

Renaissance High School

Family Welcome Packet

August 2020



Verynda Stroughter, Principal

“A School for the Mind, a Mind for the Future”

Greetings!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome you to a year of learning and growth for us all. Through hard work and perseverance, we were able to maintain our number one status academically in the district while settling in at number forty-six in the state. Nationally, we were in the Best Schools rankings according to the US News & World Report. I am proud to be in this position but know that we will continue an upward trajectory with the hard work of our students and staff and with the support of our parents.

In addition to achieving academically, we are in the position to be an athletic force. Many of our teams are doing extremely well. Unfortunately, due to the closure last year, we were unable to see some of those successes come to life, however, we are still positioned to make moves this school year. Be ready!

Due to our teacher service, we are moving to an all virtual platform. Please plan to attend our orientation on Thursday, September 3rd at 5pm on Microsoft Teams for more information regarding the virtual platform. Use this link to join the meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/RHSVirtOrient>.

If you have selected the face to face learning model, you will be able to come into our Learning Center. The Learning Center will provide you a space to work in the school daily from 8am – 3:20pm. Students in the Learning Center will have the same space to work each day. Students will remain at their workspace all day and log into their online class with their teacher. We will be following the guidelines from the local, state and federal government regarding safety. There will be restrictions on movement in the hallways. We will always have on face coverings and will practice social distancing.

This year, the district will begin a new Social Studies and Science curriculum. We are excited to share this experience with your student. Teachers have been trained this summer and look forward to delivering a quality curriculum.

As always, we are looking for parental engagement. Join our PTSA, Dad's Club, Athletic & Performing Arts Booster Clubs! It will take all of us to provide a meaningful experience to our students. I look forward to working with you all this school year.

Join us, we are counting on your full support as 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

Welcome New Staff

Hsiao Chun Lin, Chinese Teacher

Tiffany Coleman, Resource Teacher

Save The Date

During registration, students will obtain schedules and take and receive their student ID picture. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase school uniform shirts and pay senior dues. **All 9th and 11th grade students MUST have on a collared school shirt to take a school ID photo (white or burgundy color). 10th & 12th grade will get a reprint from the previous year.**

September 1	9th: 8am - 11am	11th: 12pm - 3pm	RHS Auditorium
September 2	10th: 8am - 11am	12th: 12pm - 3pm	RHS Auditorium

Save This Date Too

On September 11th & 12th all students will take yearbook photos and obtain their textbooks. Students MUST have their student ID in order to receive their textbooks. **All 9th – 11th grade students MUST have on a collared school shirt to take a yearbook photo (white or burgundy color). Seniors should be prepared for their cap & gown photo.**

September 11	12th: 4pm – 7pm		
September 12	9th: 8am - 10am	10th: 10:30pm – 12:30pm	11 th : 1pm – 3pm

New for 2020!

- New Bell Schedule
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Two Lunch periods based on floor
- Addition to World Language Department: Chinese
- Redesigned gymnasium
- More use within Schoology & Teams

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!

Counseling Staff

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

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

H-O: George Duncan, george.duncan@detroitk12.org

P-Z: Maria Bell, maria.bell@detroitk12.org

College Transition Advisor: Wendy Nichols, wendy.nichols@detroitk12.org

Policies and Procedures...At a Glance!

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 entering, students will be required to have their temperature checked, complete the health screening and wear a mask all day. Upon early arrival, students should report to the Phoenix Café until 7:45am. All students should be in the Learning Center by 8:00am.

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 make arrangements 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 must 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 present valid ID for early dismissal request. All early dismissal pick-ups must occur by 2:45pm.

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.

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 who have selected to come to the Learning Center will be required to follow the RHS dress code (Khaki or burgundy pants/skirt with a white or burgundy collared shirt). Students who will be working from home should be appropriately dressed for school.