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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you've had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. The Bellport High School community has been working diligently to prepare for an exciting and successful 2017-2018 school year. Enclosed in this mailing you will find the following information:

Superintendent's Welcome	Photo dates flyer
Athletic Director's letter	Affirmation letter
Parent Portal letter	Attendance Policy
Nurse's letter / Emergency Contact Form	Code of Conduct Summary
Google Apps for Education Consent Form	Eligibility Policy
Student Dress Code	Guidance Newsletter
PTSA form	Social Media Parent Letter

In addition, please take note of the following items as you prepare for opening day of school (Tuesday, Sept. 5th).

Student Schedules: Schedules will be mailed home at the end of August reflecting an opening day **RED DAY** schedule. You will also receive a confirmation copy on the first day of school.

Attendance Policy: School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The School District is an active partner with students and parents in recognizing that consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation.

- **Excused Absences:** As per the District's Attendance Policy, documentation verifying the reason for absence must be submitted within five (5) school days of the student's return to school. This verification may be in person, by telephone or in writing.
- **Unexcused Absences:** An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall within the District's Attendance Policy (e.g. family vacation, hunting, babysitting, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping).

Any student with more than fifteen percent (15%) absences in a course may not receive credit for the course. However, it is District policy that students with properly excused absences, tardiness and early departures for which the student has performed any assigned make-up work, assignments and / or tests shall not be counted as an absence for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for course credit.

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Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced in conjunction with the *Progressive Discipline, Standards of Intervention, & Code of Conduct Summary* (Code of Conduct Summary enclosed within this mailing).

Dress Code: Please review the enclosed Dress Code policy. The dress code helps to ensure that an optimal learning environment exists at all times.

School Lunch: Prices for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

- Breakfast: \$.95
- Lunch: \$2.20
- Reduced Breakfast / Lunch: \$.25
- Milk: \$.50

Transportation: Our transportation company (East End Bus Lines) will be mailing a separate postcard identifying each student's bus number, including specific pick up / drop off information. Please be sure to read your transportation postcard carefully.

Finally, please be reminded to access the district website @ www.southcountry.org as well as the Bellport High School website @ www.southcountry.org/schools/bellport_high_school for additional information / updates throughout the upcoming school year.

The goal of Bellport High School is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment, one that challenges the educational opportunities for all students. Our faculty and staff are committed to this cause. The entire staff at Bellport High School looks forward to beginning a new school year with you on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. Best wishes for the remainder of your summer vacation!

Sincerely,

Timothy Hogan
Principal

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