

# Paterson Post

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## Free “Smart” Devices and Internet Service

After a successful “pilot” run of the “1 Million Project” during the past school year, Paterson Public Schools is ready to distribute a free smart phone with 4 years of services to any 9<sup>th</sup> grade high school student who does not have their own internet device, and consistent internet access at home!

According to the Pew Research Center, about 30% of all Paterson Public Schools high school students do not have internet access at home. Through a significant grant awarded from Sprint Corporation, our 9<sup>th</sup> graders are now eligible to receive a smart phone complete with 4 years of service including unlimited talk, unlimited text and 3 gigs of data per month.

Director of Instructional Technology, Jose Correa, and district Media Specialists strongly encourage every 9<sup>th</sup> grade student to have their parent or guardian fill out the application (available in every high school main office) requesting their free device. According to Mr. Correa, “This is a great opportunity for high school students who do not have their own device at home. If a student is currently sharing a device with any family member they may also be eligible to receive their own device. If a student has internet service at home but it gets cut off for non-payment, they are also eligible to receive a device.” Many homework assignments now require students to access the internet so those students who do not have a device will no longer miss out!

Paterson Public Schools will also be hosting a parent information session on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6-7 p.m. in the auditorium at Eastside High School. If you are interested in receiving more information about this program please attend. Mr. Correa will be there to answer all of your questions.

## Affirmative Action Training

Supervisor of Affirmative Action, Houry Yeganeh, conducted the first Affirmative Action training for building-based representatives on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The session delivered important information about Affirmative Action related policies, procedures and the investigation process. Building-based Affirmative Action Representatives are volunteer staff members who go above and beyond their regular daily duties to assist their school leader and the Central Office based Affirmative Action Supervisor by investigating student-on student discrimination cases, relating Affirmative Action related policies to their school staff while ensuring the program is implemented effectively.

## A Day to Remember



Although current School 7 students were not yet born, we are all affected in some way by the acts of terrorism that occurred on September 11, 2001. As educators, it is important to show our students just how to remember those who stepped up and helped others, during that trying time. Americans came together as a community, along with firefighters, police, and civilians to help one another during one of the darkest time in our recent history. The School 7 community began the new school year by showing their community that they will continue to work together to help one

another. In commemoration of the events that took place on 9/11, School 7 collected canned and boxed goods to donate to Eva’s Kitchen. School 7 has vowed to never forget!

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## District Events

### Sept. 19: Back To School Night

School 7, Don Bosco, & New Roberto Clemente

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

### Sept. 20: Public Hearing on HIB Self-Assessment

7:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex [Notice](#)

### Sept. 20: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

### Sept. 21: Rosh Hashanah

District Closed

### Sept. 23: Parent Expo at Rutgers University

[Flyer](#)

### Sept. 26: Back To School Night

Grades 9 -12

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

### Sept. 27: Teacher Job Fair

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 90 Delaware Ave. [Flyer](#)

### Sept. 28: Back To School Night

All other K-8

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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