

July 29, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of Raymond Park Middle School:

August's Ranger Report Newsletter comes in the form of a letter from the principal, and serves as your official welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Raymond Park Middle School. As the proud principal of the building, I speak for the committed staff of RPMS in saying that we are excited for the opportunity to provide our students with the best in educational opportunities during the school year.

Speaking directly to the student perspective, the return to the routines and structure of middle school from a summer of relaxation and fun can be a difficult transition for adolescents to make. I encourage you to take the time to talk with your student about how that transition will serve to facilitate your student's successful return to the learning environment. I also encourage you to change your routines at home to include an earlier bedtime and a designated place and time for study following the school day.

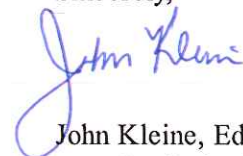
A copy of the 2016-2017 Standardized Wear Policy has been posted on the website for your review. I ask that you reinforce with your student that dress code compliance is expected on the first day of school.

Please make note of the following information and important dates related to the beginning of the school year:

- All students will be served breakfast daily in their first period class.
- The middle school is comprised of students in grades 7 and 8 and is located on the bottom level of the building. The intermediate academy is comprised of students in grades 5 and 6 and is located predominantly on the upper level of the building. To avoid the potential confusion of having RPMS and RPIA located in the same building, parents must be mindful that the two schools have separate offices. The RPMS office is located inside Entrance 1 and the school phone number is 532-8900.
- **The first day of school** is Monday, August 1. RPMS wants parents to get involved, but parents are asked to allow the student to begin the middle school journey on his/her own.
- During the first week of school, your student will receive a great deal of information. Please review the information with your student to insure their understanding of the requirements for success at RPMS.
- **Back-to-School Night** is scheduled to occur 6:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, August 11. Parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, learn of expectations and tour the school.
- **Please join the PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association).** Parent participation in his/her child's school has a direct correlation to the child's school success. PTSA dues are \$7.00 and may be paid at Back-to-School Night.
- The **all-school fundraiser** is scheduled to kick-off on Thursday, August 11. Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to support and reward RPMS students. Thank you in advance for your participation in this event.
- **School pictures** will be taken during the school day on Friday, August 12.
- The school nurse will no longer supply over-the-counter medications in the clinic for student use (Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.). Parents that desire to have over-the-counter medication available for their student must bring the medication to school in an original bottle that will be kept in the clinic, and complete a consent form.

I look forward to serving you and your student for the upcoming school year. I also look forward to greeting you at Back-to-School Night on August 11. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 532-8904.

Sincerely,



John Kleine, Ed.D  
RPMS Principal