



The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

Paul J. Gelinis Junior High School

Corinne Keane, Principal
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August 2021

Dear Gelinis Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Paul J. Gelinis JHS! As we plan for a new and exciting school year, we want you to know that our focus is always on the safety of our students and to ensure that each of our students feel connected to the Paul J. Gelinis JHS community. I hope that you all were able to enjoy some summertime moments and made great memories with your families and friends. Your teachers and the Gelinis staff have been busy getting the classrooms and school building ready for your return.

It is with great honor and excitement that I serve as the Principal of Paul J. Gelinis JHS. My passion for education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the last twenty years as an art teacher, department chairperson, and assistant principal right here at Gelinis. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, students and administrators care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support student academic and social growth.

On Friday August 20th, student schedules will be made available via the parent portal. On your schedule you will also find some personal information. Please do not post this information to social media. If you have a scheduling issue, please email gelsched@3villagecsd.k12.ny.us. Guidance counselors will not be able to hold in-person meetings but will address any scheduling concerns as expeditiously as possible. For all students entering grade 7 and those who are new to Gelinis...Welcome! We are excited to meet you all at our annual walk-thru on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Please refer to the letter on the website for your assigned times. We ask that all in attendance meet in the Gelinis Cafeteria with a hard copy of their schedule.

We are happy to welcome all of our students back to in person learning. We are pleased to share that we are bringing back lockers for students this year! Lockers will be assigned in an alternating grade pattern. Students will be permitted to go to their locker upon their arrival, however we ask that they do not congregate in the locker banks and make their way to their first period class once they have put their belongings away. Please see the chart below for the locker use schedule. We know that lockers will be new for all of our students, and we will be available to help them learn their combination. We ask for your cooperation in sharing the importance of these procedures with your students.

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LOCKER USE	GRADE LEVEL:
START OF SCHOOL DAY	ALL GRADES (Brief visit & move to period 1)
BEFORE PERIOD 5	7TH ONLY
BEFORE PERIOD 6	8TH ONLY
BEFORE PERIOD 7	9TH ONLY
AFTER PERIOD 9	ALL GRADES

The school day will begin at 7:40 am. Please be sure to make note of the bell schedule attached and located on our website. Students will be asked to report directly to their assigned first period class or to the cafeteria if they plan to purchase breakfast once they have visited their lockers. For parents that will be driving their students, we respectfully ask that you arrive within the 7:25am-7:35am window. Also please be mindful that there are no left turns from the circle onto Mud Road. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in our morning arrival protocol.

All signs are pointing towards a great school year of transformation and innovation! We have all learned to Chase the Bright Side, it is my hope that you will continue to look for the good in your school year. You all are writing your unique story, and you bring your best self to Gelinas everyday. To celebrate your kindness, compassion and empathy for others we will be looking to highlight the great things that you bring to Gelinas with the ILYG project. (I LOVE YOU, GELINAS!)

I am really looking forward to celebrating this school year with all of you, and I encourage you to become active members of our Gelinas PTSA and the Gelinas community! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or any ideas that you would like to discuss!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Fondly,



Corinne Keane