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**RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
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August 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In just a few short weeks the 2021-2022 school year will begin. We are excited that we will begin the school year with all students together following our normal schedule.

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

- With students and staff safety a priority, we will continue to communicate regularly with our local, county and state Board of Health for best practice techniques regarding current COVID-19 guidelines. Important information has been sent by Mr. Hurley.
- Attached is a copy of the bell schedule. For the 2021-2022 school year, we will be running a four-day rotating block schedule that includes one common lunch period. Once again, this schedule was designed to enable students and teachers to engage in deeper discussion and hands-on project-based learning activities. However, this year we will add 6 "E" days. On these days (the first day of school, before and after long breaks and the first day of semester 2), students will be able to see all teachers during shortened blocks.
- **A voluntary orientation for incoming freshmen and sophomores will be held on Thursday, August 26.** Due to unforeseen circumstances with room availability as a result of the construction project at RHS, New Student Orientation will take place in 2 sessions (AM and PM). Students whose last name begins with letters A-L will report at 8:30AM and those with a last name that begins with letters M-Z will report at 12:30. Members of the class of 2025 and 2024 should report to the main entrance. **During this program, all freshmen will be issued their new Chromebook (please bring your old one to return).**
- A ninth-grade parent orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, September 30 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 **Thursday, September 9.** 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 "E 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 2020-2021 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 assignments can be found on the school website under "summer assignments" in Quicklinks. **Summer reading and summer math assignments are mandatory for AP and Honors classes.** In addition, this summer we added optional summer assignments for all other courses.
- In June all students received individual course lists for 2021-2022. **No schedule changes will be made after school opens in September.** Guidance counselors will be available August 26 through September 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 September 30 at 7:00 pm.**
- The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for juniors and PreACT for sophomores will be offered on October 13, 2021. There will be no cost to juniors or sophomores.
- 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, tardiness/demerit system, 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.

I hope the remaining days of summer are relaxing and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing the students on Thursday, September 9.

Sincerely,



Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg





# Rutherford High School

Daily Rotating Schedule  
2021 - 2022

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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

E Day Schedule	
Homeroom	7:55 - 8:00
Block 1	8:03 - 8:44
Block 2	8:47 - 9:28
Block 3	9:31 - 10:12
Block 4	10:15 - 10:56
LUNCH	10:59 - 11:52
Block 5	11:55 - 12:36
Block 6	12:39 - 1:20
Block 7	1:23 - 2:04
Block 8	2:07 - 2:48

Dear Rutherford School Community,

In a letter sent in June, I announced the Federal Government had allocated funding to the District through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Program. Part of that grant award will allow the District to expand vital mental health support to our students and staff.

Our current mental health support program will be enhanced with additional services provided by Care Plus of New Jersey, a non-profit corporation with forty years of experience providing community based mental health services. They are also the state-designated provider of Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Service with extensive experience in crisis intervention.

Care Plus will provide two clinicians on-site for a comprehensive school-based program. The clinicians are licensed professionals experienced in youth development, therapy, counseling and case management. They will work as part of a team with our excellent staff of student assistance counselors, school psychologists, a behaviorist, and guidance counselors. One clinician will be located at Rutherford High School and will serve grades 7-12. One clinician will be located at Pierrepont Elementary School and will serve grades PK-6

The goal of Rutherford School District and Care Plus of NJ clinicians is to provide comprehensive clinical programs that will facilitate skills to develop and achieve academic success for our students. The on-site clinical services will allow students to thrive in their educational environment and will include:

- Individual and family counseling
- Home and community outreach
- Wrap around care coordination
- Skill development groups
- School Clearance assessments
- Professional Development for Staff
- Parent Engagement Workshops

Care Plus clinicians will be available during Rutherford School District's normal calendar from, September 2021 through June 2022.

As always, parents will be involved in the process to determine any interventions or programs designed to assist a student.

Regards,

Jack Hurley  
Superintendent of Schools



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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 2:55 pm to 3:15 pm. Students have the option of attending either one or both.

Sincerely

Frank Morano  
Principal

FM/chg



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Mark your calendar!**

It's never too early to start planning.

**2021-2022**  
**Special Workshops**  
**Rutherford High School Auditorium**

September 30th      Back to School Night - Parents/guardians only  
6pm - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation  
7pm - Back to School Night

October 14th      7pm - Financial Aid Night - All are welcome  
7:45pm - Senior Parent & Student Night  
All are welcome

January 20th      7pm - Curriculum Night  
All are welcome

March 24th      7pm - Post-Secondary Information Night  
All are welcome

## 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.

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

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

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