

# TOMS RIVER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and support staff I would like to welcome you and your incoming freshman to the Toms River High School North family. Although entering a new environment is an exciting time, it may also lead to some apprehension. I would like to introduce you to our concept of the Freshman Academy and help make the transition to our school as smooth and easy as possible.

The Freshman Academy, developed around the concept of a small learning community, is a school-within-a-school, organized around interdisciplinary teams of english, math, science, and social studies. Incoming freshmen are connected to a select team of caring academy staff who will use research proven best instructional strategies to teach the curriculum as well as address their students' needs more personally. Teachers work in a collaborative environment and are committed to the learning of the students they share.

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 8th, is approaching quickly and to help you and your student get off to a good start, we are planning a **Virtual Freshman Orientation**.

This year, due to mandatory guidelines set forth by the Department of Education, aspects of freshmen orientation will be held virtually on google classroom, including a virtual tour of the building. If you would like an in person tour of the building, small group guided tours will be offered on August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 12:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Masks are required at all times while on school grounds.

Please have your son/daughter sign into the freshman google classroom using the code "swol662" for videos and updates.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your student to the home of the mariners.

**Welcome Class of 2024!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather DeGrandis', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Heather DeGrandis  
Assistant Principal