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Rocky River High School

Dear RRHS Parents/Guardians,

Rocky River High School would like to officially welcome all students and families to the upcoming school year which begins on August 22, 2023. This communication outlines important dates and changes that you may encounter as the year begins.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Winton, RRHS Principal

Bell Schedule and Start Times

The weekly bell schedules are listed [here](#). On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, school begins at 7:55 a.m. and ends at 3:08 p.m. On Wednesday's, school starts at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:08 p.m. Delayed start Wednesday's are used for teacher professional learning communities (PLC) along with select student programming.

The school building opens at 7:15 a.m. and students are permitted to enter through one of three areas. The Wagar Entrance, the Main Entrance and the Stadium Entrance will be open from 7:15 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. For security purposes, all doors will be monitored by staff members. Students are not permitted to enter the building prior to 7:15 a.m.

Freshman will be required to attend a class meeting on the second day of school (August 23) at 7:55 a.m. in the RRHS Auditorium. Freshmen should plan on arriving at 7:45 a.m.

Communications 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:

Gradebook

Parents and students are encouraged to monitor Gradebook for current information regarding assessments and grades. All teachers will update Gradebook weekly with current assignments and grades.

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.

Website

The high school [website](#) houses information about RRHS. Please visit it frequently for updates.

Phone

The main office line is 440-356-6800. Please feel free to call anytime between 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Rob Winton, Principal
Brian Gergely & **Miranda Lobas**, Assistant Principals
Mark Wagner, Director of Athletics & Activities

Important Dates

August 18 | 8:00-10:30am
Freshman Orientation, Gymnasium

August 18 | 10:30-11:30am
New Student Orientation, Commons

August 22 | 7:55am-3:08pm
First Day of School

August 23 | 7:55-8:45am
Freshman PLC - Class Meeting, Auditorium

August 25 | All Day
Student Picture Day, Auditorium

August 30 | 7:55-8:45am
Senior PLC - College & Career Planning, Auditorium

August 31 | 7:00-9:00pm
RRHS Parent/Guardian Open House

September 4
Labor Day (No School)

September 6 | 7:55-8:45am
Sophomore PLC - Jostens Presentation, Auditorium

September 6 | 7:55-8:45am (OPTIONAL)
Seniors - College Essay Writing, Media Center

September 8 | 7:00pm
Fall Sports Senior Night & Football vs. Lakewood

September 20 | 7:55-8:45am
Freshman PLC - Social Media & Safety, Auditorium

September 29 | 5:30 (Parade) & 7:00pm (Game)
Homecoming Parade and Football Game

September 30 | 7:00-9:30pm
Homecoming Dance, RRHS Gymnasium

Search for Children With Disabilities Underway

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004, The Rocky River City School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate, and identify all children from birth through 21 years of age with disabilities, regardless of their situations, who have significant, individual needs and require intensive interventions through special education and related services.

A disability, in this instance, means such conditions as autism, deaf/blindness, multiple disabilities, deafness/hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, visual impairment/blindness, specific learning disabilities, preschoolers with a disability, emotional disturbance, cognitive disabilities, speech and language impairments, orthopedic and other health impairments or traumatic brain injury.

Although many school aged disabled children are identified and currently being served by the Rocky River City School District, preschool children ages 3-5 with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through the public school. Community members can help us with this important effort. If you know of a child in our district with a disability that is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Jennifer Norman, Executive Director of Pupil Services at 440.356.6006.

In addition and in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment of 2008, Rocky River City School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate and identify all children with a disability. In this instance, a student with a disability who has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity because of disability, needs or is believed to need special education, related services or aids or accommodations/modifications. If a parent or guardian suspects that a child may be eligible under this federal definition, please contact Jennifer Norman, District Compliance Officer.

Miscellaneous Items

Administration

- Dr. Rob Winton, Principal
- Ms. Miranda DiCarro, Assistant Principal (A-K)
 - ***Mr. Todd Murphy will be the substitute administrator for Ms. DiCarro while she is out on maternity leave for the first semester.***
- Mr. Brian Gergely, Assistant Principal (L-Z)
- Mr. Mark Wagner, Athletic Director

Counseling

- Mr. Jeff Petrusis: (A-G) Counseling Department Chair
- Ms. Sarah Blatnik (H-O)
- Ms. Candace McMahon (P-Z)
- Ms. Laura Phenney (McKeon Counselor)

Getting Involved at RRHS

One of the best ways to acclimate to the high school environment is to become involved in athletics or activities. Contact Mr. Mark Wagner with questions.

School Supplies

The majority of classes at RRHS utilize the learning management system, Canvas. Students will have access to individual Chromebooks in each classroom but are welcome to bring their own device if desired. Students will need pencils/pens and a notebook. Some math classes require specific calculators. Some teachers still use traditional textbooks while others use online textbooks.

Graduation Requirements

The Ohio Department of Education's graduation requirements can be found here. The RRHS Course Catalog is linked here and provides additional information regarding graduation and course requirements.

Final Forms

Please be sure to complete your child(ren)'s Final Forms prior to the school year starting. Please call the RRHS Main Office at 440-356-6800 with questions.