



# School Safety & Security

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# Security Plan Details Need to Stay Secure

- Information in this presentation is intentionally general and not overly detailed
- We all have a responsibility to protect the details of our district's security procedures please remember this in your own conversations - especially those online
- For this reason there will not be a question and answer portion to this presentation however individuals with questions are encouraged to contact me directly via email at [hwerner@bernardsboe.com](mailto:hwerner@bernardsboe.com)

# Ridge High School

## **Detective Chris Albanese**

- Assigned to RHS as the SRO (School Resource Officer)
- The SRO program started in BT in Sept. 1999

# Ridge High School

Vestibule and visitor access is controlled by the Special III Police Officer.

## **Dave Malina, Retired Raritan Borough PD**

- Assists with traffic in the morning and in the afternoon
- Checks visitors in vestibule area
- Walks the building and campus for security

# Ridge High School

1 Campus Monitor - general campus oversight and handles the monitoring of the security camera system.

8 Hall Monitors

- Make sure doors are secured
- Assist with traffic
- Check in visitors at the main entrance

# WAMS

Officer Phil Jasina

- Assigned to WAMS as the SRO

## Elementary Schools

- Both Detective Albanese and Officer Jasina support the elementary schools as needed even though they are housed in the high school and middle school.

## All six schools - visitors

- Secured vestibule area
  - All visitors must be buzzed into the vestibule
  - Items can be dropped off in the vestibule for the students
- All visitors must wear pink lanyards
- All schools have security camera systems



# All six schools - doors

- Exterior Doors - locked during the school day, some keyless entry
- Interior Doors - rapid lock approach to securing interior doors (varies by door type):
  - Push bar door straps
  - Magnets
  - Lockset

# All six schools - drills

- One fire drill per month
- One Safety/Security Drill per month
- Announcing School Security Drills - Best Practices
  - No news is good news

# All six schools - emergency communication

- External Communications Issued through the School Messenger System:
  - Relies on the parent contact information in Genesis
  - Parents should keep contact information up to date through the Parent Portal
  - Parents may update student contact information (student cell phone numbers) through the Parent Portal - we ask parents to do this for grades 6 to 12 students.
- Internal Communication - walkie talkies
- Classroom phones can dial 911 and contact the main office

# District Crisis Management Teams

- Hold monthly meetings to keep the schools safe and secure and plan drills
- Standardize practices across all schools, consistency is important
- Annual updates and maintenance of school crisis manuals

# What families can do to help

- Plan for emergencies with your children - even simple things like what to do on an early dismissal day for inclement weather or other emergency situations.
- Have safety plans for the home - what to do when a smoke detector alarm goes off.
- Be aware of what your children take to school. Secure weapons, firearms, and ammunition at home so that children can not access them. Firearms and ammunition should be stored and locked in separate locations.
- Keep your contact information in the Genesis Parent Portal up-to-date.
- Read communications sent home from the schools via email.
- Follow school rules and visitor protocols.
- See something, say something.

## Resources for parents

- WeTip Crime/Bullying Hotline: 1-800-78CRIME
- <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/safety/School-Safety>
- District Website: Parents and Students--->Crisis Prevention--->[Violence Prevention](#)
- Be SMART <https://besmartforkids.org/>