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RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL
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August 2015

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In just a few short weeks the 2015-2016 school year will begin.

Please review the information listed below as well as the enclosed materials:

- Attached is a copy of the bell schedule including the new lunch periods. For the 2015-2016 school year, lunches will occur during periods 5, 6, and 7.
- **A voluntary orientation for incoming freshman will be held on Thursday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m.** Members of the class of 2019 should report to the auditorium. The program will end by noon and schedules will be distributed to the ninth graders who attend.
- A ninth grade parent orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. This will be a very informative meeting regarding school rules, procedures, activities, programs, and academics. The meeting will last approximately forty-five minutes. To avoid having parents out on multiple nights, this will take place the same night as Back to School Night.
- The **first day of classes** for all students will be **Tuesday, September 8.** Homeroom assignments will be posted at building entrances. Homeroom begins at 7:55 am and students will receive their schedules at that time.
- The Parent Portal will be open to all parents. You will receive sign on information in the mail. The portal allows you to view your child's grades and attendance. We will remind you in the middle of each quarter to check your child's progress. We no longer distribute report cards in school. You will be notified of the date quarter grades are finalized. At that point you may check the Parent Portal for the electronic grade report. Please contact the guidance office if you do not have Internet access and we will mail progress reports and report cards to you.

- Students with outstanding obligations from the 2014-2015 school year will not receive a schedule on opening day. Please clear any obligation in the guidance office prior to the beginning of school; otherwise, students will be expected to clear their obligation on opening day which may mean a delay in attending classes.
- Summer reading and summer math are mandatory. Please be sure your assignments are completed.
- In June all students received individual course lists for 2015-2016. No schedule changes will be made after school opens in September. The guidance office is open in August and counselors are in August 24 through August 27.
- Please complete and return the health information and disclosure form to Ms. DePasquale, high school nurse, by Friday, September 11.
- Physicals for fall sports and marching band were given in June. If a student wishes to participate in the fall sports program, cheerleading or the band and did not have a physical, he/she must contact his/her physician for the examination. Forms are available in the main office.
- Back to School Night will be September 17 at 7:00 pm
- Although June is a long way off, we remind you that the attendance policy is in force the entire year and that requests for absences or early release cannot be honored, so plan your vacations, trips, summer camps, and jobs after the closing of school. Final Exam schedules will be published in April.
- All students will receive a *Handbook/Planner*. Please review and familiarize yourself with policies and procedures regarding attendance, tardiness/demerit system, dress code, substance abuse, fighting (violence), bullying/harassment, as well as other rules/regulations. In addition, the entire handbook is available online at www.rutherfordschools.org. These rules help us create a safe and effective learning environment. Students should use their planner to keep track of assignments and activities. In addition, Homework Now, an electronic posting of assignments, is available through our website.
- Please refer to the attachments in this mailing for important information and forms.

I hope the remaining days of summer are relaxing and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday, September 8.

Sincerely,



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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Students who are assigned central detention and fail to attend will accrue demerits.

A student will receive central detention for being late to school or for various other school infractions. Retroactive notes will not be accepted.

If a student does not attend central detention, he/she will be assigned one demerit. If a student accumulates five or more demerits, the student will be listed as ineligible for all extra-curricular activities. The student will remain ineligible until the demerits are satisfied through attending central detention, based on the equation of one central detention for one demerit.

When the demerits reach a point of zero, the student will be removed from the ineligible list. Demerits will be cumulative throughout the current school year and will be rolled over each school year. Only the principal or his/her designee will assign demerits. The ineligible list will be accessible through the attendance office. Please be advised that ineligible students may not participate in any extra-curricular activity including the senior prom and the graduation ceremony.

Central detention is held twice a day, from 7:25 am to 7:50 am and again at 2:55 pm to 3:20 pm. Students have the option of attending either or both.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "FM", written over a horizontal line.

Frank Morano
Principal

FM/chg

BELL SCHEDULE

HOMEROOM	7:55 – 8:00	
PERIOD 1	8:03 – 8:45	
PERIOD 2	8:48 – 9:30	
PERIOD 3	9:33 – 10:15	
PERIOD 4	10:18 – 11:00	
PERIOD 5	11:04 – 11:46	LUNCH
PERIOD 6	11:50 – 12:32	LUNCH
PERIOD 7	12:36 – 1:18	LUNCH
PERIOD 8	1:21 – 2:03	
PERIOD 9	2:06 – 2:48	

RHS Twitter Account

In an effort to increase communication with parents and the Rutherford community on the happenings at RHS, you are encouraged to sign up to use Twitter (www.twitter.com). Twitter is a website that allows people to communicate through the exchange of quick and brief statements. An account has been created to disseminate useful information about RHS (i.e., school news, testing, progress reports/end of quarter dates, school events, etc.) and valuable parent resources instantaneously. The best part is, once you have signed up to "follow" the updates, you will receive these messages instantly to your Twitter page.

Signing up is easy. Go to www.twitter.com, create a user profile, and once you are registered perform a search for RutherfordHS under people. Then click on RutherfordHS@RutherfordHigh and select "follow."



2015-2016
Special Workshops – 7:00PM
Rutherford High School Auditorium

September 17th

6:00PM – 6:45PM 9th Grade Parent Orientation

7:00PM Back to School Night

October 7th Senior Parent Night

October 14th Financial Aid Night

January 21st Curriculum Night

March 24th College Information Night

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As we plan for another year of school and make preparations for new classes, one consideration is the purchase of school supplies. Technology has become an integral part of our lives. In courses such as mathematics and science, it has become indispensable.

One of the tools that individual students must master is the use of the calculator. This mastery will enable students to visualize functions and make inferences about mathematical data. Using a calculator is a skill that should be practiced often to make maximum use of this technology.

For this reason, all students at Rutherford High School should purchase their own calculator for use in Mathematics and Science classes, as well as other technology courses. The purchase of a graphing calculator will be beneficial for the student, not only throughout high school, but throughout college years as well.

The Mathematics Department recommends the purchase of one of the following calculators:

TI 83+ Graphing Calculator - ~ \$ 90.00 (general recommendation for most mathematics students. Can be used for four years of high school and beyond)

TI 84+ Graphing Calculator - ~ \$95.00 (also widely used in high schools and in colleges)

TI 89 Graphing Calculator (for students in honors level courses who are planning to take AP Calculus) - ~ \$150.00

This calculator is acceptable, but not recommended:

TI-30 Calculator – ~\$15.00 (for students who cannot/will not purchase the higher level calculators. This does four functions plus trig functions, no graphing capabilities)

There are calculators available for student use in each mathematics classroom. Please be aware, however, that use of a calculator during a 42 minute class period, while helpful, does not allow a student sufficient familiarity with the calculator processes for successful use on assessments and standardized tests.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or the use of technology, please feel free to contact me.

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