

August 2024

Dear Rensselaer Families:

The faculty and staff of the Rensselaer Junior/Senior High School are excited to welcome our students to the 2024-2025 school year! We have worked hard to prepare a plan that will maintain the necessary focus on health and safety while providing an opportunity for our students to engage in a regular school year with more opportunities.

The 2024-2025 School year will begin on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. The school will open at 7:30 classes will begin at 7:41 AM and conclude at 2:30 PM.

Students' schedules will open on School Tool on August 28. The supply list for the Jr-Sr. High School is located on the [school website](#).

What is new at Rensselaer Junior-Senior High School?

- Students in grades 6-12 will follow our 8 period schedule this year. 6th grade orientation will be August 29th, 12:00-1:00. We will meet at the auditorium entrance. Students will receive their schedules and have the opportunity to visit classrooms and locker areas.
- In the High School, we are happy to announce that Jackie Schacht and Jen Leonard will again serve as instructional coaches.
- **New Hires are as follows:**
- Michael Meier – MS Health
- Judith Iannuzzo – MS English
- We are in the process of updating our cell phone policy to include Yondr Pouches. We believe that this will provide a classroom environment that is conducive to learning for all.
- A reminder of our [dress code](#)
Rensselaer Jr-Sr High School is a 1:1 school, meaning all students in RJSJS will receive a Chromebook. To receive your Chromebook returning students should sign up [here](#) and new students should sign up [here](#). [Attached](#) is a quick tutorial. If you would like to pay with cash, you will need to do so over the summer through the JSJS main office. No cash payments will be accepted during the school year.

The school building will open at 7:30 AM each morning for grades 6-12. All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch. Students will enter the building, be able to take breakfast and report directly to their first period class. The first portion of Period 1 will serve as homeroom and breakfast. Lunch periods will be in the cafeteria.

We look forward to a very successful school year. Parent involvement and support are extremely important. Students are more successful in their academics when parents remain involved in their education.

Parents are encouraged to register for the student information system. [School Tool](#). The portal allows parents the opportunity to monitor their child's grades through an interactive website. If you need help with your account, please email the Helpdesk (helpdesk@rcsd.k12.ny.us) and provide your name and the Student's name. Parents may need to re-register if the account has been inactive for a period.

Communication this year will be primarily through email. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date. If you need to update your phone, number and email address contact Mrs. Foust (tfoust@rcsd.k12.ny.us) in the Guidance Department.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer break. I look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. I will share additional information, as it is needed.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dominick M. Pitaniello
Principal