

AUGUST 31, 2023

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Renaissance Public School Academy Newsletter



Renaissance Academy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

No School

September 1, 2023

September 4, 2023

**Goal Setting
Student Led
Conferences**

October 12, 2023

No School

October 13, 2023



Hello RPSA Families!

We have had so much fun celebrating our 27th birthday as a school this week! The students and staff have enjoyed receiving RPSA swag and birthday treats.

We had a blast with the Super U Challenge! assembly as well. The assembly gave us a really fun way to talk about kindness, trust, and doing the right thing. It was a great tie in to all of the discussions we're having about school expectations and making good choices.

We had our first rainy day pickup this week with a surprise thunderstorm! Thank you to everyone for your patience as we worked out our procedures for the first time this school year. Below you will find reminders about parking lot procedures as well as inclement weather plans. Our hope is for everyone to be on the same page so we can keep our students safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support in following the parking lot procedures.

Have a great holiday weekend. We'll see you all on Tuesday!

With RAMS Pride,
The RPSA Leadership Team

Back to School Paperwork

Please remember to return all back to school paperwork ASAP. Emergency Cards and Household Surveys must be updated each school year. You can drop paperwork at the office or send it in with your child to give to their teacher.

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) for the appropriate paperwork.



All families should be connected to Seesaw for updates and communication from your child's classroom. If you have not received messages or updates from your child's teacher yet, please reach out to them. The Seesaw App often needs to be updated on your device after a summer without use.

It is our hope that all families check Seesaw at least once a day. This is our primary form of communication from your child's teacher and all classroom information, upcoming events, etc. will be shared with parents through Seesaw.

Parking Lot

Please review the below parking lot procedures carefully. With close to 450 students to drop off and pick up each day, it is very important that all the adults follow the below procedures to keep our students safe. Here are a few key highlights:

- All foot traffic must cross at one of the two crosswalks. This includes adults and students
- Parents may walk students to the front doors and drop off there. If you need to stop by the office you are welcome to do so. No parents may go past the glass double doors inside, students are to walk to class on their own or a staff member can go with them
- There is NO PARKING in or around the bus pickup area
- Those picking up ONLY a Middle School student may use the left lane to drive around to the Middle School area for pickup
- We have staff on site to supervise children until 4:00pm. If able, we recommend waiting until 3:40/3:45 to pick up your child when the parking lot has cleared out

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.



Inclement Weather

In the instance of an indoor pickup due to inclement weather, please see the below procedures for getting students picked up in a timely manner and keeping them safe

- Parents may choose to park and walk up to the building where a staff member will meet you and call for your child OR you may use the pickup lane to drive along the sidewalk and wait for your child
- When you enter the parking lot, please expect to stop and tell the staff member at the entrance your child's name and the name of their teacher
 - We will provide all families with a laminated card to put in your front window to help with this
- Staff in the parking lot and at the front entrance will radio to the classroom to have your student come to the front of the building
- Staff will escort children to vehicles in the pickup lane and help them get in safely
- Families are asked to still use the crosswalks when parking and walking up for students - it can be very hard to see in a rainy parking lot and crossing at other areas is not safe
- Please expect to take a little more time for pickup on these days, as we will move students as quickly as possible but it does take time
- Again, we will have free supervision available until 4:00pm so families are encouraged to wait a little past dismissal time to arrive for your student.

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

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

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.





2023 PTO ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAMS CARDS SALE



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 of payment and card picked up.

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.



Menu: September 5th - 8th

	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
Breakfast	No School	Cereal Fruit Milk	Poptarts Fruit Milk	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Whole Grain Donut Fruit Milk
Lunch	No School	Popcorn Chicken or Salad Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Pizza or Salad Side Salad Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger or Salad Baby Carrots 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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