



RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is our pleasure to welcome our Royals to what we hope will be a great school year. We are especially excited to be able to have all our Royals back full-time! Although this year will still be different than what we want, we are dedicated to providing the best high school experience possible given the situation including helping our Royals prepare for wherever life takes them. Thank you for your support of our Royals and our staff as we work together to make this the best year possible.

In this welcome letter, we would like to bring your attention to a few items to help begin the year.

Communication

We know that communication with our students and parents is an important part of our work. Through this communication, we aim to provide you with the necessary information so that we can work together in supporting your Royal with their learning. We have a number of avenues we will use to communicate with you.

Face-to-Face (or Virtual) Meetings, Individual Phone Calls, and Individual Email

The most effective form of communication for us when dealing with a complex situation is either meeting face-to-face or by calling the school directly. We may also suggest a virtual meeting when appropriate. Individual emails can be helpful for easy to answer or short questions. We will make every attempt to return phone calls and reply to emails by the end of the next school day. We will setup meetings at mutually agreed upon times as needed. Please note, you must have an appointment to come into the school.

School Messenger - TalkMail and Email

Our School Messenger system allows us to send talkmail and email messages on important matters that can be sent to large audiences all at once. We will typically use these methods when sending notices home. If you would like to receive email messages, please ensure you have included an email address on the demographic / profile form we send home next week.

Web Site

We have a web site that allows us to provide regular updates online. Similar to talkmail and email messages, we will use this form of communication for notices and sharing information with large audiences. Please visit <http://rhsroyals.nbed.nb.ca/>

Facebook Page

In addition to our web site, we use a Facebook page to communicate information to a large audience at once. These updates will automatically be a part of your Facebook newsfeed if you “like” the “RHS 2021-2022” page.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal provides parents and guardians information on student schedules, attendance, report card grades, and course selection. You will need to create an account and link it to your Royal by using a unique Student Access ID and Access Password. All students will receive a letter with their access ID and password in September. For more information, please visit: <https://asdeast.nbed.ca/power-school/>

Letters and Print Notices

Periodically we will send printed letters home with our students. In our attempt to be environmentally and financially conscious, we will sparingly use this form of communication.

Personal Electronic Devices and Student School Computer Account

All New Brunswick high school students are required to have an electronic device at school to engage in their learning. Students will need to bring their electronic device fully-charged to school each day. Personal electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the students and their parents / guardians. The school will not be responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or technical support of any personal electronic devices.

Students will use their Microsoft Office 365 and school computer account daily this year. Students must check their school email on every regular school day and maintain other communications as outlined by their teachers.

Inclusive School Community

At RHS we continue to focus on creating a welcoming and inclusive school community. This has always been an important part of who we are as Royals, but we also want to do better. It is important that every Royal is valued for who they are, no matter their race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family status, genetic characteristics, or disability. All students and staff have the right to be free from harassment, discrimination and violence, and to be treated fairly, equitably, and with dignity. You will hear more about this work throughout the school year.

Electronic Payments and Forms

As with the start-up of each school year, we must collect information via forms and money from parents and guardians for items such as class fees, student government fees and extracurricular registrations. We are pleased to let you know that we have a secure and efficient online option for payments and completing forms. Please visit our district web site and click on the Schools tab and then the School Fees & Forms for more information.

Safe Arrival

The Safe Arrival program is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let us know about your Royal's absence. Each day, after attendance is taken by your child's first period teacher, the system will notify you if they are marked absent and no excuse has yet been reported by you. You can then either use a free app, web site, or toll-free phone number to indicate a reason for your Royal's absence. You can also report in advance when you know your Royal will be absent. Using this system, you must report your Royal's absence as the classroom teachers nor the school can input this information for you. The exception is if your Royal must leave school prior to 3:30PM. In such cases students must provide a written note or you must contact the school's main office for the student to be released from class early. For safety reasons, classroom teachers cannot accept a text message as a form of communication for early release.

Again, thank you for your support, patience, and kindness this year. We are confident that although this year will be different, together we will be able to make this another great school year!

Sincerely,

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