



## BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES

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September 28, 2023

Re: Back-to-School Night

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming you at our annual Back-to-School Night on Thursday, October 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with group sessions hosted by your child's teachers. Each teacher will present at four sessions during the evening. You may attend the session that works best for your schedule. At the conclusion of the last session, we would like to invite you to an informal "meet and greet" with the entire faculty in the gymnasium from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In classroom sessions, teachers will introduce themselves, discuss their teaching methodologies, and provide strategies for success. At the end of each session, there will be an opportunity for general questions. If you are unable to attend a teacher's session, you will have an opportunity to see them at the "meet and greet" in the gymnasium.

Enclosed you will find a session schedule, directory of teachers, and a schedule worksheet for you to plan your evening. Please remember to bring your completed schedule. If you need any assistance finding rooms or teachers, our SPARK students will be on hand to point you in the right direction.

Please arrive early to allow time for parking since we anticipate many parents will attend Back-to-School Night. If at all possible, plan to use one car for your family. Parking will be available in our lower lot next to the football field. Additional parking will be available in the Fairleigh Dickinson University parking lots near University Plaza. These lots are accessible either through our lower lot or through University Plaza.

We look forward to meeting with you at Back-to-School Night and to another great school year. Please note that the information included in this packet is also available on our website.

Sincerely,

Russell Davis  
Principal

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Schedule

Session Number	Start Time	End Time	<b>DEPARTMENTS</b>							
1	6:00 PM	6:17 PM	Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computer Science	Culinary	Engineering	English	Physical Education
2	6:23 PM	6:36 PM	Counseling	Mathematics	Music	Physics	Social Studies	Theatre	Visual	World Languages
3	6:42 PM	6:55 PM	Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computer Science	Culinary	Engineering	English	Physical Education
4	7:01 PM	7:14 PM	Counseling	Mathematics	Music	Physics	Social Studies	Theatre	Visual	World Languages
5	7:20 PM	7:33 PM	Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computer Science	Culinary	Engineering	English	Physical Education
6	7:39 PM	7:52 PM	Counseling	Mathematics	Music	Physics	Social Studies	Theatre	Visual	World Languages
7	7:58 PM	8:11 PM	Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computer Science	Culinary	Engineering	English	Physical Education
8	8:17 PM	8:30 PM	Counseling	Mathematics	Music	Physics	Social Studies	Theatre	Visual	World Languages
	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	<b>Informal "Meet and Greet" with Faculty in the Gymnasium</b>							

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Session Planning Worksheet

Session Number	Start Time	End Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make a list of the subject areas that your child currently takes.</li> <li>2. Using the Group Session Schedule circle the subject area presentations you would like to attend at each session.</li> <li>3. Using the Teacher Directory, write the names of the teacher, room number and subject that you will see at each session on your blank worksheet. If there is an X in the box for that session the teacher will be presenting at that time.</li> </ol> <p><b>Student Name:</b> _____ <b>Academy:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Grade:</b> _____</p>		
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Teacher Directory

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			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
Abramson, Michael	Mathematics	261		X		X		X		X
Acuna, Kymberly	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Adriance, Timothy	Culinary	226	X		X		X		X	
Alschen, Sergei	Social Studies	149		X		X		X		X
Andaloro, Jennifer	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Ballas, Theodora	World Language	203		X		X		X		X
Barbetta, Joe	Engineering	166	X		X		X		X	
Belkin, Alison	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Blake, Katie (On Leave)	Social Studies	151		X		X		X		X
Bonanomi, Mark	Mathematics	263		X		X		X		X
Calandra, Gabriela	World Language	125		X		X		X		X
Casarico, Betty	Mathematics	264		X		X		X		X
Crane, Laura	Chemistry	228	X		X		X		X	
Crane, Todd	Chemistry/Theory of Knowledge	254	X		X		X		X	
Crimmel, Michelle	English	42	X		X		X		X	
Crochet-Hyslop, Laurie	Theatre	216		X		X		X		X
Demeter, Scott	Social Studies	153		X		X		X		X
Djedji, Djak	Mathematics	174		X		X		X		X
Dobrich, Oliver	Chemistry	253	X		X		X		X	
Dogru, Ozgur	Physics	31		X		X		X		X
Downey, Lindsay	Biology	147	X		X		X		X	
Feuss, Danielle	Chemistry	255	X		X		X		X	
Fierro-Ripoll, Katie	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Fillebrown, Catherine	World Language	210		X		X		X		X
Fogg, Fred	Business	179	X		X		X		X	
Fuentes, Elizabeth	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Gomes, Giselle	Biology	ESB 1	X		X		X		X	
Guthrie, Peter	Visual	137		X		X		X		X
Gutierrez, Joseph	Business	175	X		X		X		X	
Hathaway, William	English	148	X		X		X		X	
Heitzman, Carla	Mathematics	258		X		X		X		X
Hodroski, William	Physics	235		X		X		X		X
Hynes, Laura	Nurse	211								
Isecke, Benjamin	Computer Science	138A	X		X		X		X	

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James, Dina	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Janssen, Katie	Social Studies	237		X		X		X		X
Kaba, Valmira	English	165	X		X		X		X	
Kalata, Greg	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Kaplan, Stephen	Theatre	216		X		X		X		X
Kaser, Paul	Counseling/ Senior Experience	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Kim, Deok-Yang (Doug)	Chemistry	251	X		X		X		X	
Kim, Rosalyn	Social Studies	152		X		X		X		X
King, Brendan	English	33	X		X		X		X	
Kouefati, Danielle	English	46	X		X		X		X	
Kramer, Mark	Social Studies	239		X		X		X		X
Lancaster, Jon	Social Studies	34		X		X		X		X
Lang, Scott	Visual	137		X		X		X		X
Lemma, Michael	Music	5		X		X		X		X
Lewitt, Julia	World Languages	238B		X		X		X		X
Liva, Michael	Physics	168		X		X		X		X
Madden, William	Social Studies	154		X		X		X		X
Maks, Natalia	Visual	139		X		X		X		X
Marmora, Joseph	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Mendelsohn, Bill	English	48	X		X		X		X	
Miller, Luke	Social Studies	238A		X		X		X		X
Min, Miyoung	Visual	139		X		X		X		X
Natelli, Tony	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Nevard, John	Mathematics	266		X		X		X		X
Nodarse, Carlos	Engineering	146	X		X		X		X	
Ogden, Christine	Mathematics	265		X		X		X		X
Pagano, Emily	Social Studies	150		X		X		X		X
Paul, Eric	Physics	233		X		X		X		X
Paula, Dania	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Penev, Krassimir	Mathematics	268		X		X		X		X
Pero, Victoria	Theatre	216		X		X		X		X
Pinto, Judith	Biology	227	X		X		X		X	
Pinyan, Jonathan	Mathematics	267		X		X		X		X
Ponce, Lucy	World Language	167		X		X		X		X

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Price-Halligan, Suzanne	English	47	X		X		X		X	
Respass, Bryan	Computer Science	134	X		X		X		X	
Rios, Evelyn	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Robinson, Sharon	Mathematics	259		X		X		X		X
Russo, Christopher	Physics	41		X		X		X		X
Saab, Joann	Nurse	211								
Sabio, German (On Leave)	Biology	224A	X		X		X		X	
Samarakone, Victor	Engineering	164	X		X		X		X	
Sawhney, Puneet	Business	180	X		X		X		X	
Seltzer, Irma	World Language	206		X		X		X		X
Sen, Serhat	Computer Science	138B	X		X		X		X	
Seventko, Justin	Mathematics	173		X		X		X		X
Smith, Ericka	Biology	213	X		X		X		X	
Smith, Michael	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Sorrentino, Elizabeth	Chemistry	255	X		X		X		X	
Sousa, Nancy	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Spinelli, Louis	Music	225		X		X		X		X
Stott, Rachel	Biology	224	X		X		X		X	
Symons, Robert	Physical Education	21	X		X		X		X	
Sytsma, Nancy	Counseling	Commons/112		X		X		X		X
Tolmo, Eva	World Language	204		X		X		X		X
Torres, Raul	English	43	X		X		X		X	
Villanova, Donna	English	35	X		X		X		X	
Villarosa, Hillary	World Language	202		X		X		X		X
Vollenweider, Daniel	Biology	ESB 2	X		X		X		X	
Waldron, Alyssa	Biology	176	X		X		X		X	
Wallace, Christine	Social Studies	236		X		X		X		X
Walsh, Gene	Mathematics	260		X		X		X		X
Wang, Ivy	Computer Science	136	X		X		X		X	
Weems, Richard	English	44	X		X		X		X	
Wilson, David	English	45	X		X		X		X	
Xu, Minghua	World Language	201		X		X		X		X
Zangara, Amy	Mathematics	262		X		X		X		X
Zhang, Eric	Biology	141	X		X		X		X	
Zubov, Igor	Physics	234		X		X		X		X

## Frequently Asked Questions from Parents

### **1. I have received the packet of information for Back-to-School Night. What should I do next?**

First, look over all the material you have. Next, ask your child for their school schedule. Finally, follow the instructions on the Session Planning Worksheet included in your information packet.

### **2. Can I meet with teachers during Back-to-School Night to discuss details of my child's progress?**

While Back to School Night is a good opportunity for parents to learn general information, it is not appropriate to ask specifics about your child's progress at this time. Please email or phone the teacher if you would like to know more about your child's performance.

### **3. My child has just received a low grade on a quiz/test. What should I do next?**

A single low grade is not cause for concern; any student can have a bad day. However, if there appears to be a pattern, and grades for the course seem to be dropping, contact the teacher. Also, contact your child's school counselor if your concerns extend beyond a single course.

### **4. The group sessions are fine, but where can I find the details of how my child will be graded?**

In September, students were given classroom management plans in all of their courses. These plans contain grading policies for each course. If you need more specifics, you may find the necessary information on PowerSchool or Schoology. Of course, you may contact the teacher by phone or email if you still have questions.

### **5. Other than grades, is there any way to find out how my child is doing in their courses?**

If you are concerned about your child's progress in any course, please contact the teacher. You are always welcome to set up an appointment to meet with the teacher. You may also contact your child's school counselor if there is a situation in the student's environment outside the school that warrants attention.

### **6. How do I find information regarding my child's performance in electives, Wednesday projects or Senior Internship?**

The format of Back-to-School Night does not allow teachers to discuss all the courses that your child may be taking. One-year electives such as AP or IB courses will be discussed, but not one-trimester electives. Please contact the teacher of the elective/project to find out about your child's performance.

### **7. Can I bring my child to help me find the classrooms on their schedule?**

No, Back-to-School Night is for parents/guardians only. Student members of SPARK will be available throughout the campus to help guide you.