

## Roxbury High School

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August 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year at this time of the summer our thoughts begin to turn from vacations toward the beginning of another school year. I hope that the past weeks have been relaxing and restful and that you are as enthusiastic about the upcoming year as I am. To assist you and your student in preparing for the first days of school, please find below some important information for you to review together. Please take some time to review and navigate this resource.

- \* We have posted the student handbook on the Roxbury.org website. You may access this information by opening the roxbury.org website, click on "high school," then scroll over the student life tab on the navy banner and click on the student handbook.
- \* Dress Code Our updated dress code is intended to support the teaching and learning process. I ask your assistance in this matter by ensuring that your student dress according to the school policy. I have included a copy of the dress code with this correspondence.
- \* I would like to call your attention to our; attendance regulations regarding the number of permissible unexcused absences allowed in a specific course: Eight absences in a full-year course, six absences in a three-quarter course, four absences in a half-year course, and two absences in a quarter course. In addition, medical notes will only be accepted within ten days of the student's absence.
- \* Once again, we will maintain our agreement with the Roxbury Police Department, and we will be receiving assistance with school security. Officer Brian Feeney will serve as the liaison between the Police Department and the school district.
- \* Back-to-School Night will occur during the first month of school. Please mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- \* This year we will be introducing monthly Parent Academies focusing on a variety of topics to support our students and families. Be on the lookout for information regarding those opportunities.

On behalf of the administrative team, teachers, counselors, coaches, and advisors, I extend to you an invitation to work with us in educating your student. We hope to instill in each of them the desire to be lifelong learners and to help each one to grow into a valuable community member and productive citizen. Please contact your student's counselor or teacher regarding any concerns. As partners in the educational process, good communication will be necessary for our efforts to be effective. Together we will make it a great year to be a Gael!

Respectfully,

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Dear Grade 9 Parents and Students:

This year, we are continuing our process for digital submission of forms and documents that must be read and approved by parents and students. All of the required documents will be posted on the Genesis portal. Therefore, parents (and in some cases students) will read and submit the responses electronically.

Required documents found in Genesis include: Emergency Contact Form, Code of Conduct Form, Fan Code of Conduct Form, Media Consent Form, and the Technology Acknowledgement Form. Also, for grade 9 students is the Family Life Education/Health Curriculum Letter. These forms will be available on August 11. The Free and Reduced Lunch Form can be found in the parent portal as well.

Information regarding school (student) accident insurance information is posted on the RHS website under the Parent/General Resources tab. I would encourage parents to consider this low-cost option because the District does not carry student accident insurance. Underclassmen pictures will be taken on August 31 and September 1. For underclass package ordering, please go to the link on our website and use the school login code 24-24R.

Once all forms have been submitted, reviewed, and approved, parents will be given access via Genesis to student schedules. Student schedules will be available on the parent portal on August 15 for those who have completed all required digital "paperwork."

Parents of freshmen students - our 9th-grade transition program will take place on Tuesday, August 29 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 30. Please mark your calendars for our Back to School Night which will be held on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 pm.

We hope that you find all the information on our website regarding the opening of school convenient for you and that you appreciate our efforts to reduce the cost of paper and postage.

Be on the lookout for more information about monthly Parent Academies focusing on a variety of topics to support our students and families.

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Dear Class of 2027:

Welcome to Roxbury High School, "Home of the Gaels." It is important that you begin your high school career knowing that what you accomplish academically and through extra-curricular activities will significantly impact your future education and career choices. Whether you plan to continue your education, enter the workforce, or join the military, you should always strive to do your very best each school day. Make a commitment to academic excellence. Be a positive role model and be patient and understanding when interacting with fellow students who may possess different opinions and cultural backgrounds. Developing these academic and personal skills will be of great value to you both now and in the future.

To assist you in preparing for the first several days of school, please find below some information that is important for you to know as an incoming student. Please review this information carefully with your parents. As an RHS student, you will be responsible for knowing and conforming to all the expectations outlined in these materials and to the regulations in the student handbook posted on the high school website under the category of "Student Life". Please pay particular attention to the school regulations related to academic integrity, attendance, the dress code, physical education rules, the tobacco/vaping policy, and the discipline code.

Tuesday, August 29 - Transition Day Program, Freshman Orientation, 8:00 -2:00 pm.

Transportation will not be provided to or from school. Students will be assigned a time based on their last names. Roxbury High School's Peer Leaders will facilitate a walking tour. Our incoming freshmen will have the opportunity to walk their daily schedules and locate their lockers. Members of the Class of 2027 will have the opportunity to ask questions to their assigned Peer Leaders. More specific information and a schedule will be shared no later than August 23.

## Wednesday, August 30 -All students report to school.

- \* School begins at 7:25 a.m. You should report to the homeroom on your schedule which will be available on Genesis after August 15 after students and parents complete all necessary information.
- \* Your bus top and pick-up times are listed in the Genesis portal
- \* In your homeroom you will receive pertinent information regarding the school year which will be shared with you.
- \* Classroom instruction begins after homeroom in all courses. A full day of school will conclude at 2:07 p.m. and buses depart at 2: 14 p.m.

Enjoy the remaining few days of summer, and I look forward to seeing you on "Transition Day." If you have any questions regarding the opening of school, please contact the high school office at 973-584-1200. Best wishes for a successful school year! Remember, every day is a great day to be a Gael!

Respectfully,

Dominick Miller

Principal