

Good evening Hamburg School community. These are items of interest for the week of September 12, 2022.

Start Strong Testing : Beginning tomorrow, students in Grades 4-8 will take the Start Strong assessment. Parents can learn more about this state assessment by viewing the Department of Education's [slideshow](#). Please see the parent [letter](#) regarding student assessments this school year.

Athletics : Cross Country teams will begin practice after school on Monday, September 12th. See Mrs. Hoover or Ms. Blauvelt for more information.

Back to School Night: We invite parents to join us on Wednesday (9/14) for Back to School Night. More information about the event can be found on the school website and Digital Backpack.

Safety Drill : Hamburg School plans to perform a security drill this Thursday or Friday. An email will be sent to the school community following the drill's completion.

Free Preschool : Hamburg School is offering preschool to 3 and 4 year old children at no cost to families. Students must reside within the borough to be eligible. For more information about the program, please contact the main office.

Morning Arrival : Hamburg School will open to students at 8:00AM this school year. Parents may drop their children off in the arrival lane near the middle school entrance, near the stairs by the "Old Building," or in the bus lane on Linwood Ave. Beginning at 8:00AM, school staff will be outside the school building to assist students.

First Bell : Classes begin at 8:16 AM. Students must check in with their homeroom teacher before the first bell rings. Students arriving to class after the first bell are tardy.

Arrival / Dismissal Plan : For more information regarding arrival and dismissal, including emergency plans, please view the [linked document](#).

Meals : Hamburg School will offer lunch and breakfast to students. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:00 in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is cashless. Student dining accounts can be set up via www.payschoolscentral.com. Helpful handouts are located on our [Lunch Menu website](#).

* As a courtesy to others, please continue to send nut-free meals and snacks with your child *

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School Closed : Hamburg School is closed to students on September 23. Staff will report for a scheduled Professional Development day.

ATI : The Wallkill Valley Community Coalition is bringing a new initiative to Hamburg School's 6th to 8th Graders. Above the Influence Youth Group's first meeting will be on October 12th. A signed permission & release form is required for each student. See the [flier](#) on the Digital Backpack for more information.

PTA News

Join! : PTA Membership [documents](#) can be found on the Digital Backpack.

KidStuff Books : The KidStuff Book sale begins Monday, September 12th.

Meeting : There is a PTA Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 PM. The group will meet in the cafeteria.

SMILE : The PTA reminds families to link their Amazon accounts to our Amazon Smile profile. There are no fees or extra costs to participate. Check the PTA's webpage, or smile.amazon.com for more information.

For additional information regarding any of these topics or events, please check the school's website and Digital Backpack. Have a great week!

