

**WATERFORD-HALFMOON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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Greetings Waterford-Halfmoon Students,

I want to thank you all for your patience throughout this pandemic. As we approach the start of the school year with a very different way in which the students will participate in school, it will be important that all parties understand the guidelines for learning. Almost everything we are doing in September is new.

Policies

New this year is the way we share our policies and procedures. We will use Family ID to do this (see Attachment A below). Please log in to the link below and sign off on these policies (Code of Conduct, Code of Responsibilities and Rights, Academic Eligibility and Attendance). In addition, if you do not want your child photographed please call the JSHS Main Office at extension 3701.

Schedules

I invite you all to go to the SchoolTool portal to see your schedule for the year. I apologize for the lateness of this release. We have faced many scheduling obstacles this summer and we anticipate more as we enter into a school year like never before. We ask for, and appreciate, your patience.

Please understand that we will be issuing the following guidelines:

Virtual Learners:

Students must log on daily for the teacher to take attendance during each period. At that point the teacher will inform the students whether they are streaming, working on a different activity or a combination of the two.

Students will need to submit their work on time or risk losing credit for work being late. **This is different than last spring where students had the entire semester to complete assignments.**

While streaming, student and teacher privacy must be adhered to. That means parents are not to participate in classes unless invited by the teacher to do so. If privacy becomes an issue, that student will receive taped lessons and not be allowed to participate in live streaming.

In Person Learners

Students will need to follow the mask guidelines at all times. Students must wear a mask while walking in the hallways. Students must wear a mask anytime they stand to move around a classroom. When getting support from a teacher, a mask must be worn by both parties when 6 feet cannot be observed or barriers are not present. Teachers can require that masks be worn. Mandatory mask breaks will be given periodically.

While in Physical Education or out on the fields for recess, social distancing will be expected or masks will be required.

While walking in the hallway students will be expected to follow directional arrows and signage to guide them safely to and from educational areas.

With all that being said I am extremely excited for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. It has been much too long since students have been in this building. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and I will see some of you real soon in person and some online.

A New Year

Please be ready for changes. We know that in these uncertain times that we will make adjustments. We will receive direction from government agencies and/or New York State Education Department and make modifications. We will learn that parts of our plan and procedures need improvement. We will adjust to provide the safest and best educational experience for our students that we can. Once again, we need everyone's patience.

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Sincerely,

Christopher P. Scanlan

Attachment A

We are excited to announce that we are now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID (www.familyid.com).

FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to sign school policies, such as handbook agreements, media releases, and acceptable use policies, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

*****If you have a Family ID account through athletics, you DO NOT need a new one!*****

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

A parent/guardian should register by clicking on this link:

<https://www.familyid.com/waterford-halfmoon-junior-senior-high-school>

Follow these steps:

1. To find your program, click on the link provided by the Organization above and select the registration form under the word **Programs**.
2. Next click on the blue **Register Now** button and scroll, if necessary, to the **Create Account/Log In** blue buttons. If this is your first time using FamilyID, click **Create Account**. Click **Log In**, if you already have a FamilyID account.
3. **Create** your secure FamilyID account by entering the account owner First and Last names (parent/guardian), E-mail address and password. Select **I Agree to the FamilyID Terms of Service**. Click **Create Account**.
4. You will receive an email with a link to activate your new account. (If you don't see the email, check your E-mail filters (spam, junk, etc.).)
5. Click on the link in your activation E-mail, which will log you in to FamilyID.com

6. Once in the registration form, complete the information requested. All fields with a red* are required to have an answer.
7. Click the ***Continue*** button when your form is complete.
8. Review your registration summary.

At any time, you may log in at www.familyid.com to update your information and to check your registration(s).

To view a completed registration, select the **Registrations** tab in the blue menu bar at the top of your screen.