



UPPER DARBY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upper Darby High School

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Dear 9th Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to Upper Darby High School and the Class of 2023. High School is the time where, for the first time, what you dreamed of as a kid, gets molded into a foolproof plan for your success. Everything you have done up until this point has been practice for your high school career. Everything we do together will lead you to make those dreams into your GOALS! We cannot wait to learn all about what you want from life and support you on that one step at time journey through the next four years to graduation. Through conquering your small daily goals at the beginning of high school, the bigger goals will take care of themselves.

The first day of school is Monday, August 26 at 7:30 am; it is a half-day. Dismissal is at 11:20. Please note that 9th grade does not report on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Wednesday, August 28, 2019, is the first full day of classes. Students enter the building at 7:10 am each day. Homerooms and schedules will be accessible via Home Access Center. At that time you will have the opportunity to view what your homeroom is and the classes you will be attending. Students are to report directly to homeroom every morning. Important information is communicated in homeroom each day. By accessing the Home Access Center, parents have access to attendance, lateness, discipline, and grades. If you need help with your access, please contact your child's counselor, who will be glad to help you with Home Access Center.

Our team is in our Freshman Center, which is on the 2nd floor.

Counselor TBD - Last names starting with A- G
Counselor Sarah Czar- Last names beginning with H-O
Counselor Katherine Mertens- Last names beginning with P-Z
Social Worker, Ms. Eichelberger
Lead Teacher, Mr. Gentile
Secretary, Ms. Shay
Activities Director, Michelle Pickett

This team of individuals will support you and guide you throughout your high school journey.

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As you enter 9th grade, please know that Upper Darby has many sports, art and music programs, and clubs. If you think you might enjoy joining an activity, chances are, others do too. You are always also to be encouraged to bring a friend. In your center, there will be information about how to get involved at school. For all athletic questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Frank Nunan at <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/domain/977>. Students that want to get involved in the theater programs should contact Mr. Harry Dietzler at (610) 622-7000 x 2492 or hdietzler@upperdarbysd.org. There are also over 60 after-school clubs students can join. There are so many ways to get involved at Upper Darby High School. I encourage students to find what they love to do, and I guarantee there will be others doing that exact activity.

I want to remind you that we will be hosting 9th-grade orientation on Monday, August 19, at 3:00 pm. I believe the experience of this event will answer questions that you may have and will help any anxious feelings that you may be having. There is a tool we use, which is called Schoology. It is our in-class social media site. Teachers will upload their assignments daily as well as information will go out over this site. Parents are encouraged to check these posts daily.

One of the greatest things about High School is the school events that build pride in our building. The Freshman will have the opportunity to participate in the School Pep Rally, Homecoming, Harvest Dance, and a Freshman Dance. These events are the highlight of the year for our class.

Your high school experience officially begins right now. Work hard and embrace Upper Darby, and it will lead you on a lifelong path of excellence.

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