

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Congratulations to Glen Rock Schools for earning recognition as a **Gold Star 2019-2020 No Place For Hate® School!** This is certainly the result of the collaboration and effort put forth by our students, staff, administrators, parents, and community leaders. This year, we are one of over 1,800 schools across the country that successfully completed this program. Thank you for all your help with this initiative as we continue to ensure a safe learning environment for our students. Go GR!



- **This week and next week are full of Art Inspiration:** Please send photos of your artists in grades K-12 to celebrate them during this time. Send to press@glenrocknj.org. We will post as many as possible to district social media.

- **GR High School Announcements:**

LAST CALL for Senior Scholarship Applications: Due tonight by midnight. Information on the Class of 2020 Schoology page.

Academic Awards are June 3rd at 9 AM and Athletic Awards are May 28th at 5 PM

- **GR Middle School Virtual Talent Show Performers:** Final, "SHOW-READY VIDEOS" for the upcoming, televised, virtual Glen Rock Middle School Talent Show (replacing your tryout video) are due today. For your act to be included in the show, be sure to follow the "Show Ready Guidelines" listed in the letter that you received in Schoology Messages on May 11th, and upload your final video (From your school account/Google drive or it will not work). Performer [Link](#) to submit "Show-Ready Videos".

- **Introducing the New GR Middle/High School Principal for 20-21:** Dr. Michael Parent comes to the Glen Rock Public School district with a wealth and history of experience. Dr. Parent currently serves as the Principal of Passaic County Technical Institute through June 30, 2020 at which he will begin his career in Glen Rock on July 1, 2020. Prior to leading PCTI, where he has been since 2014, he served as Principal of Dumont High School for four years. Before taking on the challenge of Principal of Dumont

High School, he served as an Assistant Principal at the school. He also has experience as a Supervisor, and began his professional career in education as a Language Arts teacher. According to Dr. Parent's colleagues, he has a reputation as a hard worker who does not shy away from getting in there and getting his hands dirty. Additionally, words used to describe Dr. Parent include, "an innovative thinker", "motivational speaker and leader" and "an open communicator that relates well with students and parents."

Read the full press release below.

- **Weekend Virtual Trips:** [The Amazon](#) // [Bahamian Coral Reef](#) and more at [this link](#).
- **COVID-19 Resources:** New Mental Health Resources [added](#) to the district page.
- **Another glimpse at the progress of the Hamilton field:**



- **After School Virtual Enrichment: GameMakers:** Your kids can create & code hurdle-hoppin' platform runner-style video games; socialize & share their games with their labmates; and make the leap from passive player to curious creator using MIT's Scratch coding language to create virtual worlds that whiz past their running character and run up the score! Projects from Beginner to Advanced. Little Ivy has teamed up again with the GR Community School. Wednesdays & Fridays, 5/20, 5/22, 5/27, 5/29 (4 classes) 3rd-5th - 3:30-4:15 PM & 6th-8th - 4:45-5:30 PM // [Register](#)

As a reminder, school property is closed at all times. There is to be no use of the fields, playgrounds, parking lots, etc. We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

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GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMES NEW MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR 2020-2021

Dr. Michael Parent was approved by the Glen Rock Board of Education as the Glen Rock Middle/High School Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Parent will replace Dr. Jennifer Wirt who is leaving the district, in addition to Mr. John Arlotta who is retiring.

Dr. Parent comes to the Glen Rock Public School district with a wealth of experience. Dr. Parent recently served as the Principal of Passaic County Technical Institute for eight years. Prior to leading PCTI, he served as Principal of Dumont High School for four years. Before taking on the challenge of Principal of Dumont High School, he served as an Assistant Principal at the school. He also has experience as a Supervisor, and began his professional career in education as a Language Arts teacher.

The Middle and High School Principal positions were combined for the 2020-2021 academic year as part of a restructuring approved by the Board of Education. This newly combined position will require equal attention to and development of two schools. "My role with the faculty is to collaboratively develop synergy and organization between two distinct units – the middle school faculty and the high school faculty. I have faced this same challenge with success at PCTI; bridging two very different groups of instructors (academic and CTE) and fostering collaboration and mutual aims was paramount to cultivating the school's growth minded culture," Dr. Parent said.

The new Middle/High School Principal position will have the support of the Middle School Assistant Principal, Mr. Brian Pepe and High School Assistant Principal, Ms. Tina Bacolas. "I look forward to working with Dr. Charleston and the administrative team to build strong relationships with the students, the faculty, and the community. I've been entrusted to guide and direct Glen Rock Middle School and High School into the future, one that is collaborative, focused on growth and innovation, and is culturally healthy for both students and staff. These emphases have been at the forefront of my professional career and will remain so as I begin my service to Glen Rock," Dr. Parent says enthusiastically about his new role and district. Dr. Parent will begin his new role on July 1, 2020.