

August 13, 2024

Dear RCS Parents and Families,

I hope that your summer is going well. As the middle of August approaches, we are ramping up our efforts for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. I am reaching out to share some important information with you about the new school year ahead. You can expect regular building communications to resume within the next week as our school offices reopen. Once our schools are open the excitement will continue to build for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3rd, which is a half day for all students. Please take a few minutes to review the important information below.

2024-2025 Athletic Participation Fees- I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Education took action at their Regular Meeting in June to continue the suspension of Pay to Participate fees for the 2024-2025 school year. We are happy to continue this adjustment for many of our middle and high school families. Continuation of the suspension of fees will be reviewed annually in the budget approval process. It is important to note that the additional operational fees associated with our club sports at both RHS and RMS will still be in place. Additional information in regard to this can be directed to the Athletic Department or your school office.

2024-2025 School Calendar and School Times- The full 2024-2025 School Calendar has been released and is attached to this communication and available on the <u>district website</u>. The biggest change in this year's calendar is the start of school being after Labor Day. There is no change in our school times for this year. You can find the times for each level on the bottom of the calendar that is posted on the district website.

School Transportation- I would like to again encourage all of our parents to have your children ride the bus to and from school this year. This helps mitigate traffic issues at our school buildings both at arrival and dismissal. We understand there are special circumstances that warrant the need to drop off or pick up your child(ren) but, whenever possible, please take advantage of our district transportation.

The Transportation Department is working diligently to finalize **bus routes and times**, which will be published on the district website the week of August 19th. You will find the yellow bus badge icon on the homepage in the upper left-hand corner.

Job Fair- Romeo Community Schools is hosting a Job Fair on Friday, August 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Croswell Early Childhood Center, 175 Croswell Street, Romeo. Applications will be accepted in Special Services, Early Childhood and Custodial Services (through ABM Industries). Representatives will be present to answer questions and conduct brief interviews. Help spread the word! Contact Jeanine Beck at jeanine.beck@romeok12.org with questions.



Romeo Peach Festival Children's Parade- Mark your calendars now for the Romeo Peach Festival Children's Parade on Monday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. The theme of this year's parade, sponsored by the Northern Macomb Regional Chamber of Commerce, is All About Sports. Entry forms are available on the Chamber website.

RMS Bulldog Days -

Monday, August 19 (6th Grade)

12 p.m. - Parent drops off student at gym entrance

12-3 p.m. - 6th Grade Orientation 3-4 p.m. - Parent/guardian building tours (Enter doors 41 & 42) Tuesday, August 20 (7th Grade) Wednesday, August 21 (8th Grade)

12-3:30 p.m. 12-3:30 p.m.

Students may attend anytime Students may attend anytime

RHS Bulldog Days -

Wednesday, August 21 (10th & 12th Grade) - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Friday, August 23** (9th & 11th Grade) - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

More detailed information will be emailed to high school families this week.

Elementary Welcome Back Open Houses - Each elementary building will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Parents will be receiving more information from your building principal.

I hope the remainder of your summer is filled with a combination of rest, relaxation and fun. We will see everyone back in September and look forward to a great year.

Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, Superintendent