



Arlington High School Class of 2022

August 28, 2018

A Message From the House Principal

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! With only days left until the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, we are on schedule for a fantastic opening. First, I would like to welcome the new 9th grade class and all new students and their families! Also, we have several new faculty members in the House of 2022 office, including myself, Mr. Juan Zucchero as Assistant Principal, and Ms. Lindsay Ellis as our Social Worker. The following pages will offer brief introductions, and we look forward to learning more about all of you in the future as well.

We will continue our collaborative efforts among the entire faculty, the PTSA, individual families, and community stakeholders towards the greatest possible learning experiences for all students. We support the district mission, emphasizing the critical relationship between positive social/emotional support and academic growth.

The entire team here is ready to help. We realize the transition to high school is an important step and may create some anxiety, which is expected! If you have any questions at all, we hope you don't hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Enjoy the remainder of summer!

Warmest regards,

Todd Richard



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

August 28 –Class of 2022 Parent Orientation, 7:00 PM

August 29 –Class of 2022 Student Orientation, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

September 6 – First Day of School

September 12–13 - Student Photo Picture Days

September 10, 19 - No School

September 21 – Lifetouch Student Photo Make-Up Day

September 27 – Freshman Activity Fair, after school until 3:15

October 4 – Open House, 2 sessions: 12:00 - 2:10 and 6:30 - 8:40

October 5 - Mid-Marking Period

October 8 – No School

October 24 - ½ Professional Dev. Day, 10:00 AM dismissal

October 24 - "Screenagers", 7:00 PM

October 26 – Student Photo Make-Up Day

November 6 - No School, Superintendent's Conference Day

November 9 - End of First Marking Period

AHS and Class of 2022 Webpage

Much of the information in this newsletter can be found on the district, school, and house websites. For more information on many topics, please visit the Arlington High School and the Class of 2022 web pages - links below:

- [**Arlington High School**](#)
- [**AHS Class of 2022**](#)

House of 2022 Staff

School Phone: (845) 486 - 4860

Mr. Todd Richard	House Principal	31127
Mr. Juan Zucchero	Assistant Principal	31125
Ms. Casey Slinn-Haedt	School Counselor (A-FA)	31192
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Class of 2022!

Class of 2022 School Counselors and Psychologist

The class of 2022 is fortunate to have four experienced counselors and a psychologist that have literally helped thousands of Arlington students through the process of preparing for the next phase of their lives. The counselors will be meeting collectively with all students in their English classes early in the school year. They will also meet individually with all of their students within the first few months of school to begin the first phase of the counselor/student relationship. They are looking forward to meeting the Class of 2022!

Parent Portal Information

The Arlington Central School District uses a program called SchoolTool to manage our student records. The SchoolTool Portal provides parents and students with secure online access to see a students:

- Emergency Contacts
- Daily Attendance
- Course Schedules
- Progress Reports
- Report Card Grades
- Grades 3 - 8 NYS Assessment Scores
- NYS Regents Exam Scores

It is our hope that the SchoolTool Portal will greatly improve the partnership between schools, parents, and students. For more information, please visit the following link:

[**Parent Portal**](#)

Important School Information

The following documents should be reviewed by all students, parents, and faculty of Arlington High School. Please click on the following links or visit the Website to access these documents at any time.

- [AHS Student Handbook](#)
- [District Code of Conduct](#)

Also, please see the additional letters from Dr. Fanuele for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year:

- [Welcome Letter 2018-19](#)
- [Digital Citizenship](#) (Cell Phones, etc.)

Important Attendance Information (Excerpt from the Student Handbook)

When a student is absent or tardy, the school must obtain a signed “excuse” or “note” from the parent or guardian showing:

- (1) the student’s full name
- (2) days and dates absent from school
- (3) the reason for absence or tardiness



When tardy, the expected arrival time to school is to be stated in the excuse note. This excuse is to be presented to the Attendance Office (in front lobby) immediately upon entering the school. Upon receipt of the excuse, an admit pass will be issued to the student which must be shown to their First Period teacher.

Failure to present a written excuse note, signed by a parent or guardian, following an absence or tardiness will result in the absence or tardiness being recorded as a truancy at the time of entry into school. A forty-eight hour grace period will be allowed for students who fail to present a written excuse note on the day of tardiness or return to school from an absence. At the end of the grace period, a tardy or an absence not verified as legal by a properly signed excuse note will remain recorded in school records as an unexcused tardiness or unexcused absence.

For further details on the attendance policies and disciplinary consequences related to attendance, please visit the [Student Handbook](#).

Homework Request Policy

- If you are out for one day, have a contact person in each of your classes that you can call and find out what you have missed. Don’t wait to get back to school and have two nights of homework to do in one night.
- Students are advised to email teachers directly to request work that can be emailed to the student. Students can also check their teachers’ webpages for assignments.
- If a student is out for two or more days, you may contact the guidance secretary before 9 a.m. at 486-4860 Ext. 31123. You will be able to pick up assignments at the Bubble (security desk at front door) after 2:30 p.m., or you can ask that a neighbor or a sibling bring the work home.



Arlington HS ID Procedures

As part of Arlington High School's continuing efforts to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment, everyone, including students, will be required to wear their school photo identification badge. IDs will be worn on a lanyard around the neck or on a clip above the waist while on campus beginning with the 2018-19 school year. This initiative will help our school in two ways; building relationships and additional safety. Students and staff will be able to easily greet each other by name, which is an important step in creating a strong community. In addition, during an emergency situation it will help school staff account for all students more efficiently. The Photo ID badges are color coded by grade. AHS will provide two sets of ID badges and one lanyard. One set of badges will be handed out during the first days of school, the second set with an updated picture will be handed out in late October.

For more information on this and other safety updates, please see the following letter sent this summer by Dr. Fanuele:

[SAFETY UPDATE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS](#)

Building Information

The building will be open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM for the remainder of the summer for students to become oriented with the building, their lockers, and their classrooms. The offices are closed between 12:00 and 1:00 PM during the summer hours, but open during the other hours of the day. On Thursday, August 30 and Friday, August 31, student representatives will be here during the day to provide assistance to visiting students and families.

Please visit the AHS website for information on the following:

Athletics : Click here: [Athletics](#)

After School Clubs : Click here: [Clubs](#)

Lunch Information: Click here: [School Lunch](#)



Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus, and/or at a school function. The Dignity Act took effect on July 1, 2012. This legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2 – Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended a New York State Education Law regarding instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes.

For more information, please visit the HS webpage at: [AHS Dignity Act Information](#)

New Bell Schedules for AHS



REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

WARNING BELL 7:25
PERIOD 1 7:30 - 8:16
PERIOD 2 8:20 - 9:06
PERIOD 3 9:10 - 10:01
PERIOD 4 10:06 - 10:52
PERIOD 5 10:57 - 11:43
PERIOD 6 11:48 - 12:34
PERIOD 7 12:39 - 1:25
PERIOD 8 1:29 - 2:15

TWO HOUR DELAY

WARNING BELL 9:25
PERIOD 1 9:30 - 10:01
PERIOD 2 10:05 - 10:36
PERIOD 3 10:40 - 11:16
PERIOD 4 11:21 - 11:52
PERIOD 5 11:57 - 12:28
PERIOD 6 12:33 - 1:04
PERIOD 7 1:09 - 1:40
PERIOD 8 1:44 - 2:15

THREE HOUR DELAY

WARNING BELL 10:25
PERIOD 1 10:30 - 10:54
PERIOD 2 10:58 - 11:22
PERIOD 3 11:26 - 11:55
PERIOD 4 12:00 - 12:23
PERIOD 5 12:28 - 12:51
PERIOD 6 12:56 - 1:19
PERIOD 7 1:24 - 1:47
PERIOD 8 1:51 - 2:15



Class of 2022 on Twitter!



More information to come on the Class of 2022 Twitter account [@ahshouseof2022](https://twitter.com/ahshouseof2022)

Student Government

Typically 12-15 students are chosen to represent the freshman student government on both a class and school-wide level. Information regarding Student Government for the Class of 2022 will be shared at the orientations and also available on the website soon.

Please feel free to contact the student government advisors with any questions:

Freshman Class Advisors:

Mrs. Napora, cnapora@acsdny.org

Mrs. DiCorcia, tdicorcia@acsdny.org

District Mission

Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community and lead passionate, purposeful lives.



Parent-School Communication

Contact your
child's
TEACHER
Regarding:

- Your child's academic work and performance
- Homework
- Parent conferences
- Classroom discipline

Contact your
child's **SCHOOL
COUNSELOR**
Regarding:

- Academic guidance
- Standardized testing
- Summer programs
- Tutors
- Interpersonal and family concerns
- Scheduling

Contact the
**DEPARTMENT
COORDINATOR**
Regarding:

- Academic programs/curriculum
- Clarification of above items/subjects

Dept. Coordinators

Science – Emily Price x32203
English – Lucille Ogden x32435
SS – Kathy Bellino x32206
Math – Matt Hoyt x32207
LOTE - Daria McAndrew x32204
Spec. Ed – Deborah Fealy x31339
FACS - Stefanie Rice x31716
PE /Health- David Gatta x31248
Art - Ted Braggins x32208
Business - Lisa Greco x31170
Tech/Engineering - Kimberly Sweck x32205

Please Click
below:

[Staff Directory](#)

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Other concerns or questions after communicating with the above :

Psychologist

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House Principal

Todd Richard x31127

Social Worker

Lindsay Ellis x31128

Assistant Principal

Juan Zucchero x31125

Athletic Director

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Note- Arlington email addresses are *first initial last name @acsdny.org*
Example - Todd Richard is trichard@acsdny.org

From Mr. Richard, House Principal

Dear Arlington High School Community,



As the new House of 2022 Principal, I would like to introduce myself and express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be part of your community. The Board of Education, administration, faculty, parents, and community members who I have met have shown a very warm welcome and expressed a tremendous commitment to education that I share. I look forward to working in a district that strives for their very best in nurturing the academic, social, physical, and emotional growth of our children at every level. With that said, I would like to tell you a little about my experiences, educational philosophy, and personal life.

I graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1992 with a degree in Biology and concentration in Education and Mathematics. From there, I followed a path of scientific research that allowed me great experiences including AIDS research at The Center for Blood Research, retinal research at SUNY Upstate Medical University, and heart research at The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. I am inspired to continue my pursuit in understanding the beauty and complexity of nature, and the harmony of basic processes that allow for our existence. My background in science has helped me to support related disciplines in adapting to the fast paced advances in science and technology and to support real life experiences in those fields as well.



Part of what brought me back to education is an interest in the human brain and how each individual learns information and proceeds to higher order thinking, taking into account the relationship of learning factors like physical development, social-emotional experiences, and learning styles. I ascribe to a scientific approach to improving education, understanding that each individual has common and unique ways of thinking compared to others. I work towards understanding individuals to help each achieve their greatest potential. Over the past 18 years as a teacher and administrator, I have learned to appreciate the variable growth and maturity of children and the resulting outcome that determines one's character.



I have two children, Dylan and Talia, who will be 17 and 19 next month respectively. All of you know what a wonderful time it is to have teenage children, and I truly want all children, as well as my own, to have positive and fruitful experiences in school. I want them to laugh and learn, to be curious without fear of making mistakes, to feel safe and cared for, and to reach out when help is needed. Those are my goals for both my children and yours, and all decisions I make are with that in mind. Along with a scientific interest of how learning takes place, I simply enjoy kids and the fun that comes by being in their company.

Please feel free to see me at any time, just to say Hi or to bring up a question or suggestion. I can be reached by phone at 845-486-4860 ext. 31127 or email at trichard@acsdny.org. I look forward to the upcoming year and working with your children as they grow to become productive members of our 21st Century society.

Best Regards,
Todd Richard

From Mr. Zuccherro, Assistant Principal

Dear Arlington Families,

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Juan Zuccherro, and I am thrilled to be joining you as the Assistant Principal for the House of 2022. For the past decade, I have served as both teacher and administrator in both the New York City Department of Education and the New Paltz Central School District. I also serve as an adjunct professor of psychology for SUNY Rockland—and I admittedly have a passion for the study of history and psychology. I am a proud graduate of New York University and Columbia University in the City of New York, where I earned two master's degrees respectively.

My work in schools has always been grounded in the belief that the work of schools is to help students become the best version of themselves. I believe schools are transformative change agents and institutions that are, at heart, in the service of the community, and for the betterment of all. Schools should be safe places for all students, and students should feel secure to learn and grow, and above all, to be themselves. I look forward to getting to know all of you and working with the students, parents, and teachers that make the Arlington community such a great place!

Yours truly,
Juan Zuccherro

From Ms. Ellis, Social Worker

Dear Students and Families,

My name is Lindsay Ellis and I am the newly appointed School Social Worker for the House of 2022. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you!

As a Licensed Master of Social Work, I earned my MSW at Fordham University and bring experience working with adolescents both inside and outside of the school setting. Most recently, I worked as a Social Worker and Casework Supervisor at a youth shelter where I assisted adolescents and their families in identifying and accessing the resources that they needed to reach their goals. While in this position, I also led Art Therapy groups to assist youth in developing social-emotional skills, while processing and expressing themselves through artistic mediums. In addition, I have worked within a Middle School setting where I facilitated one-to-one and group counseling and assisted students in the development of mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness techniques, and coping strategies that can be used throughout their lives to achieve overall well-being.

I look forward to the 2018-2019 school year and getting to know you all as you embark on your exciting high school journey at AHS! Please feel free to stop by my office in the House of 2022, reach out to me by phone at extension 31128, or by email at lellis@acsdny.org.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Ellis, LMSW