



**HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
*Office of the Superintendent*

May 20, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well as we enter into the last several weeks of the 21–22 school year.

*Superintendent Shout Outs*

I'd like to congratulate the students and staff who took part in the middle school play, a 50s interpretation of A Midsummer's Night's Dream. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and I'm so proud of our young thespians. Bravo as well to all of our Satz and high school students who performed in the Spring concert last night.

Congratulations to the Satz baseball and softball teams both currently sit at 9-1 with one game left to play today. The teams have been outstanding all year. The High School Boys Lacrosse defeated Delran in round one of the state tournament. We wish the gents the best of luck as they face Wall in round 2 on Saturday. Holmdel High School 9th grader Sirina Ganne won the Jersey Shore All-Star Golf Classic with an incredible score of 78. The tournament was held at Eagle Ridge GC, on Weds, 5/18/22 and included players from all over Monmouth and Ocean counties. High school junior Alex Schaul, who shot 2 birdies during her impressive round, landed her in 5th place with a score of 91. In the Inaugural year of the Boys Volleyball program, the boys team qualified for the state playoffs and will travel to Jackson Memorial on Monday. Congratulations gentlemen, we wish you the best of luck. Softball and Girls Lacrosse also made the state playoffs!

*Public Health Follow Up*

Following up on my communications with regard to the district's recent short term adjustment to its health and safety protocols, I'd like to provide some additional clarity and information. First, and again, this strategy is not intended to be codified long term; but rather remains a tool that can be utilized only when three or more cases are reported in a single class and all three are due to in class transmission. Thus, the likelihood that your child would be impacted by this scenario remains relatively low. Lastly, and as mentioned in my original correspondence, if your child tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test within the previous 90 days and subsequently recovered and remained without COVID-19 symptoms, they need not quarantine or get tested after close contact.

Over the course of the last several months, our district has advanced leaps and bounds towards normalcy. These are all advances to be celebrated and appreciated. This more recent change in public health strategy, is a short term stopgap, to ensure that we can conclude the school year in as uninterrupted and successful manner as possible. You may rest assured, that I will spend time this summer thoughtfully and deliberately engaging with local medical and public health professionals, in order that we, to the greatest extent possible, continue on this path to complete normalcy.

*Memorial Day Weekend:* As a reminder, next week, the school district will operate according to a modified school week in observance of Memorial Day weekend. The district will be closed on Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30, Thursday, May 26 will be an early dismissal for students and staff.

*Public BOE Meeting:* This is a reminder that the board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 25 in person at the high school media center at 7:00pm. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom and the link will be posted to the following district [webpage](#) within 24 hours of the meeting. The board will continue to take questions from the public through this medium. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, tonight our high school juniors will celebrate their junior prom. Please join me in wishing them all the best for a fun and as importantly safe night. Congratulations to all the parents, time flies, doesn't it, I know you will enjoy this moment and take lots of pictures!

I thank you for your time and attention and wish you all the best for a relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Cascone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. J. Scott Cascone  
Superintendent of Schools