(s) may not be allowed to attend class until the behavior has been corrected. Students who repeatedly violate the dress code are subject to detention, suspension, social probation and/or other disciplinary action as determined by the administration.

“You have to be in it to win it”

Daily attendance is a critical part of a student’s chance for success. Frequent absences make it difficult to achieve academically and create stress in trying to make up missed work. Excessive absences can lead to the loss of academic credit. Check the Student Handbook for details.

We hope that your child will consider being part of our co-curricular program. There are a wide variety of activities available and the benefits are many. Research has proven that there is a direct correlation between involvement in co-curricular activities and academic success. Participation is also an ideal way to meet new friends in a positive social setting. A listing of activities and details about our co-curricular program is available in the Student Handbook. If you have any questions about the activities program, call Mrs. Lynch at (973) 890-2514. In September there will be a “Club Day” during the lunch periods in the cafeteria so students can become better acquainted with our activities.

“You Are Not Alone”

Adjusting to high school is a stressful time for many students. It is important to know that there are many people here to help them. The administration, guidance counselors and teaching staff can all answer questions or address concerns that a student may have. We also have a Student Assistance Counselor whose primary job is to help students in need. There is also a Teen Center adjacent to the Cafeteria that students are welcome to use. (Additionally, we now have a mentoring program for our ninth graders. Your son/daughter will have an upper classman to meet and speak with on a regular basis throughout their freshman year. They will be introduced on Wednesday September 6, 2017.

Again, a warm welcome to Passaic Valley. Together we will be successful!

Respectfully,

Raymond Rotella, Principal

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August 2017

TO: Parents/Guardians of Passaic Valley High School Students

FROM: Raymond Rotella, Principal

RE: COMPUTER LUNCH PROGRAM

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Passaic Valley cafeteria utilizes a (www.c-c-p.com) computerized point of sale system (POS).

Parents and students have the convenience and security of putting cash/checks into a student’s account, to be used for the purchases of lunch or ala carte items which will then be debited from their account. Instead of a cash payment lunch students will use the “scan” system keyed to their picture I.D. card. This will greatly reduce paperwork and confusion, and just like EZ Pass speeds up traffic on the Garden State Parkway, will help our lunch lines move faster by reducing the number of cash transactions and increasing the number of debit card lunch sales. The system automatically identifies free and reduced price students in a “non-discriminatory” way.

We encourage all parents to take advantage of this program, which is already in use in over 80 school districts in the N.J. area, and which is similar to the systems your children will be using in college in a very short time. Think about it…no more forgotten lunch money, no more “lost” lunch money… you can send money directly to the cafeteria, where it will be held safely in trust, to help promote the likelihood that your son or daughter will have a healthy lunch.

Of course, good old-fashioned cash will still be accepted.

To take advantage of this program, please have your son or daughter bring a check to the cafeteria, made out to Passaic Valley High School. You may deposit any amount you like, however, the larger the deposit the fewer checks you would need to write. You can also utilize the new PayForIt.net program which allows you to deposit funds online. I have included a PayForIt.net information sheet explaining all the details of this new convenience. Please call with questions at 973-890-2500 extension 2512.

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