



ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear RPHS Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your family truly enjoyed your summer break and 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 [eSchool Parent Portal](#). Click the link [here](#) for instructions on how to complete this task on the Parent Portal. **Parents who experience difficulties logging onto their Parent Portal, click [HERE](#).** **Students may contact the high school guidance office at 631-744-1604 if they are having difficulties logging onto their [eSchool Student Portal](#).**

As a reminder to all parents who have children entering 9th grade, we are hosting Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 24th from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM at the high school. Breakfast will be served in the high school cafeteria beginning at 8:30 AM. A presentation and building tour will run from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

This year school will begin with a full day on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2022**. Students will report directly to their first period class indicated on their schedule now available on Parent Portal. Students will receive their final schedules in their first period class on the first day of school. Students will also report any locker concerns they may have.

Day 1 Schedule

Warning Bell	7:11
Period 1	7:15 – 8:00 - schedule review and locker concerns.
Period 2	8:03 – 8:46
Period 3	8:49 – 9:32
Period 4	9:35 – 10:18
Period 5	10:21 – 11:04
Period 6	11:07 – 11:50
Period 7	11:53 – 12:36
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 be designated as **extra help for students based upon individual teacher schedules. 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.

CHROMEBOOKS- Students should bring their school-issued Chromebooks to school on the first day of school. **Chromebooks that need repairs may be brought to Rocky Point High School between 8 AM and 10 AM on Monday, August 22nd.** The parent/guardian will be contacted when the Chromebook is ready to be picked up by the building administration.

ATTENDANCE- 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. 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.**

Research has shown there is a strong correlation between attendance and achievement. 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 or alternating day course.** Your child will receive 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 **Friday, September 16th**. Please refer to the [Rocky Point School District Comprehensive Attendance Policy](#) for more information.

DRESS CODE- Rocky Point High School is a respected learning institution; therefore, **proper attire is expected at all times. Clothing must cover all private body parts and must not be transparent. Extremely brief garments will not be accepted in the school building.** Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, violence or is deemed offensive by administration is prohibited. Hats, hood, costumes and bandanas are not to be worn in school. We thank you in advance for your support in promoting a professional and positive learning community.

LOCKERS AND BACKPACKS- **Students will be assigned lockers this school year, however we will continue to allow them to wear backpacks throughout the day should they choose to limit or forgo using their locker.** Large items such as sports bags and backpacks will not be permitted to be dropped off during the school day through the main office. Please encourage your child to bring all necessary items with them at the start of each day.

SCHOOL-ISSUED ITEMS- It is the responsibility of our students to take care of their Chromebook, textbooks and school issued materials. Families will be responsible to pay for damaged or lost Chromebooks. Please see Mrs. Sciarrone in the library to report such incidents and request a loaner Chromebook. At the conclusion of the school year, if a textbook or school issued item 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 and TRANSPORTATION - 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. Proper behavior is expected on the school bus at all times. **Late bus information (times and stops) may be found on your [eSchool Parent Portal](#).**

DRIVERS' EDUCATION – Drivers' Education registration applications can be found on the *High School Virtual Backpack*. **Applications and checks must be returned to the high school by Friday, September 2, 2022. The cost for the program is \$200.00. Checks must be made out to Rocky Point Schools.** Lecture classes will return to an in person format and will take place at the Rocky Point Middle School on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM. Formal driving instruction will remain with the parents/guardians.

SENIOR PARKING – **Parking privileges are extended to seniors only.** The application is available on the high school's [Virtual Backpack](#).

I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are very excited to start the school year and have our students back in the building! 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,
Jonathan Hart
Principal