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**RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
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August 2016

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In just a few short weeks the 2016-2017 school year will begin.

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

- Attached is a copy of the NEW bell schedule. For the 2016-2017 school year, we will be running a four-day rotating block schedule that includes one common lunch period. An auxiliary lunchroom has been added to accommodate all students. This schedule was designed to enable students and teachers to engage in deeper discussion and hands on project based learning activities.
- **A voluntary orientation for incoming freshman will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m.** Members of the class of 2020 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 15 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 6.** Homeroom assignments will be posted at building entrances. Homeroom begins at 7:55 am, students will receive their schedules at that time, and will follow the "A Day" schedule.
- The Parent Portal will be open to all parents. 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 2015-2016 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 assignments are mandatory. Please be sure all work is completed.
- In June all students received individual course lists for 2016-2017. No schedule changes will be made after school opens in September. The guidance office is open in August and counselors are in August 29 through September 2.
- Please complete and return the health information and disclosure form to Ms. DePasquale, high school nurse, by Friday, September 9.
- 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. Please contact the athletic office for further information.
- Back to School Night will be September 15 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.
- All students will receive a *Handbook/Planner*. Please review and familiarize yourself with **updated 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](http://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, an electronic posting of assignments is available through our website.

I hope the remaining days of summer are relaxing and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday, September 6.

Sincerely,



Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg



# RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL DAILY ROTATING SCHEDULE

2016 - 2017



Regular Bell Schedule	
Homeroom	7:55 – 8:00
Block 1	8:03 – 8:59
Block 2	9:02 – 9:58
Block 3	10:01 – 10:57
Lunch (Block 4)	11:00 – 11:51
Block 5	11:54 – 12:50
Block 6	12:53 – 1:49
Block 7	1:52 – 2:48

N/L = Non-Lab Day  
O/S = One-Session Day

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER														
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F										
			1	2	3 D N/L	4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D										
5	6 A	7 B	8 C	9 D	10 School Closed	11 A	12 B	13 C	14 D										
12 A N/L	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 A	17 A N/L	18 B	19 C	20 D	21 A										
19 B N/L	20 C	21 D	22 A	23 B	24 B N/L	25 C	26 D	27 A	28 B										
26 C N/L	27 D	28 A	29 B	30 C	31 C N/L														
NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
	1 D	2 A	3 B	4 C				1 A	2 B	2 School Closed	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 A			1 B	2 C	3 D
7 D	8 School Closed	9 A	10 School Closed	11 School Closed	5 C N/L	6 D	7 A	8 B	9 C	9 B N/L	10 C	11 D	12 A	13 B	6 A N/L	7 B	8 C	9 D	10 A
14 B N/L	15 C	16 D	17 A	18 B	12 D N/L	13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	16 School Closed	17 C	18 D	19 A	20 B	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 A	17 School Closed
21 C	22 D	23 A O/S	24 School Closed	25 School Closed	19 A N/L	20 B	21 C	22 D	23 A O/S	23 C N/L	24 D	25 A	26 B	27 C	20 School Closed	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 A
28 B N/L	29 C	30 D			26 School Closed	27 School Closed	28 School Closed	29 School Closed	30 School Closed	30 D N/L	31 A				27 B N/L	28 C			
MARCH					APRIL					MAY					JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
		1 D	2 A	3 B	3 C N/L	4 D	5 A	6 B	7 C	1 A N/L	2 B	3 C	4 D	5 A				1 C	2 D
6 C N/L	7 D	8 A	9 B	10 C	10 D	11 A	12 B	13 C	14 School Closed	8 B	9 C	10 D	11 A	12 B	5 A N/L	6 B	7 C	8 D	9 A
13 D N/L	14 A	15 B	16 C	17 D	17 School Closed	18 School Closed	19 School Closed	20 School Closed	21 School Closed	15 C N/L	16 D	17 A	18 B	19 C	12 B N/L	13 C	14 D	15 A O/S	16 B O/S
20 A N/L	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 A	24 D N/L	25 A	26 B	27 C	28 D	22 D N/L	23 A	24 B	25 C	26 D	19 C O/S	20 D O/S	21 A O/S	22 B	23 C
27 B N/L	28 C	29 D	30 A	31 B						29 School Closed	30 A	31 B			26 C	27 D	28 A	29 B	30 C

Delayed Opening Bell Schedule		One-Session Day Bell Schedule	
Homeroom	10:40 – 10:45	Homeroom	7:55 – 8:00
Block 1	10:48 – 11:30	Block 1	8:03 – 8:43
Block 2	11:33 – 12:13	Block 2	8:46 – 9:26
Block 3	12:16 – 12:56	Block 3	9:29 – 10:09
Block 5	12:59 – 1:39	Block 5	10:12 – 10:52
Block 6	1:42 – 2:22	Block 6	10:55 – 11:35
Block 7	2:25 – 3:00	Block 7	11:38 – 12:18

Classes are determined by the "Letter" Day.  
If an emergency school closing occurs,  
the "Letter" Day scheduled for that day will be omitted.

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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 will be held three times a day, from 7:30 am to 7:50 am, 11:30 am to 11:50 am, and again at 2:55 pm to 3:15 pm. Students have the option of attending any or all.

Sincerely

Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg

## 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](http://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](http://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."



2016-2017  
Special Workshops – 7:00PM  
Rutherford High School Auditorium

September 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM – 6:45PM 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation  
7:00PM Back to School Night

October 13<sup>th</sup> Senior Parent Night

October 20<sup>th</sup> Financial Aid Night

January 26<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night

February 15<sup>th</sup> Best College Fit

March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 some calculators available for student use in mathematics classroom. Please be aware, however, that the use of a calculator only during the 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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# IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

## REQUIRED TESTING

Rutherford Public Schools  
Rutherford, NJ 07070

**Immunization Records** - To be presented upon registration to school and reviewed by school nurse.

**Tuberculin Testing (Mantoux Test)** - The State Department's rules concerning testing for evidence of tuberculosis in public schools are as follows:

- The Mantoux Test for tuberculosis is used exclusively for all school employees, unless documented within the past six months.
- Students entering a New Jersey school from a high tuberculosis incidence country must be tested. (Listed in TB Guidelines)

**Hepatitis B Vaccine** - All students entering kindergarten - grade 12 are required to have begun the Hepatitis B series (3 doses) in order to enter school and complete it within six months.

**Measles, Mumps Rubella (MMR) Vaccine** - Preschool students are required to receive 1 MMR by 15 months of age. Children are required to receive two doses of measles, one dose of mumps, and one dose of rubella once he/she enters kindergarten.

**Influenza** - The current seasonal influenza vaccine is required every year for those children 6 months through 59 months. Students who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31 must be excluded from preschool for the duration of the influenza season.

**Pneumococcal conjugate** - Preschool students must receive at least one dose given on or after their 1st birthday.

**Haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB)** - Preschool students must receive at least 1 dose on or after the first birthday.

**Meningococcal** - All students entering grade 6 on or after 9/1/08 and born on or after 1/1/97.

**Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus Vaccine** - Ages 1-6 years; 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any five doses, age 7-9 years; 3 doses of TD or any previously administered combination of DTP,DTaP, or DT to equal 3 doses.

**TDAP** - All pupils entering grade 6 on or after 9/1/08 and born on or after 1/1/97 must have one booster dose of Tdap. A child is not required to have a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.

**Polio Vaccine** - Age 1-6 years: 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 4 doses. Age 7 or older; any 3 doses.

**Varicella Vaccine** - (Chicken Pox Vaccine) - 1 dose after 1st birthday or proof of disease. Required for children entering school born on or after 1/1/98.



**Screenings** - The school nurse will perform the following screenings on your child:

- Vision (biannually up to grade 10)
- Hearing (annually grades K-3; grade 7; grade 11)
- Height and Weight (annually)
- Blood Pressure (annually)
- Scoliosis (biannually ages 10 to 18)

If you do not wish these screenings to be done on your child, contact your child's school nurse as soon as school starts in September.

**Pre-Entrance Physical** - All new students entering school are required to have a physical within 30 days done by your private health care provider.

**\*\*** Any medical problems or medications that your child is required to take should be discussed with the school nurse when your child enters school. Forms for administering emergency medication can be secured from the school nurse.

Maria Considine, R.N., M.S., Certified School Nurse, Lincoln School

Judith De Pasquale, R.N., M.S., Certified School Nurse, Rutherford High School

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Kim Fecanin, R.N., Certified School Nurse, Union School

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August 4, 2016

To Parent, Teacher & Employee Organizations:

The Rutherford Board of Education has contracted with Environmental Remediation & Management Inc. to act as their "Designated Person" as defined under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. AHERA required that all educational facilities be inspected for asbestos – containing materials and develop a remedial plan of action on or before May 9, 1989. In addition, each educational facility shall reassess all identified asbestos – containing materials or materials assumed to be asbestos, at least once every six months (periodic surveillance) and re-inspect those facilities every three years.

The Rutherford Board of Education is in compliance with these requirements. The most recent Tri-annual re-inspection was performed in September, 2015. "Periodic Surveillance" inspections are conducted every March and September, with the next one scheduled for September, 2016.

Following each inspection, appropriate remedial actions are recommended to the Board of Education by an accredited Asbestos Management Planner. The remedial plans of action and recommended schedules for implementation (Asbestos Management Plans) are available for review at the Rutherford Board of Education Administrative Office, as well as in each school office.

This past year, an asbestos abatement effort was undertaken at the High School in the Gym ( Room 230). The abatement activity was performed due to exterior renovations and involved the removal of some asbestos containing plaster by the windows. The abatement project was performed in accordance with all applicable State and Federal rules, regulations, and guidelines.

We will continue to keep you informed of our AHERA compliance.

Respectfully Yours,

*Cathy DiNardo*

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Designated Person on behalf  
of the Rutherford Board of Education