

Runnemede Public Schools

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**Steve Pili**  
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August 19, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

I would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to another school year beginning on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We have all been working very hard this summer to develop the best possible learning environment for your children. The first day of school is a full day for all students from 7:45AM to 2:15 PM. Please be aware that no students will be permitted in the school before 7:40AM at any point during the school year, unless approved by administration (All students that participate in the breakfast program are permitted in at 7:30AM). Preschool hours of operation are 8:30AM to 2:30PM for all 3 and 4 year old students.

**Drop-off:**

All students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are permitted to be dropped off by the parking area closest to Hirsch Ave., and proceed to blacktop area. They will be greeted by their teacher, lined-up and escorted to their classroom. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students can be dropped off in the same area. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will gather on the blacktop behind the small parking lot, while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will gather on the sidewalk leading up to the building. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to be dropped off and picked up past the school parking lot near the soccer field. They will then enter the building near the gym and report directly to their classroom. All classrooms will be clearly marked, and the student's homeroom teacher will focus on explaining school wide procedures. Our preschool families will still utilize the drop off line by the small parking lot closest to Hirsch Ave. beginning at 8:20AM.

Please remind all your children to utilize the sidewalks to safely make their transitions to and from the building each day. Supervision will be provided daily to ensure the safety of all our students.

We ask that all drivers dropping off and picking up children work with the school to ensure the safety of our students and other drivers. During arrival and dismissal please drive carefully, be aware of students crossing the street, and please only drop students off on the school side using the passenger car door. The *One Way* traffic flow will be utilized again this year, and there is no parking along the yellow curbs.

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**Student Information:**

Realtime Parent Portal logins and passwords will be sent to you via email on or about August 23, 2021. If you have not provided us with an email, please call 856.931.5353 ext 240.

Please utilize the Realtime Parent Portal to determine your child's homeroom teacher. You will need to update your contact and insurance information for access to the parent portal. As stated above all students will report directly to their homeroom when entering the building on the first day. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their class schedule on the first day or they can use the Student Portal to see it. In addition, please refer to the district website for the district calendar which includes many important dates for the 2021-2022 school year.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be using their lockers again this year. These lockers have the capacity to hold student backpacks, therefore students will not be carrying their book bags around the school all day.

**Health Protocols:**

All staff and students are required to wear masks during the school day, and while on school transportation. We will continue to encourage good hygiene such as washing / sanitizing hands regularly. We will also be social distancing when possible throughout the school day.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience during all drop off and pick up times. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Steve Pili  
Principal