



ROSEDALE BAPTIST SCHOOL

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Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Dear RBS Parent,

We pray that your summer is going well. The summer is quickly passing by, and we want you to know that we are very excited about the upcoming school year. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your family and for the investment you are making in your child and our school. Our goal is to do the best we can as we partner together to encourage a strong relationship with the Lord and provide a solid education for your child.

This year's theme verse is Colossians 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Our desire as a staff is to do all we can with the Lord's help to make this a great school year. We also want to encourage our students to do the best they can as well as they diligently work this year.

The purpose of this letter is to provide some valuable information and reminders as you begin to plan for the upcoming school year. Please read this letter carefully, and let us know if you have any questions.

NEW FOR 2017-2018: Please note the items listed below that are coming for the 2017-2018 school year:

- This summer, our school's website was updated. If you have not had a chance to visit, please check it out at www.rbspanthers.org. We are excited about the new look!
- A security company will be providing a traffic officer this year in the morning during our student drop off time. The officer will be stopping traffic to help our families enter and exit our campus.
- Dress Code / Uniform Changes
 - K3-5th grade boys have the option to wear khaki or navy blue uniform shorts.
 - K3-5th grade students may wear tennis shoes. Shoes should be predominately solid in color. Neon colors, light ups, and shoes with wheels are not allowed. Shoes with action figures, princesses, etc. should not be worn.
 - We have updated our uniform shirt logo. The new logo is available at Flynn & O'Hara, EmbroidMe, Time Out for Sports, and Jock City. As a reminder, students are not

required to wear the new shirt logo this year. However, we will be phasing in the new logo.

- MS/HS Academic Program Developments:
 - Enhanced Dual Enrollment Program: This year we are expanding our dual enrollment program to include some electives in addition to Math and English. *If you are interested in your child's participation and have not let Mr. Warren know, please let him know right away. He can be reached at cwarren@rbspanthers.org.*
 - This year, our teachers will be using a program called Turn It In for the submission of various projects. This program will assist both students and teachers and allow students to submit projects online. More details will be given as the school year gets started.
 - Our middle school and high school class schedule has been revised to include 8 class periods. This change will allow the opportunity for additional electives and enrichment to be added. A full schedule will be available on Back to School Night.
- Students in 6th-12th grades will be asked to leave their book bags in their lockers during the school day. They will not be allowed to bring their bags from class to class. Please keep in mind that, with the class schedule change, students will have five minutes between classes rather than the three they have had in the past.
- Handbook Revisions: A few revisions will be made to the handbook. Revisions will be highlighted on the first few pages. You will receive a Quick Reference Guide to our handbook at Back to School Night to reference through the year as needed. Parents are encouraged to read the complete handbook which will be posted on our website by August 1.

K3-K5 MEET AND GREET FOR NEW PARENTS AND STUDENTS: All new K3-K5 parents are invited to join the administration and teachers for a time of fellowship on Friday, July 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the playground.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Please note the orientation night schedule below. We will meet in the auditorium for approximately 45 minutes with an open house in the classrooms to follow. This is a great time for you to meet the teachers as well as the other parents and students in the class. **We strongly recommend that at least one parent/guardian attend the meeting.**

Monday, August 21

6:00 p.m. PK3-1st Grade (*Please note that this is a change for first grade.*)

7:00 p.m. 2nd-5th Grade

Tuesday, August 22

6:00 p.m. 6th-12th Grade

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, August 23, 2017

ENROLLMENT: We are looking at another record enrollment for the coming school year with well over 500 students projected. The Lord continues to bless our ministry. *If you are reading this and have not re-enrolled yet, please do so quickly. Several grade levels are almost closed.*

SOCIAL MEDIA: We want to remind you that RBS has a Facebook and Twitter page. All families are encouraged to friend/follow us. These outlets will be used frequently for promotion and announcements.

PARENTS OF 6th GRADE STUDENTS: Parents are invited to attend a meeting for all 6th grade parents on Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. in room ED 214. Please be aware that as our students enter the 6th grade, they become a part of our middle school program. Sixth grade students remain in their same classrooms most of the time, and different teachers will come in to teach the various subjects. This allows them a year to transition into switching classes for 7th-12th grade. One other transition for this grade level is participation in the same discipline system as the 7th-12th grade. This system is outlined in our student handbook.

MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Coaches Joe Smith and Heather Smith will be coaching the middle school and varsity volleyball teams. Ms. Laura Marvin will also be assisting them. Pre-season practice times are listed below. All 6-12 grade girls interested in this program are to report to pre-season practice in school-standard dress. *If you are interested in this opportunity, please also note the athletic physical forms section below.*

Pre-season / Summer Volleyball Schedule

(Volleyball practices and home games will be held at school.)

Tryouts: Tryouts will be held August 10-11, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Practice: Practice will begin on August 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER: All young men in grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate. Coach Russell Roshchin and Angela Cuocci will be coaching the teams this year. *If you are interested in this opportunity, please also note the athletic physical forms section below.*

Pre-season / Summer Soccer Schedule

(Soccer practices and home games will be held at First Baptist Church in Essex located at 911 Mace Avenue.)

Tryouts: Tryouts will be held August 10-11, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Practice: Practice begins on August 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC PHYSICAL FORMS: If your child has not yet received an athletic physical for the 2017-2018 school year and is going to participate in our athletic program, please see that you get a physical form either from the school website or the school office. Physicals are good for one full year. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of the expiration of a previous exam.

ON-CAMPUS MUSIC LESSONS: We are excited to be able to offer piano lessons to our K5-12th grade students during the school day on campus. *(K4 students may also be considered on a case by case basis.)* Please contact Mr. Lopez at rlopez@rosedalebaptist.org if you are interested in your child taking lessons.

KINDERGARTEN & 7th GRADE STUDENTS: All students entering K5 and 7th grade are reminded that they must turn in an updated physical exam and immunization record. If you have any questions about what this includes, please call your doctor.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS & BIRTH CERTIFICATES: It is state law that we have all records up-to-date for each one of our students. Please be reminded that records must be complete in order for your child to start school this year. If we do not have your child's immunization record or birth certificate, please submit them before school begins.

ASBESTOS: In compliance with our facility regulations, we would like to inform you that an ADHERA asbestos inspection was conducted on all school buildings. No asbestos was found in our church building, and no asbestos-containing material (ACM) was used in the construction of our new educational building.

SUPPLY LISTS: Supply lists are posted on our website and Facebook. You may also come by the office to pick up a printed version. This information is provided so that your child can be ready for school the first day.

We are looking forward to another great year as we strive to *reach* students for Christ, *build* them to their greatest potential in Him, and train them to *serve* the Lord and others. (RBS – *Reach. Build. Serve.*)

If you have any questions or if we can be of service to you, please call the school office at (410) 687-6844.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Errett

School Administrator

I Corinthians 10:31, "...do all to the glory of God."

