



*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.*

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Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School

Corinne Keane, Principal  
Jacqueline Cordina, Assistant Principal

August 2024

Dear Gelinas Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School! As we embark on an exciting school year, our top priority remains the safety and well-being of every student, ensuring that everyone feels connected to the Paul J. Gelinas JHS community. I hope you had a wonderful summer, filled with happy moments and smiles shared! Our devoted educators and staff have been working diligently to ensure that our classrooms and school building are fully prepared for your return. They have been organizing materials and creating a welcoming and inspiring learning environment. Their commitment and hard work will ensure that you have a smooth and engaging start to the school year. We are thankful for their dedication and excited to welcome you back to a well-prepared and supportive educational setting.

I am thrilled to welcome you back as the Principal of Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School. My passion for education and commitment to supporting every student's success has grown over the past twenty three years at Gelinas, where I have had the privilege of serving as an art teacher, department chairperson, an assistant principal and for the last six years, as Principal. It's an honor to be part of a school community where parents, teachers, students, and administrators genuinely care for one another and collaborate to foster positive relationships that enhance our students' academic and social growth.

On **Monday August 19th**, student schedules will be made available via the parent portal at 9am. 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](mailto: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 Gelinas...Welcome! We are excited to meet you all at our annual walk-thru on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024**. We ask that all in attendance meet in the Gelinas Auditorium with a copy of their schedule at 9am.

For parents who need to coordinate with our School Nurse for medication drop off, Mrs. Long, our Nurse will be available at the building at the following times: Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade/New Student Walk Thru and Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm for 8<sup>th</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If you require a time outside of these dates, please contact the Gelinas Health office at 631-730-4710.

The school day will begin at 7:40 am. Please be sure to make note of the bell schedule as well as the A Day/B Day schedule that are attached. These schedules are located on our website as well. Students may visit their locker or purchase breakfast before going to their 1<sup>st</sup> period classroom. For parents who 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 with our morning arrival protocol.

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As a school committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all our students, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of and abides by our Code of Conduct. This Code outlines the guidelines and expectations for behavior within our school community. We kindly request both parents and students take the time to read the Code of Conduct thoroughly. We ask that you pay close attention to the Code as it pertains to internet responsibilities (p. 12), cell phone use (p. 14), and hate speech (p. 17). It is essential for all members of our school community to understand their responsibilities in creating a positive and respectful learning environment. Information on our new cell phone policy will be shared in a separate email. With the new cell phone policy will come some changes to our WiFi connectivity. Students will be able to connect **one personal device** to the network **3V\_StudentConnect**. This network will allow:

- 1 cell phone per student ONLY
- Calling and texting ONLY
- Extremely limited web browsing

I am excited to share our new school theme for the 2024-2025 school year: "**Charting New Horizons**"! As we look ahead, all signs point towards a transformative and innovative year. In the past, we've learned to show our love for Gelinias, we have gone the "Extra Smile" and our positivity and productivity brought us many happy moments! This year, let's embrace the journey ahead! As Paul J. Gelinias embarks on our final journey as a Junior High School, we celebrate the unique history we have created together and look forward to the new horizon ahead. The compass symbolizes our guidance, direction and the foundation that we have built, while the ship represents our voyage through these transformative years. Together we have navigated through challenges and discovered new strengths as we set sail towards a future full of possibilities. This school year, let us honor our past, embrace our present, and boldly steer towards the bright future that awaits us!

There will be some changes to our administrative team at Gelinias this school year. Our Assistant Principal, Mr. Billy Corrao, has accepted a new assistant principal position at Ward Melville High School. Mr. Corrao's dedication, leadership, and unwavering support for both students and staff has made a lasting impact on our school community. We will miss his positive presence and the energy he brought to every initiative. While it's bittersweet to see Mr. Corrao go, we are excited for him as he embarks on this new journey. Please join me in wishing Mr. Corrao all the best in his new role.

We are pleased to announce that Jaqueline Cordina, our current math chairperson, has been appointed as the new assistant principal at Gelinias Junior High School. With over a decade of classroom experience, including five years of dedicated service at Gelinias, Ms. Cordina has proven herself to be an outstanding educator and leader. We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to our team as we continue to "Chart New Horizons" this year.

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

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Sincerely,



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