

AUGUST 15, 2023

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Renaissance Public School Academy Newsletter



Renaissance Academy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of School

August 22, 2023

No School

September 1, 2023

September 4, 2023

Goal Setting

Student Led

Conferences

October 12, 2023



Hello RPSA Families!

We had so much fun visiting with families at Open House yesterday. Thank you for helping us kick off a great school year! If you were not able to attend please contact your child's teacher or the front office to set up a time to come in and visit. We'd love to see all of our students before the first day of school.

In this newsletter you will find information regarding drop off & pick up procedures, before/after school care, and attendance. If you have any questions prior to the start of the school year, please contact the office.

We will have staff on the sidewalk to greet students each morning if you'd like to use the drop off lane. You may also park and use one of the crosswalks to walk your student to the front doors. All students will enter through the front entrance this school year.

Our entire team is looking forward to a great year! See you next Tuesday!

With RAMS Pride,
The RPSA Leadership Team

Meet the RPSA LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mrs. Megan Nix
School Leader



Mr. Henry Mayer
Dean of Instruction



Mrs. Brandy Reihl
Business Manager

and even more

SCHOOL LEADERS



Jon Koster
Assessment, Technology,
& Safety Coordinator



Dave McCausey
Athletic Director



Jessica Bean
Special Education
Coordinator



Rachel Brandeberry
Community Connections
Coordinator

New Faces on the RENAISSANCE TEAM



Mrs. Trista Behmlander
Trailblazer Teacher



Mrs. Bethany Koefoed
1st Grade Teacher



Mrs. Savannah Balcom
Kindergarten Teacher



Ms. Jacquelyn Jalbert
2nd Grade Teacher

WE'RE ALSO EXCITED TO WELCOME:

Ms. Jacqueline Berthelot-Aldrich
Interventionist

Ms. Anna Molina
Building Substitute

Free Breakfast and Lunch!

The State of Michigan has included funding for food service programs as part of the School Aid Package in the MI budget. As a result, all K-12 students in the state will receive FREE breakfast and lunch this school year.

All families will still need to complete the lunch application that will come home during the first week of school. This impacts funding we receive for grant initiatives.



Attendance

Below you will find a summary of the RPSA & Isabella County truancy policy. An essential key to your child's success in school is regular school attendance. We realize that children become ill and may miss school, and an occasional absence is reasonable. Open communication between school and home regarding absences is an important step in supporting your student. If your child will not be at school, please call the front office by 9:00am to communicate with our staff.

ISABELLA COUNTY & RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUANCY
POLICY SUMMARY

2023-2024 School Year

Renaissance Public School Academy uses the countywide truancy policy as the guideline for our attendance policy. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

The Isabella County Truancy Policy is as follows:

After 5 Unexcused Absences:

A conference will be held with the student at school. Parents will be notified about this contact. A letter documenting this meeting with the student AND a copy of the Isabella County Truancy Policy Summary will be mailed home. The RESD representative will be notified of the student's absences.

After 8 Unexcused Absences:

The RESD representative will make a second contact with the student. The RESD representative will also try and make contact with the parents/guardians of the student (preferably in person, but phone is acceptable, based on the situation). Also the RESD representative will notify the Isabella County Prosecutor's Office of the student's absences and a warning letter will be requested.

After 10 Unexcused Absences:

A complaint will be sent to the Isabella County Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor's Office will then decide if they are going to bring forth charges for truancy. Charges may be brought forth on the student and/or the parent/guardians.

New School Semester:

The number of student absences will be calculated from the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year - not semester to semester. If a student has 7 or more absences at the end of the school year they will start the next school year as if they already have 3 absences. This will not be reflected in the new school year attendance, but it will be used for calculating the number of attendances according to the Truancy Policy.

It is the practice of Renaissance Academy to establish strong home-school communication. As a result we will inform parents, in writing, of all absences on record beginning at the fifth absence regardless of if that absence is excused or unexcused. Determination of the need to contact the truancy officer beginning with the eighth absence will be made on each individual student's unique situation. A meeting between the school leader and parent/guardian will be required at the 10th absence to determine a plan of support for successful attendance the remainder of the school year.

School Day Start and End Times

- Our School day begins at 8:00am
- Students may enter the building beginning at 7:40 am - all students are to enter through the front doors
- Our School day ends at 3:25
- Pick up takes place from 3:25 to 4:00
- Families may park and walk to the sidewalk using crosswalks, or use the drive thru lane (see procedures below)

Before and After School

We are very excited to offer both before and after school care this school year. These programs do hold a child care license and must follow all licensing rules:

- Cost
 - \$5 per day Before School
 - 7:00am - 7:45am
 - \$20 per day After School OR \$50 weekly
 - end of school - 5:30pm
 - Kindergarten through 6th grade only
 - to meet staffing rules, families must register and pay the week prior (no drop ins)
 - stop into the front office for registration paperwork

**Before and After School programing will begin
on August 28th**

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

For the safety of students and to ensure efficient drop off and pick up of students everyone is required to follow the expectations below...

- Enter the parking lot and make a right turn only.
 - Access to parking spots on the left will require the driver to pull into the drive through lane (left lane) and go around.
- The RIGHT lane is for drop off and pick up only.
 - Remain in your car and allow students out anywhere along the sidewalk before school
 - Remain in your car and pull up to your child's designated spot on the sidewalk to pick up.
 - Staff will not be able to speak with parents in the pick up lane. If you wish to speak to a staff member you must park and walk up using the crosswalks.
- The LEFT lane is a drive through lane to allow access to all parking spots.
 - **Students may NOT be dropped off or picked up from the left lane.**
 - Do NOT stop in the left lane for any reason so traffic can continue to flow.
 - Do not allow students to walk into the building alone from a parking spot.
 - An adult who parks must walk a student through the crosswalk to the school entrance.
- **PARKING EXPECTATIONS**
 - Parents wishing to park must walk their children to the building using DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS ONLY.
 - ABSOLUTELY NO parking at any time, anywhere in the bus zone north of the main entrance crosswalk.



Menu: August 22nd - 25th

	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25
Breakfast	Assorted Cereal Fruit Cup Milk Juice	Poptart Fruit Milk	Donut Fruit Milk	Assorted Cereal Fruit Milk
Lunch	Popcorn Chicken or Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	Pizza or Salad Side Salad Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger or Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	Taco Stick or Salad Salsa Fruit Milk

Renaissance PSA 2023-2024 Calendar

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First & Last Day
PD Days: No School for Students
No School for Students and Staff
SLCs - No School for Students
 Family Visits

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M, Tu, Th, F Daily Schedule:
8:00 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Wednesday Early Release:
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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2023 PTO ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAMS CARDS SALE

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAMS \$10 www.renaissancepsa.com	<i>Los Palatinos</i> MEXICAN RESTAURANT \$5 \$30 OFF OR MORE NOT valid with any other offer. Dine-In Only	<i>Doogie's</i> Soft Serve Cones \$2.50 Med or Lg Reg Excludes Upgrades	Pleasant Hills Golf Club 9 Holes w/Cart +20 18 Holes w/Cart +30	10% OFF Any Purchase DOG CENTRAL	FOR ARTS SAKE CARDS & GIFTS	\$2 OFF MAKER'S SPACE Having fun? Buy some supplies! 117 S. Main St., Dearborn MI	VIXIE FREE Large Soft Drink with any purchase of \$8 or more
BIGGBY COFFEE \$1 OFF 20 oz or 24 oz SPECIALTY BEVERAGE	<i>Krapohl Ford</i> WORKS \$5 OFF Quick Lane FEEL SAVED PACKAGE	10% OFF tropical ANY PURCHASE Excludes Combo And Catering CAFE 989-317-4800	<i>Pizza King</i> \$9.99 FOR 1 LARGE 1 TOPPING	CHINA GARDEN FREE Egg Roll With any Dinner Entree	MOREY COURTS RECREATION CENTER \$1 OFF Day Pass Not valid with any other special	<i>Pisonello's</i> \$3.00 OFF Any Non-Specialty XL Pizza	<i>Rubbers</i> \$10 Any Shoe Purchase OFF Any Athletic Apparel Purchase OFF *EXCLUDES EQUIPMENT APPAREL
<i>Creation</i> \$1 off any drink	IHOP 10% OFF Mon-Fri (Excludes Holidays)	<i>Arby's</i> Two Classic Roast Beef for \$5	<i>Culver's</i> 10% OFF Any Purchase *EXCLUDING KIDS MEALS*	<i>Little Caesars</i> 50% OFF an Order of Crazy Bread With the Purchase of Any Large Pizza One Use Per Card Per Day	<i>GILL-BOY'S GOT IT!</i> \$5 OFF A 20 Lb Propane Fill One Use Per Day	<i>CoYote Creek</i> Adventure golf BOGO Mini Golf Up to 4 Players/Day M-Th Only	PERFORMANCE PLUS \$10 OFF QUICK OIL CHANGE A FULL SERVICE OIL CHANGE COUPON CODE: VALUECARD 10 1501 East Pickard - 2189 S. Mission St. - MTP
<i>Mox & Emily's</i> Bakery \$1 OFF Any Whole Sandwich	COPA 10% OFF Any Purchase	RIK'S \$1 OFF Regular Price Rotisserie Chicken Not Valid With Any Other Offer - Limit One Per Visit	FIREHOUSE SUBS FREE Med Drink With Purchase MTP STORE ONLY	<i>greentree</i> FREE 12oz Coffee With any \$5+ Bakery Purchase One Use Per Card Per Day	ART REACH \$5 OFF Any Purchase/Class of \$25 or More	JUMP STATION \$1 OFF JUMP SOCKS www.thejumpstation.com	<i>Rally's</i> \$3.49 Rally w/cheese combo
				PAPA JOHN'S BOGO 1/2 OFF LARGE PIZZAS Excludes Stuffed Crust	<i>Tim Hortons</i> 10% OFF ORDER Excludes Combos, Bulk Products or Take Home Events	NETS PIZZA 1 FREE Small Jet's Bread With purchase of any Large Pizza at Regular Price Mt. Pleasant Michigan 989-400-4448	Small 1 Top Pizza WITH ANY 2-TOPPING LARGE MENU PRICED PIZZA PURCHASE 1 use per day per card holder

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're selling Rams Discount Cards again this year as our PTO fall fundraiser. These **easy-to-sell** discount cards save you money at many local businesses for only \$10. The cards will be available beginning **Monday August 14th** and are valid for over a year (through October 2024). For every card you sell, the PTO will receive over 80% of the proceeds to go toward our school! Help the PTO support our school, students, and staff while also supporting local businesses!

HOW CAN I PURCHASE CARDS?

Families can purchase groups of 10 cards for \$90 or buy smaller amounts at \$10 per card as they collect orders from family and friends (see attached order form). Look for a PTO table at the RPSA Open House and before and after school to buy cards. In addition, requests can be emailed to the PTO (renaissanceramspto@gmail.com) for a specific amount of cards. Once a request is processed (allow 24-48 hours), a labeled envelope will be left at the office for collection on payment and

GET INVOLVED!

Wonder what the PTO does exactly with the money earned?
Come to one of our meetings! Watch for meeting announcements on FB and Seesaw.
Can't come to meetings but want to be involved?

Scan the code in the corner to sign up to receive emails of PTO happenings & volunteer opportunities.



Beat the Heat



- Local Organizations
- Games & Activities
- Free Popcorn
- Inflatables
- Prizes & MORE

Wednesday, August 16 2023
Chipp-A-Waters Park
6 to 8 P.M.

PIE A PRINCIPAL

WANT A CHANCE TO PIE
YOUR PRINCIPAL?

THE PRINCIPAL WITH THE MOST
NAMES IN THEIR BUCKET WILL
RECEIVE GIFTCARDS FOR
TEACHERS AT THEIR SCHOOL!

