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**RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
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August 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In just a few short weeks the 2020-2021 school year will begin. As you are aware, the start of this school year will be like no other that our students have experienced. We have been working hard over the last five months to ensure our students have the best educational experience despite the current situation. Please remember that we are all in this together and we need to work as a team. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate office and we will be sure to assist you as best as possible.

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

- To start the 2020-2021 school year, students attending school in person will be assigned to two cohorts, which we have titled **Bulldog** and **Blue**. The **Blue** cohort will attend school in person on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. The **Bulldog** cohort will attend school in person on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. **Cohorts will alternate on Fridays**. On days when students are not in the building, they will be required to log in for distance learning lessons. This will limit the number of students in the building at a given time. It will ensure that social distancing will occur as much as possible. Students and staff will also be required to wear a face covering throughout the day. Classrooms will also look different as the custodial staff has worked extremely hard to ensure desks are six feet apart.
- The **first day of in-person classes** for the **Bulldog** cohort students will be **Tuesday, September 8** and for the **Blue** cohort students the first day of in-person classes will be **Wednesday, September 9**. Again, students are required to log in for distance learning lessons when not attending in-person classes. 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.
- Students will also have the option to be attending school fully remote. These students will work remotely from home full time. Students selecting this option will have to fill out the correct district level form. Students who decide to attend fully remote must do so until at least the end of phase 1, October 16.
- Attached is a copy of the bell schedule. For the start of 2020-2021 school year, we will be running a one session day schedule with our four-day rotating block schedule. The assigned days will be scheduled A, A, B, B, C, C, D, D, etc. This is to better meet

the academic needs of students in both cohorts. There will be no lunch period scheduled as students will be dismissed at 12:18 p.m.

- During phase 1 (ending October 16) students will not be permitted to use lockers both in the hallway or in the gym locker rooms. As with everything in our Return to School Plan, this will be evaluated at the end of phase 1.
- This year's freshmen orientation will consist of a virtual video presentation from your child's guidance counselor as well as small group in person building tours. On August 20 there will be virtual guidance videos from our counselors to assist our incoming freshmen with important information. We are asking all members of the freshmen class to join the Class of 2024 Guidance Google Classroom page by using **24e4cwj** as the code to join. This is the primary method that the RHS guidance department will be communicating. In addition, a schedule will be available through the guidance classroom which will allow students to see their 20 minute time slot to tour the building. The tours will take place August 19, 20 and 21.
- A ninth grade parent orientation informational video will be distributed during the month of September. This will be a very informative video regarding school rules, procedures, activities, programs, and academics.
- The Parent Portal will be open to all parents. The portal allows you to view your child's grades, attendance and cohort group. 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.
- The 2019-2020 school year did not end the way anyone could have predicted. We had days at the end of the school year when students were asked to return any school materials that they had in their possession. We are asking all students to bring any school issued materials they might still have at home on the first day of school.
- **Summer assignments are mandatory for AP classes.** Please be sure all work is completed. Information can be found on the school website under Quicklinks. Please encourage all students to "just read."
- In June all students received individual course lists for 2020-2021. **No schedule changes will be made after school opens in September.** Guidance counselors will be available 8/28, 8/31, and 9/1.
- 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 held virtually this school year.** More information will be available as we approach the date.
- 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.**

- Our *Handbook/Planner* is available online. Please review and familiarize yourself with **updated policies and procedures** regarding attendance, dress code, substance abuse, fighting (violence), bullying/harassment, as well as other rules/regulations. These rules help us create a safe and effective learning environment.
- Please visit [www.rutherfordreopening.com](http://www.rutherfordreopening.com) for more information regarding the reopening of school and more specifics about the Rutherford Public Schools return to school plan. After our school reopens, we will be communicating any further information that needs to be addressed including phase 2 guidelines.

I hope the remaining days of summer are relaxing and enjoyable. Please stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing the students again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Morano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg



**RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
MODIFIED SCHEDULE  
FOR REOPENING**

2020 - 2021



One-Session Day Bell Schedule	
Homeroom	7:55 - 8:00
Block 1	8:03 - 8:43
Block 2	8:46 - 9:26
Block 3	9:29 - 10:09
Block 5	10:12 - 10:52
Block 6	10:55 - 11:35
Block 7	11:38 - 12:18

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4				1 A Bulldog	2 B Bulldog
7	8 A Bulldog	9 A Blue	10 B Bulldog	11 B Blue	5	6 B Blue	7 C Bulldog	8 D Blue	9 D Bulldog
14	15 C Bulldog	16 C Blue	17 D Bulldog	18 D Bulldog	12	13 School Closed	14 A Bulldog	15 A Blue	16 B Bulldog
21	22 A Blue	23 B Bulldog	24 B Blue	25 C Bulldog	19	20 C Blue	21 C Bulldog	22 D Blue	23 D Bulldog
28	29 D Bulldog	30 D Blue			26	27 A Blue	28 B Bulldog	29 C Blue	30 C Bulldog

  

NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
2 D Blue	3 School Closed	4 D Blue	5 School Closed	6 School Closed		1 D Bulldog	2 D Blue	3 A Bulldog	4 A Blue					1 School Closed	1 B Blue	2 B Bulldog	3 C Blue	4 C Bulldog	5 D Blue
9	10 A Blue	11 A Bulldog	12 B Blue	13 B Bulldog	7	8 B Blue	9 B Bulldog	10 C Blue	11 C Bulldog	4	5 D Blue	6 A Bulldog	7 A Blue	8 B Bulldog	8	9 D Blue	10 A Bulldog	11 A Blue	12 B Bulldog
16	17 C Blue	18 D Bulldog	19 D Blue	20 A Bulldog	14	15 D Blue	16 A Bulldog	17 A Blue	18 B Bulldog	11	12 C Blue	13 C Bulldog	14 D Blue	15 D Bulldog	15	16 School Closed	17 B Bulldog	18 C Blue	19 C Bulldog
23	24 B Blue	25 B Bulldog	26 C Blue	27 School Closed	21	22 C Blue	23 C Bulldog	24 D Blue	25 School Closed	18	19 School Closed	20 A Bulldog	21 B Blue	22 B Bulldog	22	23 D Blue	24 A Bulldog	25 A Blue	26 B Bulldog
30 C Blue					28	29 School Closed	30 School Closed	31 School Closed		25	26 C Blue	27 D Bulldog	28 D Blue	29 A Bulldog					

  

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 C Blue	2 C Bulldog	3 D Blue	4 D Bulldog	5 A Blue				1 B Bulldog	2 School Closed	3	4 B Blue	5 C Bulldog	6 C Blue	7 D Bulldog		1 School Closed	2 D Blue	3 A Bulldog	4 A Blue
8	9 B Blue	10 B Bulldog	11 C Blue	12 C Bulldog	5	6 C Blue	7 C Bulldog	8 D Blue	9 D Bulldog	10	11 A Blue	12 A Bulldog	13 B Blue	14 B Bulldog	7	8 B Blue	9 B Bulldog	10 C Blue	11 C Bulldog
15	16 D Blue	17 D Bulldog	18 A Blue	19 A Bulldog	12	13 A Blue	14 B Bulldog	15 B Blue	16 C Bulldog	17	18 C Blue	19 D Bulldog	20 D Blue	21 A Bulldog	14	15 D Blue	16 A Bulldog	17 A Blue	18 B Bulldog
22	23 B Blue	24 C Bulldog	25 C Blue	26 D Bulldog	19	20 School Closed	21 School Closed	22 School Closed	23 School Closed	24	25 B Blue	26 B Bulldog	27 C Blue	28 C Bulldog	21	22 C Blue	23 C Bulldog	24 D Blue	25 D Bulldog
29	30 A Blue	31 A Bulldog			26	27 D Blue	28 D Bulldog	29 A Blue	30 A Bulldog	31	School Closed				28	29	30		

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 twice a day, from 7:30 am to 7:50 am and again at 12:20 pm to 12:40 pm. Students have the option of attending either one or both. **Social distancing will be maintained during detention.**

Sincerely

Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg

## 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 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 2 doses of measles, 1 dose of mumps, and 1 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 1 dose given on or after their first birthday.

**Haemophilus Influenza 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 1 dose given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, OR any 5 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 1 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 1 dose given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, OR any 4 doses. At age 7 or older; any 3 doses.



**Varicella Vaccine** – (Chicken Pox Vaccine) 1 dose after 1<sup>st</sup> 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 of the start of school done by your private health care provider.

For students entering Pre-K or Kindergarten, the child shall have been examined by a private physician and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

\*\*\* 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 A. DePasquale, MSRN, Certified School Nurse, Rutherford High School*

*Erica Farrell, R.N., Certified School Nurse, Kindergarten Center*

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

*Julie Frattarola, R.N., M.A., Certified School Nurse, Pierrepont School*

*Lynn McShane, R.N., M.S., Certified School Nurse, Washington School*