

August 2021

Dear Rensselaer Families:

It's that time of the year again! The summer is quickly coming to an end. I hope that parents and students had a very enjoyable summer. We are excited to be able to welcome everyone back into the building this year. The reopening committee has met and will make any necessary adjustments to our building protocols.

**The 2021-2022 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.** The school day begins at **7:25 AM** and concludes at **2:30 PM**. Schedules will be open on School Tool the week of **August 23, 2021**. The supplies list for the Jr-Sr High School are located on the [school website](#).

### **What's new at Rensselaer Junior Senior High School?**

- ❖ We would like to welcome grade 6 to the Jr-Sr High school. There will be no changes to the grade 6 class structure. They will operate as an elementary class under the Jr-Sr High School. In grades 7-12 we will be returning to our 8 period schedule this year.
- ❖ In the High School we are happy to announce the return of Calculus being taught in the building. We are also happy to offer college credit through Sage Colleges for 2 classes we currently offer Government and US History.
- ❖ We will introduce some new hires this year after board approval.
- ❖ New and updated technology – a reminder that the Jr-Sr High School is 1:1, all students in RJSHS will receive a chromebook. In order to receive a chromebook please sign up on [My School Bucks](#). [Attached](#) is a quick tutorial.

The school day for the Junior Senior High School will be **7:25AM – 2:30PM**. All students in grades 6–12 will be transported together. Mrs. Charles Thomas, the District Transportation Supervisor will supply bus information to all families.

The building will open at 7:20AM each morning. All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch. Students will enter the building, be able to take breakfast, and report directly to their first period class. For grades 7-11 the first 14 minutes will serve as HR and breakfast. Lunch will be delivered to each hallway and students will eat in the classroom socially distanced.

We are looking forward to a very successful school year. Parent involvement and support are extremely important. Students are more successful in their academics when parents remain involved in their education.

Parents are encouraged to register for the student information system, [School Tool](#). The portal allows parents the opportunity to monitor their child's grades through an interactive website. Please update your phone number and email address through Mrs. Foust in the Guidance Department. Parents may need to re-register if the account has been inactive for a period of time.

Again schedules will be mailed home the week of **August 23, 2021** and will also be available through School Tool. Enjoy the remainder of the summer break. I look forward to seeing all of our students on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021. I will share additional information as it is released.**

**Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.**

Sincerely,

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RJSHS Principal