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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Bergenfield schools are now back in session and the unofficial start to Fall has arrived. The staff and Trustees of the Bergenfield Public Library wish you and your student a successful school year and are here to support your child's educational journey.

The Library is happy to serve as a safe space for students after school and is planning fun afternoon programs for your child. Please note that we will be renovating our Young Adult Room in early 2025. For the 2024-2025 school year, middle school age children (Grade 6-8) are allowed in the building unattended, but there will be a reduced amount of seating and equipment available. An overflow area will be set up on the second floor to provide additional seating for students to sit quietly and work on homework or school projects. Children are not permitted to sit on the floor or aisles at any time, nor are they allowed to congregate in groups in the public bathrooms. Because of space limitations, we strongly recommend that parents make alternate arrangements for after school child care.

The Library is pleased to announce its brand new Junior Library Council program for Bergenfield students (Grades 6-12) who are looking for volunteer opportunities or who need to fulfill community service requirements. Open enrollment will be held from September to December and the program runs from October 2024 through May 2025. Enrollment information will be posted our website. Council Members are required to complete various activities in order to earn volunteer hours and a certificate. Activities span across different areas so that members have opportunities to engage with the library and broader community.

As a reminder, the Library is a public building open to all individuals. It is not the Library staff's responsibility to provide supervision or to care for children or their belongings while parents, guardians or caregivers are not present. Please note that while the Library does have security cameras on the premises, there are set guidelines concerning the accession and release of camera footage.

In addition, all visitors are required to follow the Code of Conduct, which includes our exterior grounds. Any student who does not follow the Library's Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises immediately and camera footage may be sent to Roy W. Brown administration for identification purposes. We encourage you to review the policy ahead of time with your child so everyone is aware of the rules. All Library policies can be found via <https://www.bergenfieldlibrary.org/library-policies/>

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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