



Renaissance Report

August 28, 2026



Dear Families,

What a great first week of school! It has been so wonderful to have our students back in the building, reconnecting with friends and teachers, settling into classroom routines, and beginning a new year of learning together. There has already been so much energy, curiosity, and excitement throughout the school, and we are incredibly excited about what this year has in store for our Rams!

Our teachers spent time

development and planning

already beginning to take shape! Soon we'll have middle school students building project exhibits,

Trailblazers recording podcasts, and Voyagers teaching our school how to take care of our

community. Our Trailblazer and Middle School classrooms launched choice clubs this week too!

There are so many opportunities ahead for students to ask questions, explore ideas, create, and

share their learning with others. Inquiry is at the heart of what we do at RPSA, and that often means

giving students opportunities to lead the learning and help shape where it goes.

For our new families, and as a reminder to our returning ones, one of the best parts of Project

Based Learning is that learning doesn't stay inside the classroom. Throughout the year, there will be

many opportunities for you to engage with your child and our school community through project

events and celebrations of learning. We hope you'll watch closely for information here and from

your child's teacher as those events come up. These are some of the best opportunities to see your

child's learning, creativity, and growth in action!

Another important part of the RPSA experience is our Student Led Conferences (SLCs). If you didn't

sign up during Open House, please keep your calendar marked for October 15th and be sure to

snag a spot when additional information is shared. At RPSA, SLCs are an important part of helping

students take ownership of their learning. Students take the lead in sharing their strengths, areas

for growth, goals, and learning journeys with you. Project events and SLCs are powerful

opportunities for our students to see that their learning matters and that the important people in

their lives are part of celebrating it with them.

Thank you to our families for helping us start the year so positively. Getting everyone back into

school routines after summer is no small task, and we appreciate all you do at home to help your

children arrive ready to learn each day. We are proud of the start our Rams have made and can't

wait to see where their questions, ideas, and learning take us this year!

Here's to a great first week, and an even better year ahead!

Thank You!



Thank you for joining us at this year's Open House. Your donations to help us "Stock the School" are so appreciated and made our day! If you would still like to make a donation pencils, tissues, Clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer are the items we go through the most.

#RAMSPRIDE SHOUT OUTS

Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Kind. Work Hard.

We love celebrating our students when they're caught showing RAMS Pride. We look for students who are being safe, being responsible, being kind, or working hard and try to highlight them with a "Shout Out". Students receive a blue paper to bring home and show off to their families. Their names are also included in the weekly newsletter. The first time a student receives a shout out, they get to visit the book vending machine too!



We're excited to celebrate these amazing students who received a Shout Out this week!

Julian R.
Caleb K.
Harper T.
Quinn S.
Merryl D.
Wilhelmina S.
Anistynn S.
Kyrie R.
Kenson P.
Jessa O.
Elliana P.
Roman B.
Phoenix S.
Zoey D.
Brynlee K.
Edward P.
Gwendolyn B.
Catalina M.
Justin K.
Da'Knyla S.
Jaxson B.
Bilaal A.
Tyson W.
Kayden H.
Roxanna H.
Korde F.

Milah N.
Edward P-P
Ezekial P.
Zeke B.
Princeton H.
Nikan H.
Forest K.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu, August 31st - September 4th



	8/31/26	9/1/26	9/2/26	9/3/26	9/4/26
Breakfast	Cereal Strawberries Fruit Juice Milk	Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel Frozen Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Fruit juice Apple Sauce Milk	Cereal Apples Fruit Juice Milk	Powdered Donuts Berry Sorbert Apple Sauce Milk
Lunch	Ravioli Rolls Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad	Taco sticks Salsa Sour Cream Peaches Milk or Chicken Salad	Dominos Cheese Pizza Broccoli Vegetable Juice Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad	Teryaki Bites Dinner Roll Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk or Chicken Salad	Quesadilla Marinara Sweet Corn Peaches Milk or Chicken Salad

Choice of White or Chocolate Milk Served Daily

USDA is an equal opportunity provider

[Download the school calendar and handbooks here!](#)

Important Dates

September 1st - Pictui



September 2nd - RPSA Birthday Bash

September 4th - No School

September 7th - No School

September 15th - Raising Resilient Kids in a Screen-Filled World Parent Engagement Event

September 21st - Parent Club Meeting

October 8th-15th Scholastic Book Fair

October 15th - Student Led Conferences

October 16th - No School

October 26th - Parent Club Meeting

Reminders

Return Back to School Forms ASAP

Forms found in your "welcome back" packet handed out at Open House are due back ASAP.
Updated Emergency Cards must be on file for students to attend school

Parking Lot Procedures

In order to keep our students and staff safe, we ask that families please remember the following procedures for drop off and pick up:

- School doors open at 7:40am. Please have children stay in the car until this time. Students should not be left unsupervised outside the front door.
- There should be 2 lanes of traffic around the parking lot. The right lane is for dropping off and picking up along the sidewalk. The left lane is for driving through to park or exit. Please DO NOT GO AROUND BOTH LANES OF TRAFFIC. This is a major safety hazard for students and families walking at the crosswalks. Students may not exit the vehicle in the inner lane. Parents must be either in the drop off lane or parked in a parking space when students exit the vehicle.

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- We have staff on duty for supervision until 4:00pm daily (2:30pm on Wednesday). If you are able, we recommend waiting until 3:40pm to pick up your child. This spreads out the flow of traffic and the parking lot is much less congested at that time.



Welcome Back!

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day counts! Regular attendance helps students build friendships, stay connected with their teachers, and keep up with their learning.

- If your child will be absent, please notify the school office as soon as possible
- All time at school is important - if students have appointments we encourage you to bring them to school for as much of the day as possible
- Early pickup is discouraged. Students may not be picked up after 3:00 unless prior arrangements are made - this allows us to ensure a smooth and safe transition at the end of the school day



FOOD & DRINK

- Breakfast is served in all classrooms. Breakfast may not be brought from home to be eaten in school.
- Cold lunches should arrive at school with students, fast food deliveries to students are not permitted during the school day
- Students may have clear water only. Sodas, sports drinks, coffees, etc. are not permitted. Drinks packed with lunches should be healthy options to be consumed during lunch only



WHAT SHOULD STAY AT HOME?

- Only items needed for learning activities should be brought to school. Items to keep at home include:
 - toys
 - sports equipment
 - stuffed animals (including large backpack clips)
 - squishies
 - electronic devices
 - purses
 - make-up
 - cologne/perfume
 - blankets



DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- A few reminders:
 - Dress should be appropriate for learning and outdoor activity
 - shirts must have straps or sleeves and cover the torso
 - shoes must be worn at all times
 - bags are to be stored in lockers and may not be carried or worn
 - Any clothing, including hats or hoods, that disrupts, distracts, or disengages a student from the learning environment is not allowed



CELL PHONES & SMART DEVICES

- Students in grades K-4th may not bring cell phones or other smart devices to school unless given individual permission from school administration for special circumstances
- Students in 5th-8th grade are to store cell phones with their teacher in the designated containers from 7:40-3:25
- Smartwatches, Tablets, and Bluetooth Devices may not be used at school and should remain at home



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

All students, families, and staff are expected to contribute towards a safe, supportive learning environment. The Student Code of Conduct outlined in the handbook is to be followed at all times. We look forward to partnering with families throughout the school year to support and celebrate positive behavior.

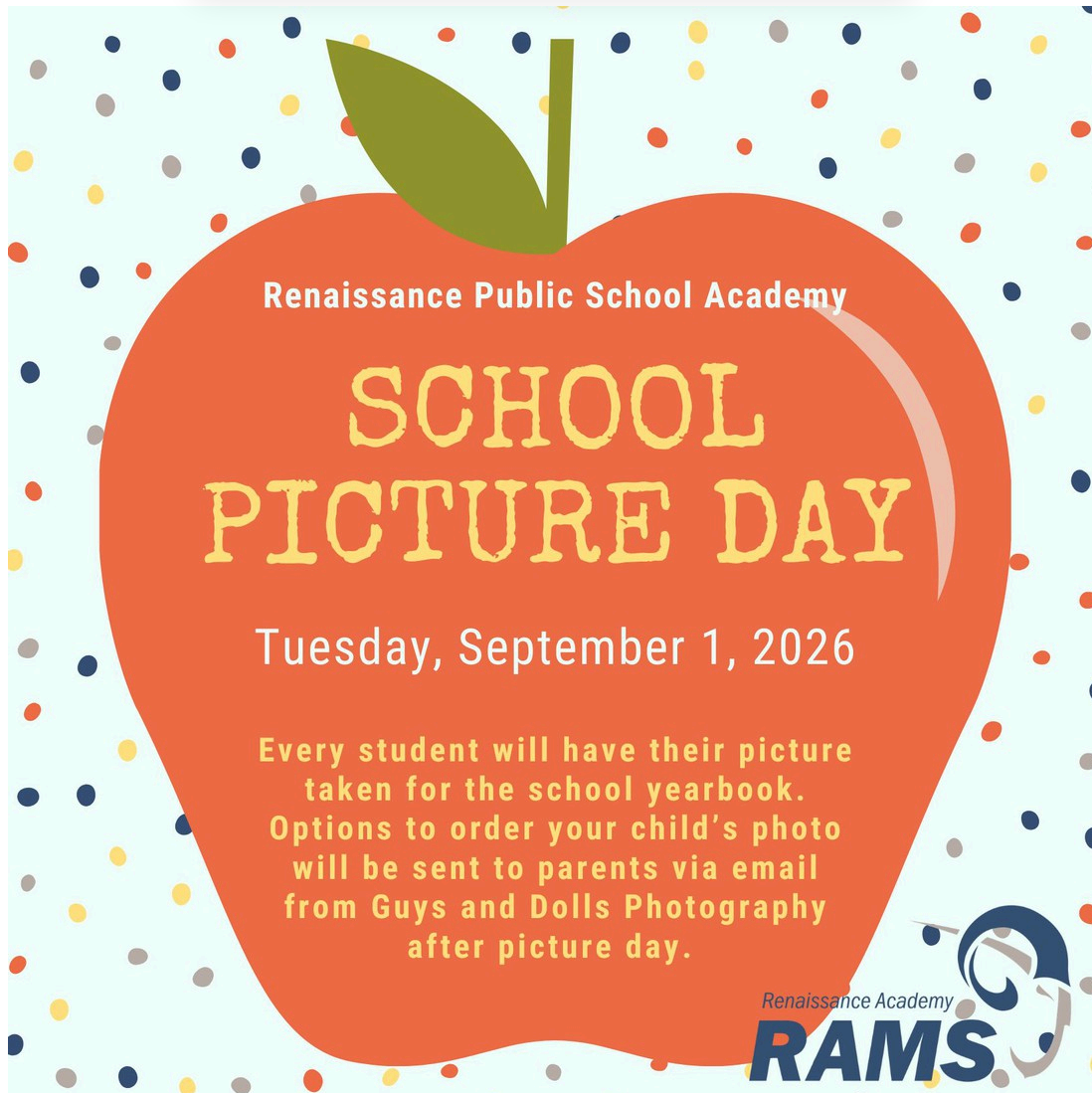
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- Work Hard

Upcoming Events

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 1, 2026. All students will have their photo taken for the yearbook. Parents will receive an email from Guys and Dolls Photography after picture day is



School Price Guide.pdf

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12.0 MB



Picture Day FAQs With Student ID Number.pdf

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RPSA's 30th Birthday Party!

Renaissance Public School Academy is 30 years old this year and we're excited to celebrate with current students, families, RPSA alumni, and even alumni staff! This family event will be held on the

RPSA playground, Sep
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Event Information

RPSA 30th Birthday Foam Party

When?

Wednesday, Sep 2, 2026, 05:00 PM

Where?

**Renaissance Public School Academy, South Isabella Road,
Mount Pleasant, MI, USA**

 [Open maps](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email

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[Attend \(RSVP\)](#)

Raising Resilient Kids - Family Information Night

THRIVE

IN A SCREEN FILLED WORLD

JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT!

Join us for a free event designed to help parents and caregivers navigate **screen time, social media, youth mental health, resilience, and family connection.**

You will leave with practical strategies to:

- ★ Set realistic screen-time boundaries
- ★ Build independence and resilience
- ★ Strengthen family communication
- ★ Better understand social media and screen use
- ★ Encourage play, problem-solving, and healthy routines

Led by Tracey Galgoci, MA, LPC, a licensed professional counselor with 23 years of experience supporting children and families.



September 15, 2026



5:30pm-6:30pm



**RPSA
Presentation Space**

**FREE for parents! Door
Prizes! Child Care
Available.**

MiFamily
Engagement Centers
Region 5

**UNPLUG
&
PLAY**
Screen Literacy

Event Information

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Where?

Renaissance Presentation Space

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Athletics



- Open to All 5th-8th Grade Boys & Girls
- Deadline to join the team is September 3rd
- For more information reach out to Mr. McCausey

FINAL FORMS & Athletics

- Registration in Final Forms is NOT optional.
- If you're planning on participating in a sport at Renaissance this year, do not wait. Register in Final Forms today!

<https://renaissancepsa-mi.finalforms.com/>

Attendance Matters

At Renaissance, some of the most meaningful learning happens through **inquiry, collaboration, hands-on projects, and experiences that simply can't be recreated when a student misses school.** Building strong attendance habits at home—consistent bedtimes, morning routines, and making school attendance a priority—helps ensure students are here, ready, and excited to take part in each day's learning. **Be here. Be curious. Be a Ram!**

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Every day is a new
opportunity to **wonder**,
investigate, **create**
& **discover**.



Renaissance Academy
RAMS



ATTEND TODAY.
ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

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