

RUTHERFORD SCHOOLS TO BEGIN CLASSES ON SEPTEMBER 7

Rutherford, NJ –Mr. John J. Hurley, Superintendent of the Rutherford Public School System, has announced that the school year will begin on Thursday, September 7. All students are expected to report to school according to the following schedule. The high school main office and the guidance offices will be open the week of August 28. High school guidance counselors will be available during the week of August 28. Students are reminded to clear any outstanding obligations from last year prior to opening day on September 7.

Rutherford High School – Students in grades nine through twelve should report to their homerooms at 7:55 a.m. on September 7. Homeroom assignments will be posted on the exterior doors of the high school.

Pierrepont School – Students should report by 8:05 a.m. Grade five will assemble on the upper playground off East Pierrepont Avenue. Grade six will assemble in the lower field off Van Ness Avenue. Grade four students assemble in play area inside gate on Lincoln Avenue. In case of inclement weather, grades five and six will report directly to the gym, and grade four will go directly to the multi-purpose room. All students will also receive opening day directions in the mail.

Union Middle School – The school day begins at 7:55 am. All students are expected to enter the building through their grade level doors and go to their lockers, then go to homeroom on time. When the weather is inclement at morning arrival time, students should report to the auditorium. To insure student safety and adequate supervision, no one may enter the building before 7:40 a.m. Crossing guards are on duty from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00-4 p.m. each school day. Do not send your children to school before the appropriate times. When students are dropped-off on Springfield Avenue, the student must exit the car on the sidewalk side and walk to their assigned entrance door. Parents should not leave the car. Cars will not be able to drive around the building via the Belford Avenue side; therefore, all cars should follow the traffic routes into Springfield Avenue via Francisco Avenue. Please note: If a student arrives to school after 8:00 a.m., he/she must report to the main office for a late pass.

ENTRANCES:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ENTER</u>	<u>EXIT</u>
Grade 7 A-J (Last name)	Door 6: Springfield Ave. door nearest Union Ave.	Same
Grade 7 K-Z (Last name)	Door 5: Springfield Ave. doors nearest Cooper Place	Same
Grade 8 A-K(Last name)	Door 4: Playground door	Same
Grade 8 L-Z(Last name)	Door 2: Belford Ave. doors nearest Cooper Place	Same

Washington School – All students in grade three should report to the front of the school on Wood Street by 8:30 a.m. Their teachers will take them into the building and lead them to the multipurpose room for morning assembly. Students in grade one and grade two should meet in the main driveway/ courtyard area by 8:30 a.m. Grade two students should assemble closest to the triple doors in the area around the playground. Grade one students should meet on the blacktop in the driveway area. Grade one and grade two students will accompany their teachers to the multipurpose room.

PreK-3 and PreK Full-day students will be met by their teachers at the triple doors at 8:55 a.m. PreK-4 students will be met by their teacher at the triple doors at 12:25 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, students in grades one, two, and three will report directly to the multipurpose room as they arrive, entering through the triple doors near the playground.

Lincoln School – All students in grades one through three should report to the gym no later than 8:30 a.m., where they will be met by their teachers. PreK-3 students attend from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and PreK-4 students attend from 12:30 p.m.-3p.m. All preschool students enter via the main doors on Montross Ave. Doors open five minutes prior to the start of the respective start time.

All kindergarten students will report to the Kindergarten Center (Sylvan School) at 109 Sylvan Street at 8:45 a.m.

Any questions regarding any of the schools will be answered by calling 201 438 7675.

This year, the Rutherford Public Schools will continue using the Blackboard Connect5 Rapid Communications Service. This service allows parents to be notified about emergency situations, school cancellations, early dismissals, and important events. Blackboard Connect5 is designed specifically to address school communication needs. It supplements conventional school communication and replaces outdated phone trees. Information is delivered precisely when it is needed to those who need it. Blackboard Connect5 is a cost-effective solution to quickly and accurately communicate personalized messages to parents to keep them informed and involved.

All families in the district will receive a letter from their child's school with specific information. Parents of elementary students are reminded that lunch will be available on the first day of school.

Families who plan to register new students should visit the website www.rutherfordschools.org and go to Enrollment Information under Quick Links.