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Rocky River High School

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[Mark Wagner](#), Director of Athletics & Activities

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

School officially begins on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. School starts at 7:55 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 8:55 a.m. on Wednesday. Since the first day of school is on a Wednesday, class will begin promptly at 8:55 a.m. on August 21.

Communication at RRHS

Rocky River High School understands the importance of communicating with parents and students throughout the course of the school year. The main sources of communication will be as follows:

Twitter

This is the best source of information for daily updates, pictures of events, along with classroom and building highlights. Many teachers have Twitter accounts that you can follow. To get you started please follow these individuals for the most up-to-date news: [Rob Winton](#) (RRHS Principal) and [Mark Wagner](#) (RRHS Athletic and Activities Director), as well as the [Rocky River City School District](#) account.

Email

To contact any employee at RRHS, email is the most efficient way. Furthermore, any emergency information or other school notices will be sent to both parents and students. Please use the [staff directory](#) to locate emails for employees, teachers and administrators.

Newsletters

RRHS newsletters will be sent once per month and will include important upcoming information along with special events and important dates.

Website

The [high school website](#) houses all of the information about Rocky River High School. Please visit it frequently for updates. The [Forms and Links](#) tab has all forms, handbooks, catalogs and school supply lists that you will need.

Naviance

The RRHS Counseling Department encourages all students and parents to access their Naviance accounts regularly. Naviance allows families to view everything necessary for students' academic and college admission purposes. [This link](#) has more information.

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- 20951 Detroit Rd., Rocky River OH, 44116
- 440-356-6000
- www.rrcs.org

Important Dates

August 19 • 8:00-11:00am
Freshman Orientation

August 21 • 8:45am
First Day of School

August 21 • 7:45am • Commons
Senior Class Breakfast

August 22 • All Day
Picture Day

August 28 • 7:45am
All Student Summer Reading PLC

August 28 • Times Vary
**Hearing & Vision Screening
9th & 11th Graders (RRHS Nurse)**

September 2
Labor Day - No School

September 3
**Hearing & Vision Screening
10th & 12th Graders (RRHS Nurse)**

September 3 • 7:00pm • Auditorium
**Career & College Planning Meeting
for Senior Parents**

September 4 • 7:45am • Auditorium
Mandatory PLC for Seniors

September 11 • 7:45am • Auditorium
Mandatory PLC for Juniors

September 11 • 7:45am • Room 2074
**Optional PLC for Seniors
College Essay Writing**

September 12 • 7:00pm
Open House



Congratulations to the 224 members of the Class of 2019 who graduated from RRHS on June 7.

Getting Involved

One of the best ways to acclimate to the high school environment is to become involved in [athletics](#) or [activities](#). RRHS has more than 50 options to get involved with, including our new e-Sports team! Contact Mr. Mark Wagner with questions.

Graduation Requirements

The Ohio Department of Education released the high school graduation requirements for students finishing high school during 2019-2020. They can be found [HERE](#).

Annual Notices

2019-2020 Annual Notices can be found [HERE](#).

RRHS Building Goal for Staff

Each year the staff at Rocky River High School focuses on one goal. This year will be a continuation of last year's focus where the teaching staff will continue to look at standards-based grading practices and how they may be implemented at the high school level in the future. Since this is a major paradigm shift when it comes to grading, we will be exploring this topic over the next few years. More information on standard-based grading can be found [HERE](#).

Food Allergies

Please be aware that we have students on the Rocky River High School campus that have allergies to specific items like dairy, nuts and shellfish.



RRHS was once again recognized by US News & World Report as one of the Best High Schools in the nation in 2019.

PTA Membership

Please considering joining the Rocky River High School PTA. Your membership supports the students and staff of RRHS. It also includes a PDF copy of the student directory!

Ways we help our students and staff:

- Raise Money for Mini Grants to Students
- RRHS Beautification Projects
- Provide Meals for Employees on Appreciation Day
- Support National & State PTA
- Provide Meal for Staff on Parent / Teacher Conference Day
- Provide Baked Goods for NHS & Awards Assemblies

PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America run by volunteers. PTA's advocate for all children at the federal, state and local levels. Your PTA membership ensures that PTA's voice is heard on issues affecting young people as well as providing opportunities for parent education, communication and leadership development. We encourage all Rocky River High School parents to join to help make this happen.

Please click [HERE](#) to join.

Mental Health and Counseling at RRHS

One of the larger issues facing today's teenagers is that of mental and social-emotional health.

Our Counseling staff is equipped with excellent individuals who are here to help. We also have partnered with the McKeon Group, who provides us with a social-emotional counselor four days per week.

The following individuals are accessible at RRHS for any needs your child may have:

[Jeff Petrusis](#)

Department Chair
Counselor of students last names A-G

[Erin Pontikos](#)

Counselor of students last names H-O

[Candace McMahon](#)

Counselor of students last names P-Z

[Adrienne Grand](#)

McKeon Counselor



Ohio State Representative Dave Greenspan visited RRHS on June 3 to congratulate the school on receiving the Drug Education School Challenge Award.