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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please join us on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Earl L. Vandermeulen High School and Port Jefferson Middle School Back-to-School Night. The evening will begin in the auditorium with a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. From the auditorium you will move to your child's first-period class, which will commence at 7:13 p.m.

We are excited to welcome Officer Levy to our Back to School Night for a brief presentation on Internet and Social Media Safety. Officer Levy will share valuable information and practical tips to help families navigate today's digital world, promote responsible online behavior, and keep students safe while using social media and technology.

We will follow an A-Day, Semester 1 schedule with each period being 10 minutes in length. Please see the bell schedule below.

Members of the National Honor Society will be available to distribute schedules and help direct you to the classrooms.

During Back to School Night, we invite families to take a moment during your child's lunch period to visit the **library**, where we will be hosting light refreshments. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a light snack, relax, and say hello to friends and members of our school community. We look forward to creating a welcoming atmosphere where families can connect and enjoy the evening together.

Please note that Back-to-School Night is an opportunity for teachers to inform parents about the following:

- Class expectations and goals
- Extra-help
- Classroom practices and procedures regarding homework, behavior, assessment, course content and grading procedures

During the first full week of school we will meet with the students to discuss information such as the attendance and cell phone policy, academic and behavioral expectations, community service opportunities and other important reminders.

I look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night on September 10th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 631-791-4421.

Sincerely,

John Ruggero
Principal

**BELL SCHEDULE
A-DAY SCHEDULE**

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Parents Meet and Greet in the Auditorium	6:30 PM
1	7:13 – 7:23 p.m.
2	7:26 – 7:36 p.m.
3	7:39 – 7:49 p.m.
4	7:52– 8:02 p.m.
5	8:05 – 8:15 p.m.
6	8:18 – 8:28 p.m.
7	8:31 – 8:41 p.m.
8	8:44 – 8:54 p.m.
9	8:57 – 9:07 p.m.