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Dear Students and Families:

August 15, 2019

Welcome back for the start of a new school year! Rutland High School teachers and staff look forward to another year of continued partnership with students and family members as we help prepare our region's young people for the world beyond high school.

Our district vision statement drives all that our students and staff do at Rutland High School, so let these concepts frame our correspondence for the year.

Rutland City Public Schools cultivates a passionate, diverse, and resilient community of critical thinkers who learn with purpose, create innovative and responsible solutions, and lead lives of integrity.

School officially begins for **9th grade students on Wednesday, August 28, 2019**. Freshman should arrive between 7:45 and 8:15. At 8:15, the day will commence with a gathering in the theater. Rutland High School has a special day planned for the 9th grade to ensure that all students make a great start. We end the orientation by 1:30.

On August 29th, school begins for ALL students. Our regular schedule will be in place on this day.

YES Plan: Students in Grades 10 – 12 who owe community service hours for YES Plan should have that completed by the first day of school. Students who fail to complete these hours cannot meet graduation requirements. As well, to be eligible for a fall sport, students must complete community service hours by August 1, 2019.

Open House Nights: Please note that we have two open house nights this year.

Our Open House for parents and friends of **students in grades 10-12 takes place on Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 PM**. Visitors will have the opportunity to follow a modified student schedule and to hear what is new at Rutland High School. We look forward to having you join us.

We designed a special night the 9th grade. We look forward to welcoming all **9th grade students and families on Friday, September 13th for the Freshman Open House**. A barbecue dinner will begin at 5:00 PM. Open House will include an opportunity to meet the 9th grade teachers and learn about the opportunities offered here at RHS. Open House will end by 6:45, and 9th grade students and their families are invited to attend the home varsity football game, free of charge.

More information will be sent out shortly, but if you are not able to attend, please email Associate Principal Greg Schillinger at greg.schillinger@rcpsvt.org or call 770-1188.

Guidance Information: Schedules are available to view on *Infinite Campus*. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please contact your guidance counselor either by phone (770-1100) or email. Assignments are based on last names. Please note that from year to year we shift counselor assignments to balance caseloads. Students should check the list below to note their counselor for the year.

Students last name beginning with:	A–B: grades 9-12	Ms. Jennifer Pros	jennifer.pros@rcpsvt.org
	C–G grades 9-12	Ms. Kelly Leprohon Long-Term Sub for Ms. Myers	kelly.leprohon@rcpsvt.org
	H–Man	Mrs. Meghan Carroccia	meghan.carroccia@rcpsvt.org
	Mao–Ri	Mrs. Amy Conn	amy.conn@rcpsvt.org
	Ro–Z	Mrs. Lesley Copans	lesley.copans@rcpsvt.org

Guidance counselors review students' schedules to achieve balance and to ensure that courses are appropriately placed. Remember that in the request process, students requested courses and not teachers. Counselors will not change schedules based on teacher preference. Please contact the guidance counselor directly if there is a concern regarding a schedule.

Grading and Reporting: We continue our multi-year plan toward proficiency-based practices as required by Vermont's Education Quality Standards (<http://education.vermont.gov/state-board/rules/2000>). As we noted two years ago, final course grades of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will be reported solely through our 0-4 point scale. That reporting format stays in place for the Class of 2021 and for the classes that follow. For more, please see our website at <http://rhs.rutlandcitypublicschools.org/academics/proficiency-based-learning-practices/> .

We continue to communicate about your student's progress with the grading software *JumpRope*. Teachers keep their grades in *JumpRope*, and students and families can monitor progress anytime. Students receive email reminders at the start of each month to look at their current progress on each course standard. Freshmen students will receive log-on information as a part of this mailing.

We use *Infinite Campus* for attendance, schedules, census information, formal report cards, etc. The application for a portal account is available on the *Resources* tab of the school's website and here: http://rhs.rutlandcitypublicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/07/3708_001.pdf If you have questions, please contact Lori Pinkowski at 770-1403, or lori.pinkowski@rcpsvt.org .

Weekly Schedule: We remind all that on nearly each Wednesday during the school year, classes begin one hour later in order for teachers to meet on teams. On Wednesdays, students should arrive to school in time to start class at 8:50. If a student must arrive earlier, we provide supervision in the cafeteria and the library.

Mailings: This is the last regular mailing from RHS this year. Subsequently, all correspondence will be through the *Infinite Campus* Parent/Student Portal. If you choose to continue to receive paper mailings, please complete the Mailing Request Form and return it to Main Office.

School Calendar: Please remember that our yearend date often shifts further into June due to weather cancellations. Students have the responsibility of meeting all attendance obligations.

We are genuinely excited to be working with your student as we move closer to the ideal embedded in the district's motto, "Every Student, Every Day." We wish your family a rewarding school year!

Sincerely,

Bill Olsen, Principal