

River Dell Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Tomorrow is the first day of the 2021-2022 school year at River Dell Middle School! I hope everyone is as excited as I am to start this exciting journey! I wanted to reach out with a few important items to help plan for tomorrow:

- Students will be allowed to enter at 7:35 and are expected to be in Homeroom/Period 1 by 7:50. Obviously, teachers will be understanding of any timing issues that arise the first few days.
- Every student will receive a hard copy of their class schedule in Homeroom. If there is locker confusion, my advice is to go to Homeroom and pick up the schedule, which will have locker information listed. Students who are still having issues can tell their homeroom teacher or administration and we will work to get locker problems solved this week.
- Students will learn about lunch options, including outdoor seating, during Physical Education class. If a student does NOT have Physical Education tomorrow, there will be an explanation Friday in Physical Education. A follow up email will go out to all families Thursday evening outlining the middle school lunch plan.
- Students will not change for Physical Education tomorrow or Friday. That is standard practice on one-session days. Starting next week, students will have the option of either using the locker rooms or simply participating in what they wear to school, assuming it is appropriate for Physical Education. If a student wants to use the locker room, that student must provide their own lock and must remove it daily. Locker use without a lock is at one's own risk.
- Students who finished last year in River Edge, Oradell, or River Dell Middle School will receive a temporary Student ID. I realize there is an error on the cards and 7th grade students do not have pictures, but this card is necessary to use for cashless purchases of lunch from Chartwell's. There will be information about the point-of-sales system included in the lunch letter Thursday afternoon. Students will receive new cards after class photos are taken September 17th.
- The day ends at 12:05. Families of 8th grade students, please respond to the Pizza Social email from yesterday ONLY if your student plans on attending.
- Enjoy the journey because it goes fast! Middle school is the glue that holds Elementary and High School together! We will talk throughout the year about how to gain the most out of the experience so that the transition to High School is seamless!

Best of luck,



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