

**AUGUST 25, 2023**

# RAMS RECAP

*Renaissance Public School Academy Newsletter*



*Renaissance Academy*

# RAMS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Super U Assembly**

**August 30, 2023**

**No School**

**September 1, 2023**

**September 4, 2023**

**Goal Setting  
Student Led  
Conferences**

**October 12, 2023**



Hello RPSA Families!

What an absolutely, wonderful first week it has been so far! We are so appreciative of all that you have done from home this week to transition into the start of the school year and have your children ready for a great start. Thank you!



We want to remind everyone that the RPSA school year calendar is a bit different than Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. We DO have school tomorrow, Friday August 25th. You can find our full school year calendar below.

In this week's newsletter you will also find information about some fun we have planned for next week. We will celebrate RPSA's 27th birthday next week with some fun around school, a school spirit day, and a super exciting assembly! Check out all the information below.

With RAMS Pride,  
The RPSA Leadership Team



WEAR YOUR RAMS GEAR  
ON WEDNESDAY THE  
30TH!



# BIRTHDAY WEEK AT RPSA!

AUGUST 28TH-31ST

Renaissance Academy turns 27 years old this year!  
We hope to start a new tradition in which we  
celebrate the birthday of our school each year!



TREATS!



RAMS  
PRIZES!



AN  
EXCITING  
ASSEMBLY!



RPSA FUN  
FACTS!



# Super U! Challenge

A Game Show With...

Cool  
CHALLENGES!

FUNNY  
STUFF!

SLIME!

Be Your Own  
Personal Super Hero!

PASS ON RESPECT!

BUILD TRUST!

CHOOSE YOUR ACTIONS!

BE A FRIEND, NOT A BULLY!



August 30, 2023

K-4th 8:30 am

5th-8th 9:30 am



# SCHOOL-BASED OUT-PATIENT THERAPY

## at Renaissance Public School Academy

Isabella Citizens for Health is offering mental/behavioral health services throughout the school year. Services offered include:

- Screening for Emotional & Behavioral Health Difficulties
- Individual & Family Counseling
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessments
- Case Management, Prevention Intervention & Treatment
- Confidential Services



Jordan Curtice, LLPC

School-Based Outpatient Therapist

Jordan is a Limited Licensed Professional Counselor who works together with students, parents and staff to help students resolve problems so they can be successful in school and in life. Jordan's office is located in Room A15 and she can be reached by calling 989-491-1445.

### **How does a child enroll to use these services?**

Students may be referred by a parent, teacher, school official, or they may self-report their needs to the school-based counselor. Appointments are best; however, students may be seen on a walk-in basis. **Services require a Consent for Treatment Form to be completed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the school.** Parent may, but do not need to, be present at the appointment. Jordan will contact parents if there are any questions that arise related to the appointment.

### **Does a student need health insurance to be seen by the counselor?**

Health insurance is not required. Assistance is available to apply for Medicaid or other insurances for students who do not have health insurance. No child or family will be denied access to services based on inability to pay.



# 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

# Back to School Paperwork

Please keep an eye out for back to school paperwork to come home with your child soon. All families will need to complete updated Emergency Cards and fill out Household Survey information.

**If your child has any medical needs, including the use of an inhaler, we must have documentation from a doctor. Please stop by the office or contact Ms. Tina ([tsinger@renaissancepsa.com](mailto:tsinger@renaissancepsa.com)) for the appropriate paperwork.**

## 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 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 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 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 M, T, Th, F and 2:00 on Wednesday
- Pick up takes place from 3:25 to 4:00 (2:00-2:30 on Wed.)
- 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.





## **Upcoming Construction**

**MDOT has informed us that Isabella from Pickard to Broadway will be closed on Wednesday, August 30th starting at 7:00am. They hope to be completed with the work on that section by 8:00pm that same evening. They will be detouring traffic from Pickard to Mission, and Mission to Broadway.**

**Please plan accordingly for your Wednesday morning and afternoon commute to school**

# Menu: August 28th- 31st

	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Breakfast	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Donut Fruit Milk	Cereal Fruit Milk	Oatmeal Rounds Fruit Milk	No School
Lunch	Chicken Tenders or Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	Beef, Bean, & Cheese Burrito or Salad Vegetable Fruit Milk	Pizza or Salad Side Salad Fruit Milk	French Toast or Salad Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Milk	No School

## 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

<b>RENAISSANCE ACADEMY</b> 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	<b>VIXIE</b> FREE Large Soft Drink with any purchase of \$8 or more
<b>BIGGBY COFFEE</b> \$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 <b>CAFE</b> 989-317-4800	<i>Pizza King</i> \$9.99 FOR 1 LARGE 1 TOPPING	<b>China Garden</b> FREE Egg Roll With any Dinner Entree	<b>MOREY COURTS</b> 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	<b>IHOP</b> 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	<b>PERFORMANCE PLUS</b> \$10 OFF QUICK OIL CHANGE A FULL SERVICE OIL CHANGE COUPON CODE: VALUECARD 10 1501 East Pickard - 2189 S. Mission St. - MTP
<i>Mox &amp; Emily's</i> Bakery \$1 OFF Any Whole Sandwich	<b>COPA</b> 10% OFF Any Purchase	<b>RIK'S</b> \$1 OFF Regular Price Rotisserie Chicken Not Valid With Any Other Offer - Limit One Per Visit	<b>FIREHOUSE</b> 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	<b>ART REACH</b> \$5 OFF Any Purchase/Class of \$25 or More	<b>JUMP STATION</b> \$1 OFF JUMP SOCKS www.thejumpstation.com	<i>Rally's</i> \$3.49 Rally w/cheese combo
				<i>PAPA JOHN'S</i> BOGO 1/2 OFF LARGE PIZZAS Excludes Stuffed Crust	<i>Tim Hortons</i> 10% OFF ORDER Excludes Combos, Bulk Products or Take Home Events	<b>NETS PIZZA</b> 1 FREE Small Jet's Bread With purchase of any Large Pizza at Regular Price Mt. Pleasant Michigan 989-400-4448	<b>Small 1 Top Pizza</b> 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.**



