

RyeNeck Schools

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Dear Rye Neck Families,

We are back from summer vacation for one of the most anticipated beginnings of a school year in recent memory. The first day of school is somewhat like Picture Day, where haircuts are fresh and clothes are new, with the added element of eager students waiting to see old friends.

Beyond the sentiment expressed in ads that feature parents dancing in the aisles of school supply stores, the joyous atmosphere of “Orientation Day” infects everyone. Of course, we all love summer vacation and sleeping late, but from parents to students to staff, we all benefit from the vitality of our school community. The atmosphere of energy and glee present in each of our buildings when our students return is natural and almost tangible. July and August are critical to recharge, reflect, and repaint, but September reinvigorates Rye Neck’s mission.

Easy Information

I look forward to communicating with our families at the beginning of every week, especially since there should be fewer pandemic rules to explain. Rather, we will be sharing interesting and celebratory information about both students and staff.

Additionally, we are working hard on making our website as much of a one-stop-shop as possible. After introducing the new district site last year, we have refined it to be responsive to family needs. One of our newest additions is a simple [District Contacts](#) chart that provides help on how to determine who to contact about specific issues.

COVID

Our [2022-23 COVID Operation Plan](#) is available on our website in the “Popular Links” section, but I outlined the basic changes for the start of this school year in my [August 26th message](#) if you prefer a quick summary. We will be posting the previous week’s case totals, including building and grade level, at the beginning of each week, as well any relevant information received from the CDC, NYSDOH, NYSED, or WCDOH.

Our student enrollment is currently up from last year by approximately 20 students, our academic and extracurricular staff is ready to go, and our facilities are prepared. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Open Houses and athletic events.

Best regards,

Eric Lutinski

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