

Family Welcome Packet August 2022



# Verynda Stroughter, Principal

"A School for the Mind, a Mind for the Future"

# Greetings!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that you find this document helpful to prepare for the first day of school. This year we will begin school one week early with **the first day of school on Monday, August 29**<sup>th</sup>! We are excited and ready to welcome you back into school for a fantastic school year. Please note there will be no school on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day Observance.

I am so happy to report that we are continuously on the move academically in the district, state, and nation. We have maintained our number one status in the district, and we have increased our ranking in the state to number thirty-two! Nationally, we were in the Best Schools rankings according to the US News & World Report, landing in the top 5%. We should all be proud of the moves that we are making but at the same time should not be satisfied with this position. There is more work to be done and I look forward to partnering with you all to continue our RISE.

Although we are all here to achieve academically, I cannot ignore our athletic and extracurricular programs. Last year, our girls' track and field team were Division 1 MHSAA State Champions! We have some exceptional athletes, and we look forward to what they will do in the years to come. They have spent the last few years in pure DOMINANCE. I am so proud of these young ladies. Join me in congratulating them on their accomplishments.

It is a goal of mine that all students are involved in the school community outside of the classroom. If athletics is not your forte, you can be involved in the management aspect of the program. Students may also join one of our many clubs and volunteer organization to imbed themselves in the fabric of our school community. This past year our entire Performing Arts Department participated in the Evening of Fine Arts held at the Fox Theater. Our students did an amazing job, and it was great to see them back at the Fox! Check them out, experience is not necessary to be involved in these programs.

Parents, we are not leaving you out. It takes us all! Join our PTSA, Dad's Club, or Athletic & Performing Arts Booster Clubs! I look forward to working with you all this school year and seeing your active participation.

Be sure you are in the know. If you never hear anything from me within the first month of school, you are not connected. Please come by the school to update your information and become linked to the school. It is imperative that you are on all our school communication avenues, including PowerSchool Parent Portal, Blackboard, Principal Stroughters' Remind and class sponsors communication. If you have not downloaded the PowerSchool app and gotten your login information, be sure to get that done day one!

Although we are still living with Covid, this year, masks are optional. It is a personal preference whether a mask is worn in the building, but it is highly encouraged. We will still have masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, and other PPE available for use. With nearly 1500 people in the building each day, we have a small community that needs to be mindful of others and vigilant with our care. When symptoms arise, we ask that you test and stay home for the required number of days until you are well. Help us try to stay in school every day for the entire school year as healthy as we can be.

We are dedicated to providing the highest quality educational experience in the state of Michigan. Together, we will strengthen our spirits, challenge our minds, broaden our perspectives and be flexible in our steps to another successful school year! Educationally,

Verynda Stroughter, Principal

# Administration Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Grade Level Responsibility
Verynda Stroughter	Principal	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Lewis Grady	Assistant Principal	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Cindy Powell	Assistant Principal	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sophia Sims	Assistant Principal	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Welcome New Staff - 2022/2023

Aisha Tahir, English	Marci Oliver, Science	John Winston, PE/Writing	Kelly West, Counseling

# Save The Date

During registration, students will obtain schedules, receive their textbooks, all students who are new to Renaissance will take their student ID picture, and receive their school ID. School ID's will be necessary to enter the building every day. Students can purchase school uniform shirts and pay senior dues. All students MUST have on a collared school shirt to take a school ID photo (white or burgundy color). Seniors cap & gown photos will be taken at a later date. Only RHS students should be in attendance during orientation; parents, siblings, family members and friends should not attend.

August 23	9 <sup>th</sup> , A – L: 8am – 10am 9 <sup>th</sup> , M – Z: 10am – 12pm	August 24	10 <sup>th</sup> , A – L: 8am – 10am 10 <sup>th</sup> , M – Z: 10am – 12pm
August 23	11 <sup>th</sup> , A – L: 1pm – 2pm 11 <sup>th</sup> , M – Z: 2pm – 3pm	August 24	12 <sup>th</sup> , A – L: 1pm – 2pm 12 <sup>th</sup> , M – Z: 2pm – 3pm

Make Up Day

August 25	9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> : 8am – 10am
August 25	10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> : 10am – 12pm

#### New for 2022!

- AP Seminar for 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Lab
- New Homecoming Dance Venue
- New Course Offerings

# Summer Assignments

Don't forget, summer assignments for all grade levels were placed on the website in July. Be sure to be prepared on the first day of school with your summer assignments! Please visit <u>www.detroitk12.org/renaissance</u> to obtain summer assignments.

# **Counseling Staff**

Counselors are assigned by last name; the assignments are as follows:

A-G: Melissa Jones, melissa.jones@detroitk12.org

- H-O: Kelly West, Kelly.west@detroitk12.org (George Duncan, george.duncan@detroitk12.org)
- P-Z: Wendy Nichols, wendy.nichols@detroitk12.org

College Transition Advisor: Cionne Jones, cionne.jones@detroitk12.org

# **Upcoming Dates**

August 23 – 24: Student Orientation by grade level August 25: Varsity Home Football Game, 7pm August 29: First Day of School September 2 & 5: Labor Day Observance, No School September 10: First Varsity Volleyball Tournament September 15: Probation Student Meeting, 10am September 21: Probation Parent Meeting, 4pm September 21: Parent Night, 5pm September 22: Homecoming Football Game, 7pm September 23: Homecoming Dance

# Communication

The main office is open daily. Beginning August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the main office will be open from 8am – 4pm. If your contact information (phone number and address) has changed, we ask that you update your information as many things are sent out from the school and district using this information. All families should have access to PowerSchool to manage attendance and grades. If you do not have PowerSchool login information or need to update your contact information, please come to the main office during regular business hours. Also, Principal Stroughter has a Parent Remind group where information is shared regularly. You may contact the main office for your Remind group information. Be sure to check our school website regularly as many announcements and information is shared in that space. Go to www.detroitk12.org/renaissance

#### Lockers

In an effort to be more efficient, all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will use their same locker from the previous year. Any 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are new to the school will receive a locker during orientation. Locker numbers will be verified during orientation. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students should have received a locker during Summer Bridge. Students who did not receive one, will receive their locker during orientation. All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a students will receive locker assignments during orientation.

Lockers already have a combination lock on it. A separate lock is not needed. Students should not share lockers nor give their combination to anyone.

During orientation, ALL students should try to open their locker to ensure that it will open. If there are any concerns, it should be taken care of during orientation.

# Seminar Class

Every student will have a seminar period. This course is designed to give students a weekly opportunity to catch up on work, meet with teachers/counselors, make up assignments or study with a group. During the first week, students will receive instructions on how to "sign out" of seminar to take care of business within the school. This course is graded as a Pass/Fail course. A "failed" course negatively impacts students' overall GPA.

### First Day Bell Schedule

Students will report to a special homeroom on the first day of school. After the homeroom period, students will follow their schedule for the rest of the day.

Period	Start Time	End Time
HR	8:00 AM	8:45 AM
1	8:55 AM	9:40 AM
2	9:45 AM	10:30 AM
3	10:35 AM	11:20 AM
4	11:25 AM	12:50 PM
5	12:55 AM	1:40 PM
6	1:45 PM	2:30 PM
7	2:35 PM	3:20 PM

August 29, 2022 - Bell Schedule ONLY

#### First Day Homeroom Assignments

Students will receive homeroom assignments during orientation. Signs will also be posted throughout the hallways on the first day of school. Homeroom is only for the first day of school. All other days, the regular schedule will be followed.

#### Lunch Hour

Lunch occurs 4<sup>th</sup> hour Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 5<sup>th</sup> hour on Wednesday for everyone. There are three lunches designated by departments. Students should only attend one lunch period. See below.

#### **Bell Schedule**

The school day is from 8:00am – 3:20pm. On Monday, Tuesday and Friday students attend all courses hours 1 - 7. On Wednesday, students attend odd hours and on Thursday, students attend even hours with a seminar class. See below.

# Renaissance Bell Schedule – 2022/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Hr	8:00am – 8:55am	8:00am – 8:55am	<u>First Hour</u> 8:00am – 9:40am	<u>Second Hour</u> 8:00am – 9:40am	8:00am – 8:55am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hr	9:00am – 9:53am	9:00am – 9:53am	<u>Third Hour</u> 9:45am – 11:25am	<u>Seminar</u> 9:45am – 11:25am	9:00am – 9:53am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hr	9:58am – 10:51am	9:58am – 10:51am	Fifth Hour A Lunch	Fourth Hour A Lunch	9:58am – 10:51am
4 <sup>th</sup> Hr	A Lunch 10:51am – 11:21am Lunch 11:26am – 12:26pm Class B Lunch 10:56am – 11:26am Class 11:26am – 11:56am Lunch 12:01pm – 12:26pm Class C Lunch 10:56am – 11:56am Class 11:56am – 12:26pm Lunch	A Lunch 10:51am – 11:21am Lunch 11:26am – 12:26pm Class B Lunch 10:56am – 11:26am Class 11:26am Lunch 12:01pm – 12:26pm Class C Lunch 10:56am – 11:56am Class 11:56am – 12:26pm Lunch	11:30am – 12:00pm Lunch 12:05pm – 1:40pm Class B Lunch 11:30am – 12:20pm Class 12:20pm – 12:50pm Lunch 12:55pm – 1:40pm Class C Lunch 11:30am – 1:05pm Class 1:10pm – 1:40pm Lunch	11:30am – 12:00pm Lunch 12:05pm – 1:40pm Class B Lunch 11:30am – 12:20pm Class 12:20pm – 12:50pm Lunch 12:55pm – 1:40pm Class C Lunch 11:30am – 1:05pm Class 1:10pm – 1:40pm Lunch	A Lunch 10:51am – 11:21am Lunch 11:26am – 12:26pm Class B Lunch 10:56am – 11:26am Class 11:26am – 11:56am Lunch 12:01pm – 12:26pm Class C Lunch 10:56am – 11:56am Class 11:56am – 12:26pm Lunch
5 <sup>th</sup> Hr	12:31pm – 1:24pm	12:31pm – 1:24pm	Seventh Hour	Sixth Hour	12:31pm – 1:24pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Hr	1:29pm – 2:22pm	1:29pm – 2:22pm	1:45pm – 3:20pm	1:45pm – 3:20pm	1:29pm – 2:22pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Hr	2:27pm – 3:20pm	2:27pm – 3:20pm			2:27pm – 3:20pm

A Lunch: Science, Social Studies, World Language B Lunch: F&PFA, ROTC, Business, All Electives

C Lunch: ELA, Math, PE

We follow the DPSCD Student Code of Conduct. Please visit detroitk12.org, download a copy and review for your information.

# Arrival

Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:15am. Upon early arrival, students should report to the Phoenix Café until 7:45am, at that time, they may proceed to their first hour class.

# Departure

Dismissal is at 3:20pm. Students must leave the building by 3:30pm unless they are participating in a supervised activity with a staff sponsor. It is imperative that parents plan for students to be picked up at the end of the day. Students who have not been picked up by 3:30pm must wait outside of the building. Campus must be cleared by 3:30pm.

# Early Dismissal

An early dismissal letter may be submitted to your child's counselor upon arrival to school in the morning if they need to leave early. Once the verification process is completed, your child will receive written permission for early dismissal from class/school. The student must present the early dismissal pass to the teacher and report to the counseling office for pick up. Students will only be released to a parent or legal guardian as indicated on our Student Information System. Parents must come into the building and present a valid ID for early dismissal request. **All early dismissal pick-ups must occur by 2:45pm**. Students are not permitted to walk out of the building prior to checking in with the office.

# **Closed Campus**

Renaissance High School is a closed campus. Students are not to leave the building between 7:15am and 3:20pm without a written pass from a counselor or administrator, unless they are enrolled in dual enrollment or an internship program.

# Food

Food and beverages brought into the school must be for individual consumption only. Any items brought into the school for mass consumption, distribution, or sale will be confiscated and the student may face disciplinary action. Unauthorized fundraising is prohibited.

# Deliveries

Parents, please refrain from sending or delivering items such as flowers, Edible Arrangements, balloons, food deliveries etc. to students during school hours. These items will not be accepted by building security or staff and are strictly prohibited.

Students are not allowed to have food delivered by any outside source, this includes but is not limited to Door Dash, Uber Eats, GrubHub, etc.

# Dress Code

Students are required to follow the RHS dress code (Khaki color or burgundy pants, shorts or skirt with a white or burgundy collared shirt, with school ID) daily. Students out of dress code will not be allowed to attend class. Outerwear should be placed in students' lockers. Hats and hoodies are not to be worn in the building. Sweaters and/or layers should also be in school colors. School spirit wear should only be worn on Fridays.

# **Cell Phones and Headphones**

Cell phone/headphone usage is allowed in common areas (hallways, Phoenix Café). However, all devices must be put away in classroom areas. Devices may be used for classroom purposes at the discretion of the teacher.

### **COVID Procedures**

As a district, we follow the guidance from the DHD. At any time, these procedures may change.

To prevent the spread of Covid-19, we ask that everyone is diligent in their daily lives. If symptoms arise, please take a test to be sure Covid-19 is not present. Students and staff who test positive for Covid-19 are not permitted in the building for five days and may return on the sixth day. Testing is available for staff and students in the parking lot Monday – Friday from 8am – 6pm. Testing weekly is a great practice to follow.

Masks are strongly encouraged but optional.

# Student Absent Reporting

When your student will be absent, you may send an email to all of the teachers and the attendance agent OR write a note so that your student can provide to each teacher for signatures and drop the note off in the counseling office to be recorded. Counselors should also be notified for a student long term absence (more than 3 consecutive days).

# **Renaissance High School Communication Process**

Matters Involving:	Academic Progress	Attendance Progress	Behavior Concerns	School Communication	Athletics
Step 1:	Contact ClassroomTeacher	Contact ClassroomTeacher	Contact ClassroomTeacher	Contact	Contact Coach
Step 2:	Contact School Counselor	Contact Attendance Agent	Contact Dean of Culture	Main Office	Contact
Step 3:	Assistant Principal			Athletic Director	
Step 4:	Principal Stroughter				

**Communication Process Practices:** 

School formal strategies include:

- Blackboard and Remind are used to communicate regularly. All parents should ensure they are enrolled in all communication platforms.
- Monthly school newsletter posted on school website and sent via Blackboard and Remind on the first Monday of each month
- School website: www.detroitk12.org/renaissance assists with communicating with the immediate and wider community
- Staff email: used for two-way communication with various members of the school staff (see attachment)
- School Social Media: Follow us on:
  - Twitter: @RenaissanceHig3
  - Facebook: renaissancehig3
  - Instagram: www.facebook.com/phoenix.rise.7311
- Parent Information Meetings are held at least once per year to communicate expectations and curriculum information.
- PTSA Meetings are held monthly to communicate and address the needs of the school community.
- Title I Parent Workshops are held at least twice per year to share valuable information pertaining to the growth and matriculation of our students.

- Information Sessions for a Specific Purposes: Information sessions are held as needed and will cover a variety of topics including athletics, school performances, extracurricular activities, class meetings and counselor informational sessions.
- Grade Level Assemblies: held during the first week of school to provide expectations for the school year

# Professional Communication Practices

When communicating with parents, staff members will:

- Approach discussion in an open, courteous and respectful manner.
- Listen attentively to the concerns of parents, seeking clarification where necessary.
- Present their own or the school's point of view in professional and objective terms.
- Seek support from Administration or colleagues if needed.
- Take into consideration cultural and personal sensitivities and protocols when dealing with the school community.

#### Parent Meeting Practices

- While some matters may be addressed immediately, it is desirable to arrange meetings to address issues at a time and place that is mutually convenient and is conducive to a positive outcome.
- Unless unusual circumstances apply, staff arrange meetings with parents in a timely manner.

#### **Dealing with Issues**

There may be times, despite ongoing communication, where members of the school community are unsure, disagree or believe there is a problem or issue concerning their child. Parents should not wait for a small issue to grow into a large one:

- If the matter involves your child or is an issue of everyday class operation, parents need to make an appointment to see their classroom teacher, detailing the reasons for the appointment. The classroom teacher should be the first point of contact.
- If the matter involves operations beyond the classroom or concerns that are not easily resolved, an appointment should be made with a member of the school's Administration.

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