

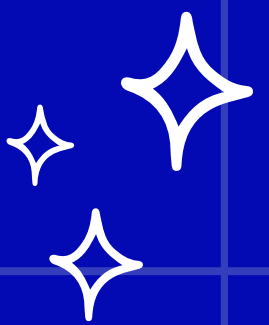
WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL,

CLASS OF 2033!



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EN ESPAÑOL.





TODAY'S AGENDA



- 01** Roll Call
- 02** Introductions
- 03** 3 Rotation Periods (1, 4, 5, lunch)
Parent Presentation / Q+A

6TH GRADE KEY PEOPLE

Lori O'Mara Principal

Dana Pecharo MS/SWD Assistant Principal

Mark Burrowes Dean

Johanna Cuello Gutierrez Guidance Counselor

Stephanie Purdy Activities

Katherine Mendez Parent Coordinator

EMAIL ADDRESSES LINKED ON WEBSITE AND IN OPENING DAY PACKETS

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

First Monday of the month

First meeting: 9/14, 7:00 PM, @ RKA *in person*

Fundraisers prompt Mini Grants for teachers

Fun events!

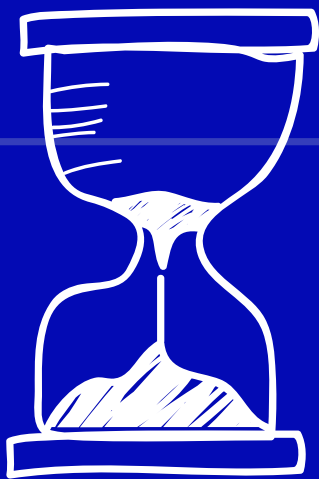
Committees!

PA Co-Presidents:

Michelle Baum and Gina Powell

Past Mini Grants in
Action!

ACADEMICS @ RKA

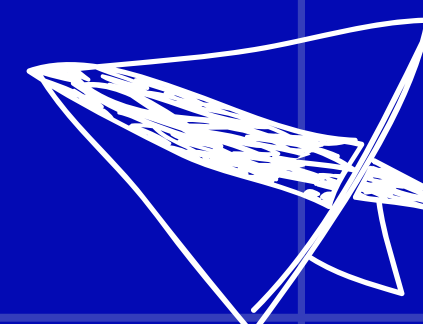
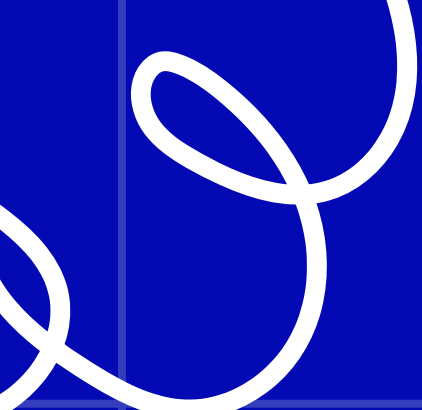


- ELA -HMH
- Math - Illustrative Mathematics/Desmos
- Social Studies - Passport
- Science - Amplify
- PE *
- Health *
- Art *
- WIN (What I Need) Periods (Tiered Instruction)*
 - Literature/Reading (Phonics, Rewards, STARI, Lit)
 - Math Through Technology/Math Foundations

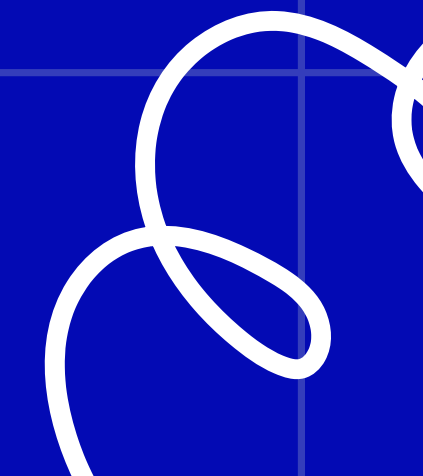


INSTRUCTION

- ✓ Mix of technology and traditional teaching methods
 - ✓ Chromebooks available for classroom use
 - ✓ Note taking
 - ✓ Collaboration
 - ✓ Students talking
 - ✓ Differentiation
 - ✓ All courses have Google Classroom links!
- Class of 2033 Classroom Code: kxiwd5y4

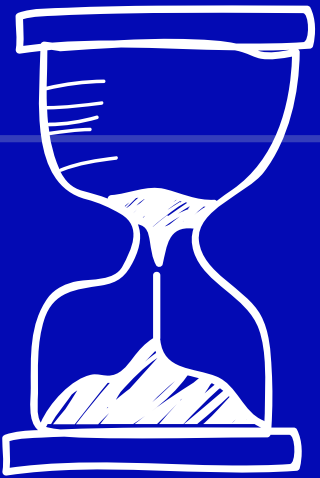


STUDENT GROUPINGS



- ✓ All core classes are heterogeneously mixed
- ✓ Students will have classes with different students throughout the day
- ✓ ELA Intervention + Honors Enrichment through Literature classes
- ✓ Math Intervention + Honors Enrichment through Math Through Tech classes

IEP & ENL SERVICES



- All IEP services will be delivered in person as specified on each student's IEP
 - ICT (2 teachers in core classes)
 - SETSS (specialized small groups)
 - 12:1+1 (small class setting with a designated paraprofessional)
 - Related Services (counseling, OT, PT, audiology, speech)
- All ENL services will be provided in person according to NYSED guidance

We have access to all IEPs! No need to provide us with a copy!

STAYING ORGANIZED!

- ✓ 8+ Teachers!
- ✓ Nightly assignments!
- ✓ Long-term projects!
- ✓ Testing days!
- ✓ Reading EVERY night!

Useful Tools

-  Personal planner
-  Digital calendar
-  Google Classrooms

DAILY SCHEDULE

- School is from 8:20 AM - 2:40 PM
- 4-Day Cycle (Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 1...)
- Cycle Days marked on the Family Calendar!
- Some classes meet EVERY day (Science, Math, etc); some every OTHER day (PE, advisory, etc)

7 LABOR DAY ★ DAY ★ Schools closed	8 RNH Registration Last Names A-L Teachers Report	9 RNH Registration Last Names M-Z	10  FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1	11 2
14 RNH Afterschool begins 'til 4 PM PA meeting 3	15 Senior Family Meeting 6:30 PM 4	16 Safety Meeting 1	17 9th Grade Family Meeting 6:30 PM SLT meeting 2	18 Fall Drama Auditions 3

FOOD SERVICE

- Breakfast available from 7:50 AM - 8:15 AM in the Cafeteria
- Grab + Go Breakfasts for late students
- Hot AND cold lunches available year-round
- Universal meals
- 5 lunch periods; Separate lunches for HS/6/7/8
- May bring lunch from home
- Composting program



TRANSPORTATION

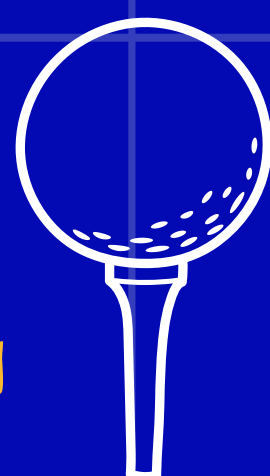
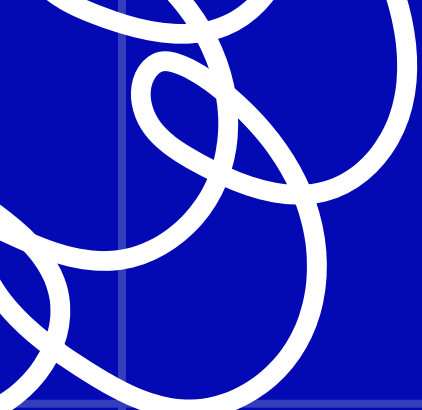
- ✓ Separate 6th grade entrance - *AUDITORIUM*
- ✓ Yellow school bus (Eligibility required); OMNYCard; Bike; Drop-off; Walk
- ✓ Pre-designated bus route is listed in NYCSA/on the Transportation Form
- ✓ May *not* select both OMNY and yellow bussing
- ✓ Log into NYCSA for bussing info and the new monitoring app
- ✓ NYC School Bus app (iPhone + Android)
- ✓ IEP Bussing questions - reach out to Ms. Pecharo

PAPER COPIES OF
THE FORM
AVAILABLE! QR CODE
ON NEXT SLIDE!

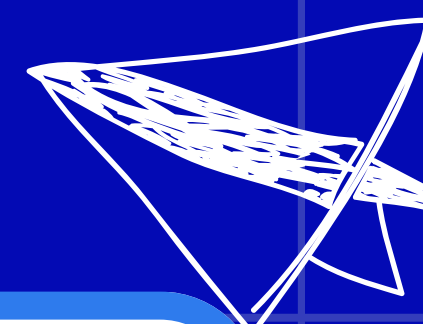


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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

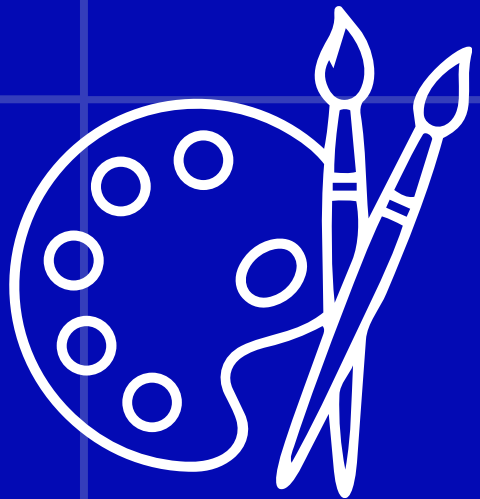
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- ✓ We “dress” for gym class
 - ✓ RKA t-shirt, sneakers, and athletic bottoms (shorts OR pants - no jeans)
 - ✓ Place belongings in gym locker - LOCK IT
 - ✓ Change back into regular clothes at the end of class
 - ✓ Can leave gym clothes in gym locker (or take them home and wash them!)



\$15 for Master Lock
+ RKA Gym T-Shirt-
or buy TODAY from
the PA!

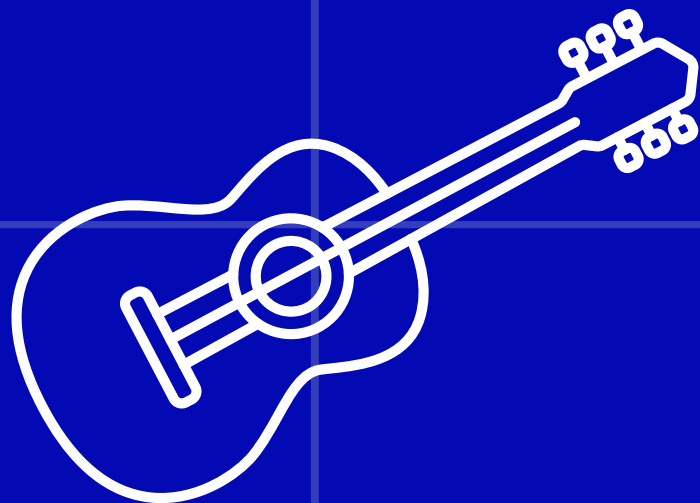
ARTS!

VISUAL

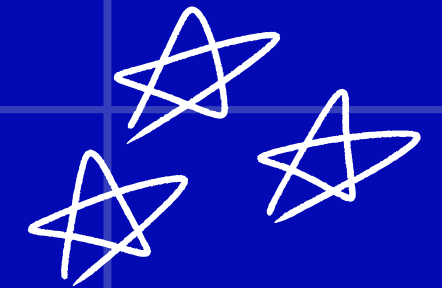
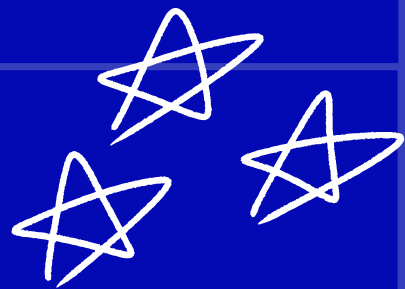


INSTRUMENTAL

- Class meets every OTHER day
- Assigned in grade 6
- Students may express a preference for 7th and 8th grade at the end of 6th grade



VOCAL





COMMUNICATION



NYCSA! Attendance, report cards, bussing, messages.

*** SIGN UP TODAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!**

Email DPecharo@schools.nyc.gov if needed.

*** Jupiter Ed for current grades**

*** RKA Notes, Looking Ahead, and other major announcements from Parent Coordinator**

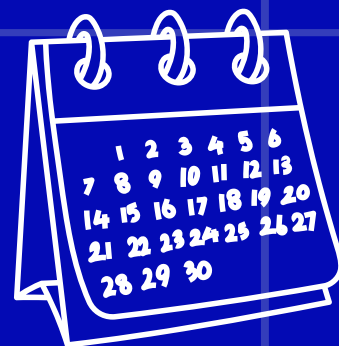
*** Marking Period Newsletters**

*** Weekly Bulletin for Students/Grade Level Counselor**

*** School Website: www.RKA141.org**

*** Google Classroom: "Invite Guardians"**

UPCOMING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



- 
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- ✓ Back to School Night / Meet the Teacher
 - ✓ Conferences (Virtual)
 - ✓ Coffee with the Principal (Virtual/In-Person)
 - ✓ Fireside Chats (Virtual)
 - ✓ Celebrations! (In-Person)



September 24, 2026

5:30-8:00 PM

*Come meet our staff and see
our school in person!*

IN-PERSON

@ RKA

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Dances!
- Trips!
- PBIS Parties!
- Tiger Token Store! 🎵
- Spirit Days!
- Awards!
- Clubs!

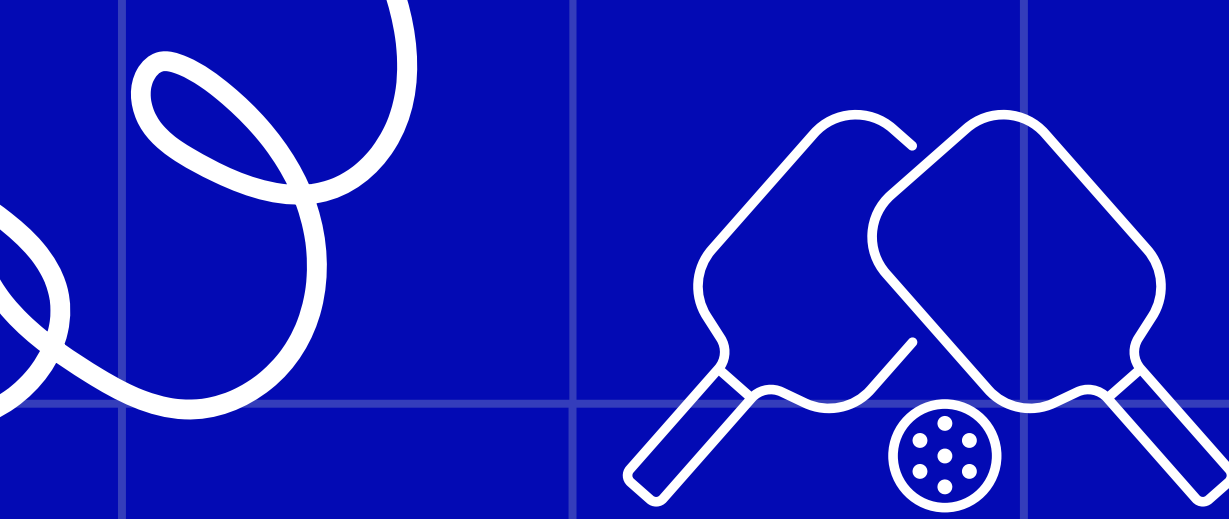


AFTERSCHOOL WITH RNH

- ✱ **Partnership with Riverdale Neighborhood House @ RKA**
 - ✱ Provides academic, social, and enrichment activities until 5:40 PM weekdays
- ✱ Registration 9/8 (last names A-L) and 9/9 (last names M-Z)
- ✱ Homework help begins on Monday, 9/14, until 4 PM
- ✱ Full afterschool program begins on Tuesday, 9/22, until 5:40 PM
 - ✱ Thursday, 9/24 will be 4 PM dismissal because of Back to School night!



Apply here: <https://discoverdycd.dycdconnect.nyc/home>



CLUBS!



- Variety of offerings beginning Tuesday, 9/29, 2:40-3:40
- Club Fair during Back to School Night on Thursday, 9/24
- RNH students can do clubs too! They will participate in their club from 2:40-3:40, then rejoin RNH at 4:00
- Self dismissal! If student takes the yellow bus, they will need to have their own transportation home.

Science Olympiad

Arts & Crafts

Jewelry Making

Pickleball

Model UN

Morning Band



**Club listings
with dates will
be on Website!**

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS



- Run through RKA/CHAMPS and Varsity Coaches
- Separate from the regular RNH after-school program, but students may attend both!
- 4-6 week intervals
- Soccer, flag football, basketball, handball, pickleball



ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

- Additional guidance staff added to support emotional needs
- Youth Development Counselors
- Counseling in Schools Partnership
- College for All Partnership: 6-12 Curriculum
- Teacher teams meet with counselors once a week

**Counselors +
Support Staff**

Restorative Practices

empathy self-regulation

- Circles!
 - Counselors and other support staff push into classes to work directly with students as a group
 - Community building
- Conflict Resolution
 - Trained staff and peers help students work out conflicts.



ELECTRONICS POLICY



In order to promote intellectual engagement and maintain a wholesome and productive environment, the following will be implemented:

1. Personal wi-fi devices (laptops, headphones, smartwatches, cell phones) are **NOT** permitted at school.
2. School Chromebooks will be used in classes only*
3. Students will not be allowed to take Chromebooks home
4. Cell phones, watches, earbuds are to be placed in Yondr pouches upon entry
5. Pouches can be stored in backpack or locker until the end of the day

*Chromebook use will be managed by classroom teachers during class time



ELECTRONICS POLICY



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.



NO

WI-FI ENABLED
DEVICES





ONLY SCHOOL-ISSUED OR APPROVED DEVICES
PERMITTED IN SCHOOL BUILDING
ARRIVAL BELL TO DISMISSAL BELL

TURN OFF
DEVICES/ITEMS

SEAL IN POUCH WITH
ID WITH STAFF

STORE IN OWN LOCKER OR BAG UNTIL
UNSEALED BY STAFF AT THE END OF
THE DAY

EARN 5
TIGER TOKENS
EVERY WEEK
FOR
FOLLOWING
THE RULE

1. STUDENT/ADMIN CONFERENCE; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY

2. PHONE CALL HOME; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY

3. PARENT PICK UP OF DEVICE; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY

4. AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER
CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE

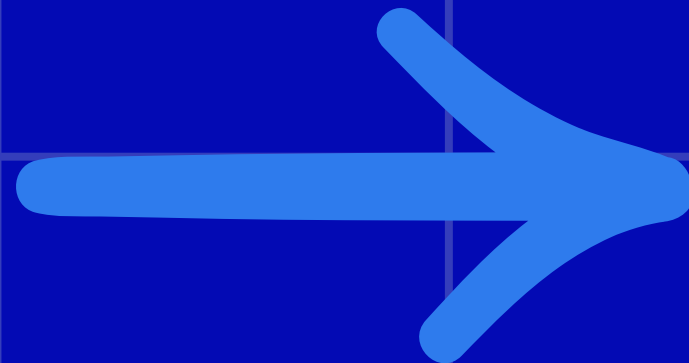
5. LOSS OF PRIVILEGES; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY END OF DAY

6. CLASS REMOVAL SUSPENSION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER
CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE

BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS

NON-NEGOTIABLES

- No fighting
- No bullying
- No offensive language
- No inappropriate internet behavior
- All wi-fi devices in Yondr pouches



CONSEQUENCES

- Mediations
- Parent meetings
- Detention
- Suspension

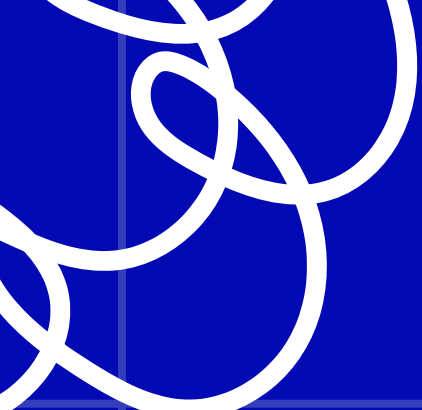
All according to NYCPS Discipline Code; Refer to Wi-Fi Protocols and Code of Conduct for more info. Questions can be referred to Mr. Burrowes.



WHAT'S NEXT???



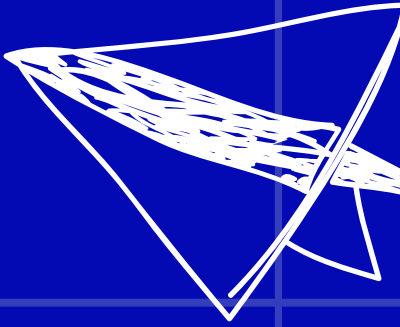
- * **Register for NYCSA. If you don't yet have an account and you need a code, please reach out to Ms. Pecharo with student's name!**
- * **Review your student's program**
- * **Pick up supplies**
- * **Plan transportation / have a back-up plan**
- * **Start practicing! Wake up at your child's school wake-up time, etc...**
- * **Get a good night's sleep on 9/9! Get ready for a great first day on 9/10! Auditorium entrance!**
- * **HW for 9/10, due 9/11: Complete paperwork in Opening Day Packet!**



OPENING

DAY

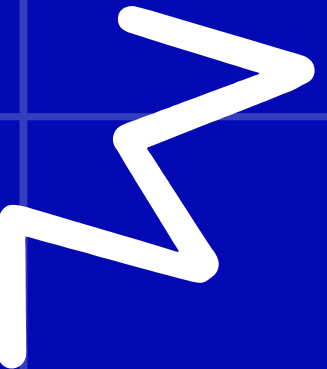
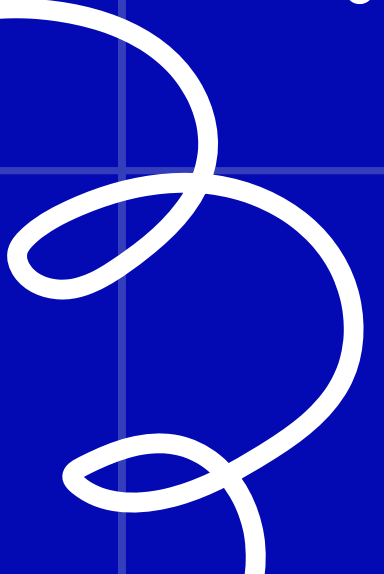
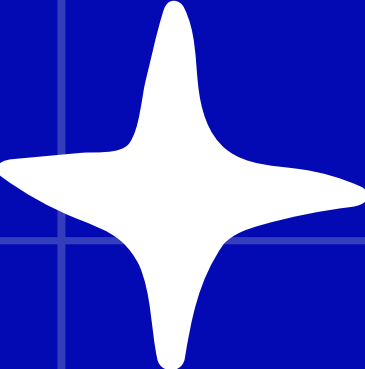
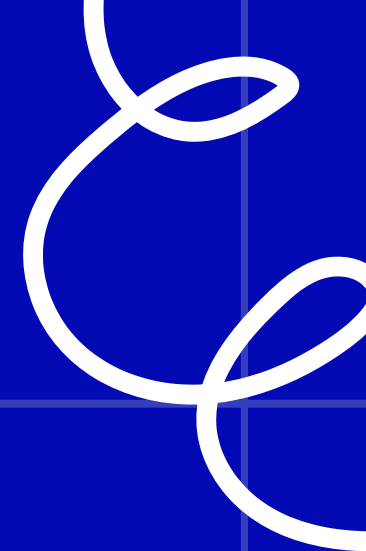
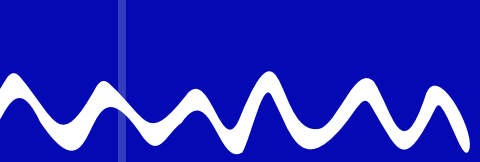
PACKET



- **Review and Sign Off:**
 - Code of Conduct
 - Wi-Fi Protocols
 - Many more, on website!
- **Complete + Return:**
 - Blue Card
 - Lunch Form
 - Transportation Form (Online!)
- **Keep for Reference:**
 - Family Calendar
 - Staff email list

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS!

- * Enter through Auditorium doors; parents say goodbye at the door
- * All classes/names read aloud until students are in their classes
- * Doors open at 8 AM for Yondr Pouches
- * Pick up is at 2:40 PM
- * Have a back-up transportation plan!
- * Lunch and back-up printed programs will be available



**LET'S HAVE
AN AMAZING
SCHOOL YEAR!**



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?