

Dear Riverview Parents,

This is your official WELCOME BACK message for the 2022-2023 school year!

We hope that you have enjoyed a happy, peaceful, and safe summer break. Below are a few important pieces of information for next week. Your building administrators will send out more specific information if they haven't done so already.

- 1. First Day of School The first day for students starts next Thursday, August 25th, 2022.
- 2. Health and Safety Protocols/Masks Riverview will maintain a mask optional policy for all students and staff (unless students are diagnosed with Covid-19 see #3). Please take the precautions you feel are necessary for your family. Please also ensure that all students are kind and accepting of the choices of others. We will have additional masks available for any student that wants one. We hope and believe this policy will remain for the entirety of this year (despite any unexpected situations that we cannot plan for). We encourage all families to consider vaccinations and boosters for all students, as this will help to protect the school environment and keep the kids in school.
- 3. Covid-19 Protocol We are taking a symptoms-based approach to Covid-19. Specifically, if your child is infected with Covid-19, they must stay home and mask for at least five days from when symptoms began. They can attend school with an appropriate and tight-fitting mask for the following 5 days (this is similar to last year). If a student tests negative for two days straight, they can take the mask off earlier. Please be open and honest with the District and remain in contact with the school nurses in order to keep the education environment safe. The CDC has recently released their Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning. They no longer recommend quarantines for close contacts and contact tracing (this is good). They also set isolation guidelines for those that test positive for Covid-19 or are experiencing symptoms.
- 4. **Free PCR and Rapid Antigen Testing** We will continue to offer FREE rapid antigen and PCR testing at all three schools for the upcoming year. These can be administered to students with parental consent at any point in time for your convenience.
- Riverview Store To bolster school spirit and to provide an online option for families to purchase Raider gear, we have created a "<u>Raider Store</u>." The Raider Store will remain as a new and active tab on our Riverview website. Our athletic department and administration worked hard to offer a diverse selection of apparel

and accessories, all branded with Raider logos and pride! The District will earn credit that will go directly into our athletic programs and campuses with each purchase. Please take advantage of the **25% off sale** as a part of the grand opening!

- 6. Free and Reduced Lunch Applications Remember, we return to the traditional free and reduced lunch program which requires eligible families to complete an online application to qualify. The <u>2022-2023 Household letter</u> is highlighted on the <u>Food Service</u> tab of the District website, as well as instructions for eligible families to apply. Apply now!
- 7. **Paraprofessionals** We are still in great need of paraprofessionals in each of our buildings. If you, or anyone you know, might be a good candidate for this position, please let us know right away! This is a FUN and HONORABLE way to spend a few hours each day to support our students. Apply now!
- Pie Night Our traditional Pie Night occurs this evening at Riverside Park at 6:30pm. Come out to the field and watch the preliminary performance of our marching band and enjoy some delicious pie to support the program! This is a FUN event and we hope you can make it!

Have a wonderful weekend. We are **EXCITED** to see the students next week! It's going to be a **TERRIFIC** school year! Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration