



# Renaissance Report

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

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Back to School!

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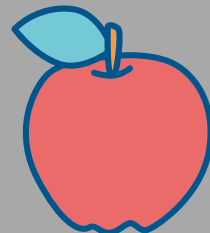
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# Parking Lot Safety

- For the safety and well being of all our students and family members at Renaissance please remember the following expectations:
- Students must be dropped off in the right lane.
- Drop off may be anywhere between the two crosswalks.
- DO NOT allow students to exit the car before the first crosswalk.
- Students may not walk from a parked car to the school without an adult.
- Cross ONLY at the crosswalk.
- Drivers in the left, drive through lane must DRIVE SLOWLY.
- Drivers should not be on a cell phone while driving in our parking lot.
- Smoking is PROHIBITED on school grounds, including in vehicles.
- Do not drop off at Airway Oxygen



**Families:** Please click on the link to read the RPSA Handbook for more information:

<http://renaissancepsa.com/wp-content/uploads/RPSA-Student-Handbook-2018-19.pdf>

# A note from our Parent Club:

A representative from the RPSA Parent Club will be at school before and after school all week to collect and sign out Rams cards this week. The 1st week contest ends today & the 2nd week starts today :)

The first PTO meeting of the school year is  
Sept 10 at 5pm

(Rescheduled)

Playground Build!

**Community Playground Build**

**Saturday Sept 8th: 9am- until finished.**

**Lunch provided !**

**Please rsvp to Mr. Papenfus at**

**[jpapenfus@renaissancepsa.com](mailto:jpapenfus@renaissancepsa.com) by Wednesday**

**Thank you!**



# Kindergarten News

## \*Reminders & Events\*

Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are excited to start the school year and begin this year together! Please make sure that you have downloaded the Seesaw app on your phone so that we can communicate daily with you.

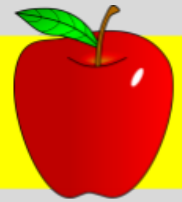
Please make sure that you have dropped off the important packet of paperwork that we gave you at our parent visit.



What will the first week of school look like in Kindergarten? We will get to know each other, play, share, create, speak kindly to others, be safe, get to know the school building, move our big muscles, try out our small muscles, enjoy a snack from home, eat in the big lunch room, enjoy a lot of books, color pictures, and sleep well at night!



## Voyager Newsletter



Dear Voyager Families,

Welcome back! We are very excited for this upcoming year of learning. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be learning procedures and getting to know each other. Students will learn how to use the Seesaw app to share their work with their family. If you have not received your Seesaw flyer yet, please look in your child's backpack this week for it and sign up to use the app. The Seesaw app will allow for you to see your child's work throughout the week; students really get excited and put their best effort into their work knowing that their families will be looking at their best work. If you need assistance signing up, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher to help out setting up your account with Seesaw; you will need the paper with your QR code.

Also, if you have not yet returned the updated Child Information Record with parent contact paper for this school year, please send it in as soon as possible. All other papers attached to the child information sheet need to be returned too. This will help ensure updated information is at hand in case we need to contact you for any reason this school year. During the school year, if there are any changes with phone number, address etc please let the office know as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support and are very excited that we get to be a part of your child's learning.

Thank you always for your support,  
Voyager Teachers

# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

September 4th-September 8th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** We are so excited to get back into the swing of things! Students will get a chance to explore their classroom library and school libraries this week! We will be focusing on different genres and checking out books! Islanders should make time to read each night!

**Math:** The teachers have so much planned for the school year, but we will be starting slow this week. Students will be practicing rotation and procedures during math.

**Writing:** Getting to know your child personally is key! We plan on using some free writing and creative writing time to help with that this week!

**Science:** We will be exploring multiple types of weather maps and introducing new key terms for our first project of the school year!

## Staying Up To Date

- Thank you so much for all of the classroom supplies!
- If you have not signed up for SeeSaw yet, please do so soon! You will be missing out on key moments from our classes!

## Important Dates

- Picture Day is September 20th!
- Come support our Lady Rams Volleyball team! The first home game will be Monday the 17th at 5:30pm!
- September 8th: Playground Build at 9AM!





# WELCOME BACK

Sep. 4 - Sep. 7



Be on the lookout for your Seesaw instructions. When you receive them, please follow the appropriate steps to ensure you are getting all of the information that is sent home. **THIS WILL BE OUR #1 LINE FOR SCHOOL-TO-HOME COMMUNICATION.**



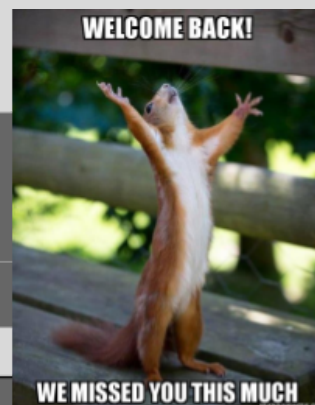
**Reminder - All forms for camp must be completed and returned to RPSA as soon as possible. Camp dates are October 3-5. We are looking forward to a great experience.**

Welcome back from your Trailblazer teachers - Mr. Whitman, Mrs. Bartell, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Nix. We are looking forward to many amazing experiences this year!





## Middle School Happenings September 4th-7th



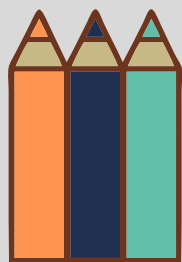
Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey is excited to begin a new year in 7th grade Mathematics! We will be exploring ST Math and that is exciting too!</p> <p>Mr. Buzard is excited to get to work with the 8th graders exploring ST Math and beginning our unit on rational and irrational numbers!</p>	<p>In ELA, students will begin to pick our their Independent Reading Novels. They will also be exploring Genre and Theme in the next coming weeks.</p> <p>In Writing, students will begin their pre-write for their informational paper.</p>	<p>This year we will be exploring Life Science. Our first unit begins with Cells.</p>	<p>We will be learning about World History this year in Social Studies. Our first unit will be about foundations of history and understanding primary and secondary sources!</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Major Assignment, Assessments and Events</b></p> <p>Miss Hart is the new Mrs. Lazarov and would like to say "Hello!" to everyone.</p>	No School	<p>Volleyball Informational Meeting</p> <p>Have your physicals completed before Thursday's Tryouts.</p>	<p>Field trip to Morey Courts! Please make sure we have a permission slip on file!</p>	Volleyball Tryouts	

# Reminders:

- Middle School Band: Began Today!
- Volleyball Meeting today at 5:15pm
- Cross-country Meet in Shepherd: Wednesday

# Specials and Enhancements



## RPSA Band

First week Band Schedule:

Beginning Band - 7:30 am:



Tue Sep. 4th - Flutes and trumpets only

Wed. Sep 5th - Clarinets and French Horns only

Thur. Sep 6th - Saxophones and Trombones only

Fri. Sep 7th - Percussion only

2nd year band and all 1st year band starts Sep. 10th.

Middle School band Starts Sep. 4th.

## STEM Lab

Mrs. Papenfus is excited to offer a STEM Lab experience to all k-8 students this school year! The students will get more experience using the Design Process, as well as more time to collaborate and problem-solve! This week, all the students will get a brief introduction to the Stem Lab, and they'll begin their official STEM Lab experiences next week! The students will build, create, experiment, and grow as learners.







# Athletics



## Girls Volleyball:

The Girls Volleyball Informational Meeting and Sign-Up will be held on the first day of school, September 4 at 5:15pm, in Mr. McCausey's classroom. Student-Athletes and their families are encouraged to attend to receive valuable information regarding athletic policies, and practice schedules.

Student-Athletes must have a completed physical form on file prior to participating in any athletics practice or contest. If you plan on playing volleyball, please go and complete your physical.

## Cross-Country:

Come on out and support your Running Rams! They have been working hard all summer, and are ready to compete! They open their season on September 5, at the John Bruder Classic in Shepherd. Athletes run at 5:00pm.

They run again on September 10 in St. Johns at the St. Johns Middle School Meet. I am sure they would love for you to make the trip and support their efforts! Go Rams!

## Athletics Changes:

Many changes were made over the summer to the athletics handbook. Please be sure to read it thoroughly. I would like to highlight the change made to the scholarship system this year. The Athletics Boosters are happy to provide scholarships again this year; however, they would like to see more volunteer participation at home events.

## Transportation:

Remember, ALL Renaissance student-athletes are required to ride the bus to and from events. This is not optional. In the event that an extenuating circumstance pops up, please feel free to request a Transportation Waiver Form. They must be filled out in advance and signed by Mrs. Bergman for approval. These should not be requested on the day of the event, and they are on a date by date basis. They are not guaranteed to be approved.

No electronic devices may be used on the way to an athletic event; however, on the way home from an event, that is up to the coaches of individual teams. Also, pictures are not allowed to be taken on the bus of any kind. This is strictly prohibited.

## Athletics Dress Code:

Unless teams are in uniform on the bus, the athletics dress code is to be followed by student-athletes and coaches. This can be found in the athletics handbook.

## 5th - 8th Grade Bowling Opportunity:

Students in the 5th - 8th grade that are interested in participating in a bowling club, please see Mr. McCausey for details. This could be a great opportunity!



## **2018-2019 Academic Calendar**

Tuesday, September 4, 2018	First Day of School
Monday, October 1, 2018	No School: Teacher Professional Development
Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, 2018	No School: Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 24, 2018 - Friday, January 4, 2019	No School: Winter Holiday Break
Monday, January 21, 2018	No School: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Teacher Professional Development
Monday, February 18, 2019	No School: Teacher Professional Development
Monday, March 25, 2019 - Monday, April 1, 2019	Spring Break Teacher Professional Development
Friday, April 19, 2019	No School: Good Friday
Monday, May 13, 2019	No School: Teacher Professional Development
Monday, May 27, 2019	No School: Memorial Day
Friday, June 14, 2019	Last Day of School

# Parents,

## School Breakfast helps kids:

- improve their grades
- pay better attention in school
- increase school attendance
- improve classroom behavior

**PLUS, it saves you time!**

**Breakfast is available FREE  
to ALL students, everyday**

