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Welcome Back!

Agenda

Greetings

Day to Day

SEL

Activities/ Athletics

Parent Engagement

Q & A



Johanna Cuello Gutierrez GC
Jon Reingold- Dean
Julie Prince Parent Coordinator
Stacy Miller, Assistant Principal
Lori O'Mara, Principal

****ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES are LINKED ON
WEBSITE

6th Grade
Key
People to
know!

**Jenn Aponte-Acosta- GC + Deana Ferreira-
Dean (A-K)**

**Johanna Cuello Gutierrez- GC + Jon Reingold -
Dean (L-Z)**

Julie Prince Parent Coordinator

Stacy Miller, Assistant Principal

Lori O'Mara, Principal

**7th Grade
Key People
to know!**

Jenn Aponte-Acosta GC
Deana Ferreira- Dean
Julie Prince Parent Coordinator
Stacy Miller, Assistant Principal
Lori O'Mara, Principal

**8th Grade
Key People
to Know!**

Joslie Byrd GC A-K

Michele Eisenberg GC L-Z

Kim Lewis- Dean 9 and 10

Ruth Orozco- Dean 11 and 12

Julie Prince Parent Coordinator

Sheilagh Lustig, Assistant Principal

Lori O'Mara, Principal

**Key HS
People to
Know!**

- + Entrance
- + Programs
- + Meals
- + Packets
- + Planners
- + Transportation

Opening
Day-
9/13/21
8:30 AM

Day
to
Day



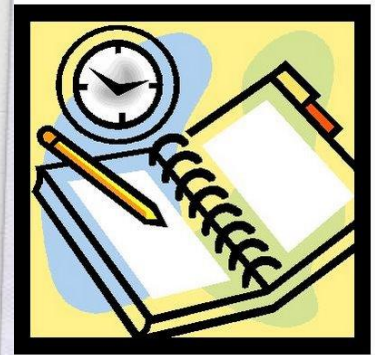
Student Schedule

8:30 AM- 2:50 PM

4 Day Cycle

Cycle Days Marked on Calendar

**Programs passed out at Welcome Back Event
and again on first day of classes**



Arrival/ Dismissal

6th

Auditorium

(237th by Hudson Manor
Terrace)

7th and 8th

Arcade

(Independence between
236th and 237th)

High School

Exit E (Independence by
236th)

Transportation

6th grade - Yellow bus (Auditorium), Metro card, bike, drop off or walk

****Yellow bus routes will be shared in September**

****only one transportation method may be selected**

7th -12th - Metro card, bike, drop off or walk

****MTA bus at Independence Arcade exit**

****Metro cards first week of school**



Food Service

Grab and Go Breakfast - eat in period 1 class

Hot and cold lunch available

Universal meals

5 lunch periods

Separate lunches for 6, 7, 8

HS grades together (2 grades per period)

11th and 12th grade off campus

Split locations (Auditorium and Cafe); groups of students rotated



Instruction

Mix of tech and traditional methods

Collaboration

Students talking

Teacher Feedback

All courses will still have GC and Zoom links



Supplies

**Students will need a device and a charger
every day in school**

Request a device if neededWe are awaiting
guidance from DOE on this**

**Students will also need more traditional
supplies- see list on website
Planner**



Technology Logins

- x Students will need to use @NYCStudents.net for school work, GCs and Zooms if necessary
- x Teachers will help students get set in their accounts
- x Pupil Path - online grade portal; logins distributed first week of school
- x Class of 2028 GC Code eaukmmg



Lockers

Hallway

HS Only

Spaced out

Own lock

Can select at Welcome Back or
during second week of school

Gym

Alls students have a small locker to place gym items in
MS students use period 1 classroom closets for coats.



Dress Code

Modesty!

No inappropriate words, symbols, images

Midriffs covered

Pants at the waist

No short shorts/ mini skirts

No hats/ headcoverings



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Electronics Policy

Academics- 6th Grade

ELA- Expeditionary Learning

Literature

Math- Illustrative Mathematics

Math Through Technology-Future Engineering

Social Studies- Passport

Science- Amplify

Physical Education

Health

Art



Academics- 7th Grade

ELA- Expeditionary Learning

Literature or STARI

Math- Illustrative Mathematics

Math Through Technology-Future Engineering

Social Studies- Passport

Science- Amplify

Physical Education

Art

Spanish- Avencemos



Academics- 8th Grade

ELA- Expeditionary Learning

Math- Illustrative Mathematics-Algebra Regents level

Social Studies- Passport

Science- Living Environment Regents level

Physical Education

Art

Spanish- Avencemos, Proficiency



Student Groupings

All classes heterogeneously mixed

Students will have classes with different students throughout the day

ELA intervention through Literature class

Math Intervention through MTT Class

Academics- High School

Students receive individual programs according to need

Each student will follow a different schedule to meet graduation requirements

Physical Education Class

Gym- locker room / uniform

Boot camp types of activities



Arts Classes

As much hands on as we can

Pending guidance on wind instruments

IEP and ELL Services

All IEP services will be delivered in person as specified on IEP

**All ELL services will be provided in person according to
NYSED guidance**

Testing

Periodic & Screeners-

Need to assess students current levels and growth throughout the year to guide instruction so all students will be participating in assessments beginning in September

Standardized -TBD pending NYSED Guidance, but given the fact that we had exams this year, best guess is that we have them for all levels in the upcoming year.

Covid Safety

Common Areas

Social distancing maintained whenever possible

Daily Health Screening

Screenshot/Form must be shown as people enter

Cleaning

Daily communication with custodians

Classrooms

Students will be 3 feet apart; teachers move about room

Restrooms

Students use their ID cards to use restrooms for contact tracing

**Lessons within first week of school

Masks

Masks required by all

Handwashing

Soap and water available in restrooms, sanitizer in classrooms and common areas

Vaccination

Staff

All staff must show proof of having received first shot by September 27

Students

All students 12 and over are eligible and encouraged to be vaccinated; parents upload vaccine info into portal <https://vaccine.schools.nyc/>

****High Risk PSAL Sports require full vaccination to participate**

****Vaccination Clinic at RKA Sept 12-17 (NO 16)**

Positive Case/ Closures

All positive or suspected cases must be reported immediately to
Lomara@schools.nyc.gov

Consult with Situation Room. Follow Situation Room guidance for creating close contact list and class or school closures.

Class Closures will not impact vaccinated students. They may still attend classes.

Quarantined students complete assignments in GC and can use the Quarantine Support services





Covid testing

10% of consented unvaccinated students will be randomly selected for testing every two weeks
Consent form in Opening Day Packet



Social and Emotional Supports



Counselors and Support Staff

- X Additional guidance staff added to support operational and emotional needs
- X Youth Development Counselors
- X Counseling in Schools Partnership
- X College Advising Corp Partnership -6-12 College Curriculum
- X Teacher Teams meet with Counselors once a week



Tiger Talk



Sometimes we all need to talk...

Blended or Remote, we all experience feelings, emotions, and situations which we could use some help with.

The Counseling in Schools staff at RKA are holding informal chat sessions for any students who have something they wish to chat about.

Just stop by * Join at any time * All students welcome.

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 PM
[Zoom Link](#)

Fridays, period 3 10:05-10:49 AM
[Zoom Link](#)

EARN TIGER
TOKENS FOR
DISPLAYING
TIGER PRIDE



P- Punctuality
R- Respect
I- Independence
D- Determination
E- Enthusiasm

Tiger Tokens
can be redeemed
for activities
and items
in the Tiger Trading Post
Room B24

**CAN'T
WAIT
TIGER
PRIDE**

HELP
IS
HERE



WHEN YOU SEE THE "HELP IS HERE" SYMBOL IT MEANS THE
STAFF MEMBER HERE IS READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO HELP YOU
WITH WHATEVER IS ON YOUR MIND.

Restorative Practices

Circles- Counselors and other support staff push into classes to work directly with students as a group

Conflict Resolution- Trained staff and peers help other students work out conflicts

PBIS

Restorative Practices help students develop empathy and self regulation

HS Guidance Meetings

Students request any required program changes in September using survey

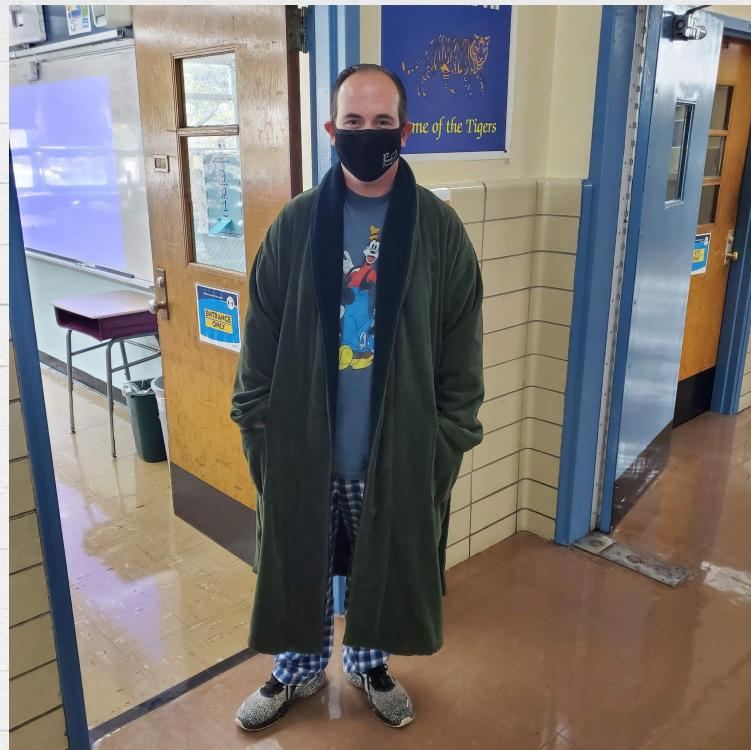
College Meetings for Rising Seniors
Assemblies

Activities & Athletics









Activities

Clubs- Goal is to provide in person opportunities, begin third week of school

Dances- TBD

Trips- no for now, pending guidance

Smaller group offerings and assemblies- best guess is "yes"



Athletics

HS

Eligibility/Paperwork on website

Coaches contact on website

Some sports require COVID Vaccination

Fall- Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball

Winter- Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer

Spring- Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Golf, Track and Field

MS

Run through partnership between CBO, CHAMPS, and Varsity Coaches

Details pending



After School

Partnership with Riverdale Community Center of RNH

<https://www.riverdaleonline.org/>

Provides academic, social, and enrichment activities until 6:00 PM
weeknights

Parent Engagement



Communication

www.rka141.org

Pupil Path

Remind- join now

Notes/ Looking Ahead

Instagram

Back to School

Conferences (Virtual) Nov and February



Meetings

Back to School Night/Meet the Teacher- 09/21/21

Parent Grade level meetings- begin in September, virtual

Coffee with the Principal- Virtual

Fireside Chats- NEW!



Parent's Association

First Mondays

Fundraisers prompt Mini Grants for teachers

Fun events

**+ Parents Association Co-Prez:
Robin Weinstein & Pamela Brasier**



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To Donate:

<https://www.rka141.org/families>

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**Get
Involved!
Donate!**



Questions!

**See you
soon....**

*First Day
of School
09.13.21!*