

Dear Rundlett Middle School Families,

It's hard to believe that school starts on Tuesday, September 8th! We have been working hard to prepare for this day. Even though it's not the typical start that we had hoped for, we are truly excited!

Thank you to all of our families who came to pick up materials last week! We appreciate all of the mask wearing and social distancing. Thank you to all who attended our Virtual Parent Information Night. Both the slides and the recording will be available on our website very soon.

Here are our updates for our opening week of school:

Opening Day

School starts at 8:30 on Tuesday, September 8th. Our school day ends at 3:30. We are *all* using some new digital tools and students are adjusting to a new start. Please expect some bumps along the way as everyone adjusts to a very different way of learning. There will be logins and class codes and lots of "new". Please help your child by letting them know that things may be a bit frustrating. And that's okay! We are all on one team and we can do this! We will settle in, it just may take a few days.

Theme for 2020-2021

Our theme this year is **Connections!** We want to make sure that all of our students make connections and have at least one adult in the building that they can go to for help. Connections with classmates and friends are also important. We'll be working on this a lot this year!

RMS Athletics

Our annual "Meet the Coaches Night" will take place virtually on Thursday, September 10th at 6PM. Look for an invite coming soon. Tryouts are scheduled to start on Monday, September 14th. Practices will take place from 4:30 to 6:00PM. Transportation will be available.

Annual Update

The Powerschool Parent Portal is now open. Please complete the annual update as soon as possible. If you need assistance, please contact Jill Proulx at jproulx@sau8.org. She is the administrative assistant who is assisting families with the annual updates.

Student Materials

Student materials were available for pick up last week. We realize that some families were not able to make it and we want to accommodate you. We will have another opportunity on

Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. Please call us if you need further help (603-225-0862).

Student Schedules & Classes

RMS is adopting a “soft start” to start the school year. We are focusing on:

- Relationships
- Connection & Empowerment
- Safety & Security

We will be connecting with students and developing relationships through a variety of activities during both advisory and class times. Students will also be taught how to get help with any social/emotional needs, how to use our different digital tools, expectations for appropriate behavior, class schedules, etc. We know that learning remotely brings unique challenges to our students and families. This is one way we can provide additional support.

Here's some additional information:

- Student schedules (bell view) will be available on Tuesday.
- W.I.N. class will not start until Monday, September 14th. Students do not have to log on at all this week.
- Please make sure that your child reads the letter for students that is attached below.

We will continue to send you updated information as well as resources. We are in the process of updating our website and our GLC 2020 web page. You may find previous copies of our updates on our website under the Principal's Corner.

While we are sad that this year is not “school as usual”, we are excited to be back in touch with our Blue Duke Nation students and families. We are in this together - school and families. We know that if we support each other, we can do what's best for our kids.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

RMS Administrative Team