



## Pompton Lakes School District

2018-19 School Year  
*Fall Update*

- Our high school administered the PSAT to all students in grades 9, 10 and 11 on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Providing exposure and practice on this assessment is important. In addition to providing the PSAT 10 and 11, the high school added the PSAT 9 in 2016 to further assist students in gaining familiarity and developing a study plan for the SAT.
- October includes recognition for both the Week of Respect (October 1-5) and School Violence Awareness Week (15-19). These weeks provide a forum for teachers and staff in all buildings to develop lessons and schedule presentations to raise awareness for behaviors that foster respect, inclusiveness and genuine kindness.
- The school district is proud to announce that Pompton Lakes Police Officer Brian Vanderstad has been assigned as a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) to the Pompton Lakes Schools. The district is thankful to the Mayor, Borough Council and Police Department for their support of this important program. Officer Vanderstad began work as the SRO on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- In October, the Columbia Bank Foundation donated \$20,000 to the school district in support of its technology initiative. The funding will be used to provide access to digital devices for primary grade students.
- In October, the Pompton Lakes Education Foundation donated \$15,000 to the school district for its technology initiative. This funding will be used to continue to maintain and expand access to digital devices for the district's students.
- Progress on the Lakeside Athletic Field Renovation Project continues. As of mid-October, the light poles and goal posts were installed and the field is almost ready for the installation of the turf. The project has continued on schedule and will likely be completed by Thanksgiving.
- The district, in partnership with the Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition, will be hosting an information session on the dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping. The title of the presentation, *Vaping: A New Generation of Nicotine Addiction* will take place on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the PLHS Library. The event is open to all faculty, parents and members of the Pompton Lakes and Riverdale community. [Read details.](#)

### Upcoming Events/Dates

October 31	Halloween Assemblies/Programs in all schools
November 6	Election Day – Schools Closed for Students
November 7-8	Schools Closed – Teacher's Convention
November 21	Early Dismissal – All Schools
November 22-23	Schools Closed Thanksgiving Recess