



## Arthur P. Schalick High School – Home of the Cougars

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### Arthur P. Schalick High School Back-to-School Information – 2026-2027

Arthur P. Schalick High School's Summer Mailing is a combination of electronic and hard copy updates. **Papers that need to be completed and RETURNED to the school are printed on YELLOW paper and have been included in the packets.** Please have your child(ren) return all applicable papers to their Cougar Time teacher by Friday, September 11th.

**We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, September 8, 2026!** Please note that Arthur P. Schalick High School has adjusted school start and dismissal times for the 2026–2027 school year. Students should arrive between 7:50–8:00 a.m., with the instructional day beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:36 p.m.

Families should also be aware of our updated parent drop-off and pick-up procedures. To improve traffic flow and student safety, parents/guardians dropping off or picking up students off should enter School Drive using the North entrance closest to the Transportation Office. Vehicles will proceed through the designated queue line along the Auditorium side of the building, continue around the staff parking lot, and exit via the North Drive onto Centerton Road.

**Please complete, sign and RETURN the items listed below, all of which are provided on YELLOW paper:**

- Student Health Update (**please complete both sides & return**)
- Late Sign-in/Early Release Form (**select seniors – complete & return only if applicable**)
- Free/Reduced Lunch Application - **If you do not intend to complete the application for free & reduced lunch, you must complete this form: [Free & Reduced Lunch Application Waiver](#).** Please note, if you complete the waiver, you may still submit an application at any time during the school year.

**Items not requiring return service provided as hard copies:**

- [Student Schedules & Annual Information Update](#). Provided on **ORANGE** paper. All families must complete the **Annual Information Update** in the OnCourse Connect Parent Portal in order to view student schedules. Schedules will be available to view in the OnCourse Connect Parent Portal after 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2026, but only after the **Annual Information Update** has been completed.
- [OnCourse Connect Parent Cheat Sheet](#).
- Bus Information (Bus #, Bus Stop, Times & Rules) - provided on white paper.

**Please complete/sign ELECTRONICALLY the items LINKED in the email and located under the summer mailing icon on our website:**

- [Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying Information Letter & Agreement](#)
- [Photo and Media Release Form](#)
- [Student Handbook Information & Acknowledgement](#)
- [1:1 Blended Technology Handbook/Technology Acceptable Use Agreement](#)
- [Privacy and Information to Military Recruiters \(grades 11 & 12 ONLY – please complete\)](#)

**Items not requiring return service are linked here and located under the summer mailing icon on our website for your review and reference:**

- [Bell Schedules & Attendance Information](#)
- [APSHS Drop-Day Schedule Calendar 2026-27](#)
- [District Calendar](#)
- [Bus Rules](#)
- [ESSA Letter](#)
- [Student Insurance Coverage Information](#)
- [Transportation Letter - Bus Stop Changes](#)

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If you are unable to complete the online forms as requested, please contact the school's Main Office and ask for a copy to be sent to you, or you may stop by the Main Office between the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and copies will be available.

**Additional Important Information:**

- **STUDENT DROP-OFF/ARRIVAL PROCEDURES** – The use of the Auditorium driveway will remain in effect. However, the flow of traffic after drop-off has changed. Vehicles will proceed through the designated queue line along the Auditorium side of the building, continue to the left, around the staff parking lot, and exit via the North Drive onto Centerton Road.
- **STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURES** – Parents/guardians picking up students off should enter School Drive using the North entrance closest to the Transportation Office. Vehicles will proceed through the designated queue line along the Auditorium side of the building, continue to the left, around the staff parking lot, and exit via the North Drive onto Centerton Road.
- The **Annual Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Notice** can be located on our website at [schalick.pittsgrove.net](http://schalick.pittsgrove.net).
- **Athletic Schedules** are located at [www.tricountyconferencenj.org](http://www.tricountyconferencenj.org).

**Notable Events:**

First day of school for students - September 8, 2026  
Class of 2027 Group Photo – September 18, 2026  
Student Picture Day – September 18, 2026  
Back-to-School Night – September 24, 2026  
Homecoming Spirit Week – October 13-16, 2026  
Homecoming Football Game – October 16, 2026  
Homecoming Dance – October 17, 2026  
Make-Up Student Picture Day - October 29, 2026  
Green & Gold Night – March 12, 2027  
Prom – May 27, 2027

On behalf of the entire Schalick High School Administrative Team and Staff, enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to greeting your students on **September 8th**.

**Go COUGARS!**

Sincerely,



Mrs. Amanda Gaunt-Merollo  
Principal

*Enclosures*