

Good afternoon,

We believe that this time spent with teachers will be helpful for several reasons. First of all, this year will not be like any other year that we have had. It is important for returning families to understand the changes. Second, it is important that families and staff know each other since we are spending part of the school year online. Starting with a relationship between staff and families strengthens education. Third, it is very important that the procedures and expectations of the school and students are well understood so that we can start the year strong. Each teacher will show you how lessons and resources can be found on the computer. It is also important that you understand how teachers will give and collect homework. Because communication is crucial- teachers will share their office hours, class meeting times and how you can be in touch with them. Teachers will also give out textbooks and materials needed for their classes. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD' S BACKPACK to each class.

You will notice that you are asked to come to the Sports and Fitness Center prior to your scheduled meeting. Please limit orientation attendees to the students attending Rehoboth and their parents or guardians. Please wear masks and follow the social distancing protocols that will be in place. You will be screened by having temperature taken, asked screening questions regarding symptoms and recent exposures to positive cases of COVID and asked to sanitize your hands. You will be getting lots of information and a chance to ask questions while in the Sport and Fitness Center. Please bring your own computer/tablet with you. You will be given a guest password so you can use your computer when you meet with your teachers later. If you do not have a device, you will be issued one. Please note that we are awaiting our chromebook order so families may need to share school issued chromebooks until they arrive. You will meet with the school counselors who will give you your child's schedules. You will also meet with representatives from several departments such as Food Service, Admissions, Transportation and Finance. You will be given a sack lunch for each family member which you can eat as you spend your time on campus.

We know that the schedule we have created is not perfect. Please help us out by finding your name/times. If you are NOT on the list, we apologize. Please email the school at [adminsec@rcsnm.org](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) and let us know your name, the name /grade of your child and the best day for you. (August 17-20) If you need to change your time slot, please email

adminsec@rcsnm or call 505-726-9635 so we can make the change. Please do this as soon as possible.

We truly are looking forward to this school year. Our first goal is to be sure we are ready to have this 2020-21 Education Adventure together by being sure everyone has what they need. Our second goal is that we are able to do Online Education with excellence and confidence. We want to be sure that everyone is able to slip into this mode of learning at any time depending on what situations we are facing. We then want to be sure that we know how to have students on campus safely so that they can learn face to face and most importantly enjoy connecting with staff and peers. Each school (Pre K, Elementary, Middle School and High School) are developing age appropriate re-entry plans which will be communicated to you.

I have been reminded again and again that we plan humbly- knowing that God is leading. Thankful to be on this journey together. See you next week! When you come on campus, drive past the Administration Building where you will be given directions.

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