



PORT JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARL L. VANDERMEULEN HIGH SCHOOL
PORT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
350 OLD POST ROAD
PORT JEFFERSON, NY 11777
PHONE (631)791-4400 FAX (631)476-4408



Jessica Schmettan
Superintendent of Schools

John Ruggero
Building Principal
Adam Sherrard
Associate Principal

Dear Port Jefferson Royal Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

We are excited to welcome our students and families back for another outstanding year at Port Jefferson Middle School and High School. As we prepare for the start of school, we would like to share several important reminders regarding transportation, student arrival and dismissal, and campus safety.

The safety of our students, staff, families, and neighbors remains one of our highest priorities. Working in partnership with the Village of Port Jefferson, we are committed to ensuring a safe, efficient, and positive arrival and dismissal experience each day.

Traffic and Safety Reminders

The Village of Port Jefferson has implemented several traffic improvements to enhance safety and improve traffic flow around our schools.

A recent Village code change prohibits standing, idling, and parking on the south side of Old Post Road heading eastbound after Dark Hollow Road. This change is intended to prevent students from crossing Old Post Road to reach waiting vehicles while allowing traffic to move more safely and efficiently.

In addition, the Village has:

- Clearly marked the area in front of the fire hydrant as a **No Parking** zone.
- Added pavement striping extending approximately five feet on either side of the crosswalk to improve visibility for both pedestrians and drivers.

To support these safety efforts, we ask that families use the main campus for student drop-off and pick-up rather than parking or waiting along Old Post Road.

Please Help Keep Our Students Safe

- Drive slowly and cautiously around Port Jefferson High School, Port Jefferson Middle School, and throughout our surrounding neighborhoods.
- Always stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks.
- Students and families should use designated crosswalks when crossing any roadway.
- Observe all posted speed limits on Brook Road and Old Post Road.

- If dropping students off on Old Post Road, please do so **only on the school side of the street**. Students should exit from the passenger side directly onto the sidewalk.
- Pull safely to the curb, allow your child to exit promptly, and continue on your way to help keep traffic moving.
- Do not block crosswalks, driveways, intersections, or fire hydrants.
- Please avoid U-turns and K-turns, as they create unnecessary traffic hazards and delays.
- Be courteous and respectful of our neighbors and fellow families.
- Stay alert, be patient, and help reinforce these important safety practices with your children.

E-Bikes, Motorized Scooters, and Campus Safety

To help maintain a safe campus for all students and staff, **e-bikes and e-scooters are not permitted on school property at any time**. Students who ride bicycles to school should use only traditional (non-motorized) bicycles and secure them in the designated bike racks. Motorized scooters and other motorized personal transportation devices are also prohibited on campus.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Important Transportation Update

Please note one change to transportation services for the 2026–2027 school year:

The 5:30 p.m. Middle School/High School late bus will no longer be available.

Families are encouraged to review transportation schedules and make any necessary arrangements prior to the first day of school.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. By working together and following these guidelines, we can ensure a safe, smooth, and successful school year for all of our students.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and wish you a wonderful 2026–2027 school year!

Sincerely,



John Ruggero
Principal
Port Jefferson Middle School & High School