



Daly HSA Inc. – New Parent FAQ

What time does school start? Can I drop my child off or am I required to walk him/her in?

School starts at 8:05 a.m. You may drop off or walk your child into school. Dropoff occurs strictly between 7:50 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. If your child gets to school late (after 8:05 a.m.), you must walk him/her in to school and sign in at the main office.

Where is the main entrance? How can I get into the school building?

The main entrance is on the black top of the playground. You must enter through the main entrance. Each time you enter the building you will be required to sign in and leave your driver's license or other form of ID at the front desk. If you are coming for a large meeting or class activity, please allow extra time to go through the security procedures.

How can I reach the school nurse?

The phone number of the nurse's office is 516-767-5210. Please contact the nurse as soon as you know your child will be absent for the day.

How will I know what school supplies will my child needs?

In mid-August, a detailed school supply list will accompany your child's classroom teacher assignment. The Daly HSA recognizes that many parents wish to purchase supplies ahead of time and offers parents the opportunity to pre-order supplies through an HSA fundraiser which will take place later on this year. In the next few weeks, you will receive more detailed information regarding this school supply fundraising opportunity.

When can we drop off school supplies?

You will have the opportunity to drop off school supplies and meet your child's new teacher on the day before school starts. This year, all families are welcome to Daly on Tuesday, September 2nd from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend, you may send in your supplies with a friend or you can send them in with your child on the first day of school.

Where can I view the school calendar?

The school's calendar can be viewed online at <http://www.portnet.k12.ny.us/daly>. Before the school year begins, you should receive the *PWSD 2014-15 Calendar and Handbook*, which is also available online at <http://www.portnet.k12.ny.us/domain/12>. Vacation days, conference days, concerts, district-wide meeting dates as well as many HAS-sponsored activities are available on the calendar.

How do I contact my child's teacher or other faculty members at Daly?

Email, phone or notes sent in your child's backpack are all effective ways of communicating. Most teachers will share their preferred communication method early in the school year.



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All of the staff emails are set up the same way and include: first initial and complete last name followed by @portnet.k12.ny.us. For example, Nurse Emily Meyer's email address is: emeyer@portnet.k12.ny.us. At Open House parents will receive a Daly Directory with contact information for Daly staff as well as the Daly HSA's executive board and committee chairs. Additionally, a copy of it is posted on the Daly HSA website (<http://dalyhsa.org>).

How are parents informed about emergencies?

ConnectEd is an automated phone program that sends calls to parents/guardians informing them of situations such as emergencies and weather alerts.

How does the Daly HSA communicate with parents?

The Daly HSA sends home flyers and order forms for different events in the children's backpacks. The Daly HSA also emails a weekly e-newsletter, The Daly Dish, every Sunday of the school year with information about what's going on at Daly that week; news about the district, school, and Daly HSA; upcoming events at school and in the community; and ways to help the school. To subscribe, please send your contact information to our Corresponding Secretary, Adrienne Saur (info@dalyhsa.org).

Where can I find information about free and reduced lunches?

The application is available at the back of the school calendar, which the school district mails home at the beginning of the school year.

How will I know if I am invited to attend a school function during school hours?

Teachers and/or class parent liaisons will communicate with parents as to which events they are encouraged to attend. For school-wide events, the Daly Dish will indicate which events are open to parents and families. Often, a notice will also be sent home in your child's backpack. Some of the events parents can attend include the Halloween Parade, Project ACES and Field Day.