



RIVER DELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Greetings, new and returning Hawk Families! Time flies when you are having fun over summer vacation, and I hope the fun continues for our rising 7th and 8th grade Hawks as they return to school in just over three weeks! Our dedicated custodial staff is working hard on final preparations as we near our chance, once again, to fill the hallways and classrooms with energy and eager students!

September 6th, the first day of school will be an A Day. The schedule runs on a four-day rotation which will take some getting used to for our new students, but I am confident that by week two, there will be limited confusion. Our teachers will be accommodating and helpful as students acclimate to the change in routine so there is nothing to worry about. The full day schedules are as follows for each grade:

Grade 7

Period	Start	End	Length
Homeroom	7:50	7:58	8
1	7:58	8:41	43
2	8:45	9:28	43
3	9:32	10:15	43
4	10:19	11:02	43
5 – Lunch	11:06	11:32	26
6/7	11:36	12:19	43
8	12:23	1:06	43
9	1:10	1:53	43
10	1:57	2:40	43

Grade 8

Period	Start	End	Length
Homeroom	7:50	7:58	8
1	7:58	8:41	43
2	8:45	9:28	43
3	9:32	10:15	43
4	10:19	11:02	43
5/6	11:06	11:49	43
7 – Lunch	11:53	12:19	26
8	12:23	1:06	43
9	1:10	1:53	43
10	1:57	2:40	43

There will be two entry points each morning, one at the front circle off Woodland Avenue and the other in the parking lot off Fifth Avenue. The doors will open at 7:40 allowing students 10 minutes to say good morning to their peers, visit lockers, and report to their period one class where an 8-minute homeroom session will kick off the start of the day. Once homeroom starts, the only point of entry will be the front entrance adjacent to the circle. Drop-off items will be placed in the front vestibule. Visitors will not be allowed inside the second set of doors unless there is a meeting scheduled or if a student must be picked up.

Each day, students should dress comfortably in clothes and sneakers that would allow them to participate in physical education, unless a change of clothes is brought to school. Changing in locker rooms will be optional as we start the school year. Regarding all classes, teachers will allow ample time for each student to gather any necessary supplies so please do not stress over this process prior to the first day of school. A supply list will not be provided before September 6th.

Students in the 7th grade will eat lunch between 11:02 and 11:32, then 8th grade students will eat between 11:49 and 12:19. If a student is purchasing lunch, there will be an option of paying in cash or putting money into an account and using their student ID number located in the Parent Portal. A bar code on the physical student ID card will also identify each student online in the cafeteria (we are working on providing each student who is new to the building an ID card the first day). For information about *MyPaymentPlus* located on the district website, [click here](#). Bringing lunch is a good option to avoid long lunch lines.

Laptop computers will be issued to students new to the district at various times. Those involved in the technology academy starting August 17th will receive laptops upon check-in. Those who are not participating will have the option of picking up laptop computers August 30th or 31st (more information will be included in a separate attachment). Students who are unable to attend the academy and are unavailable August 30-31 will be issued laptop computers on the first day of school. **IMPORTANT:** Any student who does not have the necessary requirements fulfilled on Community Pass will not receive a laptop computer until all forms/fees have been taken care of. Any parent/guardian experiencing issues with Community Pass should contact registerhelp@riverdell.org and provide the parent/guardian name, the student's name, and a primary email address.

Leading up to the first day, all incoming 7th grade students, as well as students new to the district are invited to attend an Orientation/Barbecue on Thursday, August 25th. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:45 – 10:00	Students arrive at the front entrance near the flagpole and report to the auditorium just inside the main doors
10:00 – 10:30	Mrs. Binder, 7 th Grade Counselor, will review information to prepare students for their start to the school year
10:30 – 11:15	Presentation from an outside speaker
11:15 – 12:00	Students will be given a chance to freely walk the building (it is encouraged that they bring a copy of their schedule as well as identify their locker and combination in the Parent Portal)
12:00 – 1:00	7 th Grade Barbecue on back patio (food and water provided)

At this point, all families should have received an email with credentials to sign into the Genesis Parent Portal. The link can be found on the District or School website. If, for some reason, any family has not received login information, please contact RDMS as soon as possible. Students new to the district will receive district email addresses and instructions on how to use Microsoft Office 365 during the first week of classes. **Any student who qualifies for busing should have received information already from the district office.**

I look forward to meeting everyone in a couple weeks as the 2022-2023 school year begins! Below are some important dates to consider early in the year. The RDMS website at <https://rdms.riverdell.org/> will be updated regularly. You will also find a current version of the student handbook should you have any procedural questions. Details on all listed events to follow:

September 1 – First day for teachers

September 21-22 – Start Strong Testing

September 6 – First day for students

September 26-27 – No Classes

September 9 – Individual Picture Day

September 29 – Club Fair (during lunch)

September 15 – Back to School Night

October 4 – 7th Grade Field Day

(One-session day for students)

October 5 – No Classes

September 17 – RD Health and Wellness Fair (RDHS)

October 10 – No Classes for students

Best Regards,



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