

## August 13, 2025

Dear RCS Parents and Families,

I hope that your summer is going well. As the middle of August approaches, we are ramping up our efforts for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. I am reaching out to share some important information with you about the new school year ahead. Our school offices are open and you can expect regular building communications to resume by next week. The excitement is building for the coming year and the first day of school is on Tuesday, September 2nd, which is a half day for all students. Please take a few minutes to review the important information below.

**2025-2026 Athletic Participation Fees-** I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Education took action at their Regular Meeting in June to continue the suspension of Pay to Participate fees for the 2025-2026 school year. We are happy to continue this adjustment for many of our middle and high school families. Continuation of the suspension of fees will be reviewed annually in the budget approval process. It is important to note that the additional operational fees associated with our club sports at both RHS and RMS will still be in place. Additional information in regard to this can be directed to the Athletic Department or your school office.

**2025-2026 School Calendar and School Times-** The full 2025-2026 School Calendar was released last spring and is available on the district website. There is no change in our school times for this year. You can find the times for each level on the bottom of the calendar that is posted on the district website.

**School Transportation-** I encourage all of our parents to have your children ride the bus to and from school. This helps mitigate traffic issues at our school buildings both at arrival and dismissal. We understand there are special circumstances that warrant the need to drop off or pick up your child(ren) but, whenever possible, please take advantage of our district transportation.

The Transportation Department is working diligently to finalize **bus routes and times**, which will be published on the district website the week of August 18th. When the information goes live you will find the yellow bus badge icon on the district homepage in the upper left-hand corner. I would also encourage all parents to sign up for the <u>Athena parent app</u> that was launched last spring that provides all of the information about your child(ren) bus route. It also has real time tracking of your child's bus.

### **November 2025 Facilities Bond-**

On July 28th the Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution calling the November 4th Special Election for 2025 Facilities Bond Proposal. Our informational campaign is underway and we are asking all parents and community members to become informed on this important ballot proposal. We have a special election information page on the district website you can access by clicking on the "Reaching the Finish Together" badge. The initial Press Release and FAQ are now available. Look for more informational materials, videos and presentations in the future.



### **Returning Student Information Updating-**

A reminder for all currently enrolled families to please complete the Annual Returning Student Information forms in your PowerSchool Parent Portal by Wednesday, August 13, 2025. This annual process is required to verify and update important information regarding your child(ren). Thank you for your attention to this important task and for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

### **RMS Bulldog Days -**

# Tuesday, August 19th (6th Grade)

12 p.m. - Parent drops off student at gym entrance
12-3 p.m. - 6th Grade Orientation

For Parents:

2:30 p.m. - Parent meeting in auditorium
3-4:30 p.m. - Parent/guardian & student building tours

## Thursday, August 21 (7th & 8th Grade)

8-11 a.m. 12-3 p.m.

(Students may attend anytime during these hours however, in an effort to make things as efficient as possible, a suggested time for students to attend based on last name can be found on the RMS webpage.)

#### RHS Bulldog Days -

**Wednesday, August 20** (9th & 12th Grade) - 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Friday, August 22** (10th & 11th Grade) - 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

More detailed information was previously emailed to high school families.

**Elementary Welcome Back Open Houses** - Each elementary building will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, August 27 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Parents will be receiving more information from your building principal.

I hope the remainder of your summer is filled with a combination of rest, relaxation and fun. We will see everyone back in September and look forward to a great year.

# Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, Superintendent

