

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, September 2, 2022



Dear Families,

Ready or not, here we go! I can only imagine that there are many of you that are excited for the return to school for your children and the routines that go along with that. We have been working hard to ensure that things are ready to go for all students when they return on Tuesday Sept 6. Please also see the attached letter from our superintendent, Deb Whitten, regarding start up from a district perspective.

On Tuesday, school will start at 9:30am and students will be dismissed at 11:30am. **Grade 6 and 7 students will meet at the front of the school and when the bell goes we will walk down to the gym. Grade 8 students will be asked to meet in the courtyard between wing B and C outside the Library Learning Commons (LLC) as they will be gathering in the LLC when the bell goes.**

For the first week of school, we are involving all of the students and staff in class and team building activities to promote school spirit, unity and a sense of belonging. **Students will be organized in temporary classes as we can not finalize placements until we have confirmed numbers.** We intend to have students assigned to their Advisory classes by the end of the first week.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Sept 5th - Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept 6th

9:30-11:30 Students attend the first day

Wednesday, Sept 7th

8:35-2:50 regular schedule

Thursday, Sept 8th

Friday, Sept 9th

School Beach Day at Esquimalt Gorge Park

Looking Further Ahead:

Tuesday, Sep. 13 First PAC meeting

Friday, Sep. 16 School Photo Day

Thursday, Sep. 22 Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, Sep. 22 Deadline for returning Student Verification Forms

Thursday, Sep. 22 Terry Fox Run (toonies for Terry)

Friday, Sep. 23 Professional Development Day (No School for students)

Starting on Wednesday, we will begin our regular daily schedule, which starts at 8:35am and dismisses at 2:50pm. Students will enter the school through their classroom entrances and follow all of the protocols learned on Tuesday. No school supplies are needed for the first week, but please ensure that your child has lunch, a water bottle, and is dressed for the weather - as we will be spending much of the week outdoors.

Rockheights Daily Bell Schedule

Warning bell: 8:35am
Start time: 8:40am (in class)
Nutrition Break: 9:48-10:03am
Lunch: 11:55am -12:40pm
Dismissal: 2:50pm



Health Guidelines: One of the questions that we have been getting is around the expectations around our updated health protocols. Students are still being asked to:

- Complete daily health checks and to stay home if they are not feeling well.
- We will still be encouraging frequent hand washing and,
- that students respect each other's personal space and minimize crowding.

As for masks, students are NOT required to wear masks, but if they feel more comfortable doing so they are welcome to continue wearing a mask.

Forms, Forms, Forms- One of the procedures that we follow at the beginning of the year is updating all of the information about our students. This means a lot of paperwork although much of that is moving to an online system. That being said we have attached a few documents for you to review. We will also be sending home a pack up of forms on Friday September 9 for you to complete and return the following Monday. We really appreciate you taking the time to update/complete and in some cases review with your child. It will help ensure that we are all working together effectively to support your child(ren). With this email we have attached some generally school documents such as:

- Our daily routines
- Information for students with Medical conditions
- Music Program information
- The School Safety Plan for this year
- A yearly calendar of events for the school

We realize there is a lot of information that gets sent out and we are really committed to trying to ensure that communications are sent home each Friday.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Parents are expected to please call the school at (250) 384-7127 to notify the school of a student absence. **For the first week this is extra important as we submit our numbers each morning.** Students are responsible for any missed work on days absent from school. **Reminder: Students arriving late to school must check in either with their teacher or at the office.** We encourage all students to be on time as we look forward to them being a part of all learning activities.

SAVE THE DATE!- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Parent involvement and student success are strongly connected. One of the best ways to become involved at Rockheights is to participate in the school Parent Advisory Council.

We extend an invitation to come out to the first meeting of the RMS PAC which is on Tuesday, September 13th here at the school in the Library Learning Commons.

We hope you will be able to join us.

We really hope you have a great Labour Day long weekend and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 250-384-7125.

Sincerely,

Aaron Maxwell

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Vice-Principal