



ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

I hope that you and your family are enjoying the summer break and that you are looking forward to the opportunities presented by a new school year. As September approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information with you and your child.

Parents/guardians now are able to update emergency contacts on the parent portal. Information is available on the district website on how to update your emergency contacts. Click on Parents>>eSchool Parent Portal and look on the left navigation bar for the emergency contact verification link.

This year school will begin with a full day on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**. Your child's day will begin with a 15-minute First Period Homeroom. Students will report directly to their first period class that is indicated on their schedule which is now available on Parent Portal. Students will receive their final schedules in their first period class on the first day of school. Every effort has been made to meet the specific needs of each student in conformity with student choice, course availability, and state and district education policies.

Day 1 Schedule

Warning Bell	7:11
First-Period Homeroom	7:15 – 7:30; hand out final schedules and test out lockers.
Period 1	7:34 – 7:59
Period 2	8:03 – 8:45
Period 3	8:49 – 9:31
Period 4	9:35 – 10:17
Period 5	10:21 – 11:03
Period 6	11:07 – 11:49
Period 7	11:53 – 12:35
Period 8	12:39 – 1:22

High school students will be dismissed at 1:22 PM and bus transportation home will be provided. Ninth period will continue to provide **extra help for students on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please encourage your child to attend extra help on a regular basis; transportation home is available.** All after-school activities, including athletics or clubs, will begin at 2:10 PM.

Punctual and consistent attendance is a priority at Rocky Point. In the event of a student's absence, the school should always be notified by phone the morning of absence and an explanatory letter, which is required by NY State Law, should be sent in with the student upon his/her return and given to the attendance secretary in the main office. Various personal appointments should be made outside of school time whenever possible. It is expected that students will be on time for school. **If a student arrives without a note that details an excused lateness, he/she will be assigned detention for that day or the following day.**

A significant improvement in average daily attendance has been noted since the onset of this practice. There is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement, and therefore, we will continue to implement the policy. Students must maintain a minimum attendance standard to receive credit for each individual course. Students will not receive credit for a full-year course if they exceed 28 absences, or 14 absences in a half-year course. Your child will be given an attendance policy overview in his/her first period class. It is required that this document be signed by the student and parent, indicating that both parties are aware of this policy. The student must return the signed form to his/her first period teacher by **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**. Please refer to the Rocky Point School District's web site (www.rockypointschools.org) to review the Comprehensive Attendance Policy in its entirety.

Rocky Point High School is a respected institution; therefore, proper attire will be enforced at all times. Gym clothing, abbreviated shirts and tops, pajamas, slippers, etc., are not acceptable alternatives. Please make sure that the innumerable inscriptions that adorn teenage apparel these days are positive and uplifting. Hats, costumes and bandanas are not to be worn in school. Students are not permitted to use cell phones, i-pods, etc. in the building. Any of these items may be confiscated and will be returned only to a parent. **In addition, the school will not be held responsible for any of these items if lost or stolen.**

As part of the SAVE legislation and to insure safety in schools from drugs and weapons, no student backpacks, duffel bags, or book bags will be permitted in the hallways or classrooms of the high school during the school day. These items must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival at school and remain there for the duration of the school day. These items may be removed at the end of the day to return home or to attend after-school activities.

It is the responsibility of students to take care of their textbooks, many of which are new and costly. At the conclusion of the school year, if a textbook is not returned, students/parents will be required to pay the replacement cost or be assessed fines if books are damaged beyond the normal wear and tear of usage.

BUS STOPS - I would like to remind our students how important it is to be orderly, quiet, and respectful of people and their property in the vicinity of bus stops.

LUNCH – The price for lunch at the high school is **\$2.90**, breakfast **\$1.60**, and milk **\$.60**. In an effort to promote accountability among high school students we would like to limit the number of food items dropped off at the main office during the school day. Students are expected to be prepared at the start of the day with all needed items. In the rare event that a student forgets his/her lunch, we ask that parents drop off a bag lunch with a closed container drink. We no longer will accept coffee drinks or soft drinks. I appreciate your help and assistance with this initiative.

DRIVERS' EDUCATION – Drivers' Education registration will be Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in the high school main office. The cost for the program is \$400.00. Lecture classes will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, and driving instruction is after school or on Saturdays.

SENIOR PARKING – **Parking privileges are extended to seniors only.** The application, which includes rules and regulations as well as application submission information, is available on the high school's Virtual Backpack.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son's or daughter's schooling, please contact the teacher concerned, a guidance counselor, an assistant principal or me. We welcome your inquiries.

Respectfully,

Susann Crossan
Principal