

Regis Middle School
The Royal Herald
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The First Days of School -- What You Should Know

Welcome back to school Royals! We are excited to have you as a part of the Regis Community for the 2019-20 school year. Here are a few things you should know for the first day:

- **New to Regis? Don't sweat it!** If you are new to Regis, don't stress about the first day! We'll help you find where you need to go. For 6th grade, we'll have your homeroom posted in the entry in case you don't remember where you need to go. If you are in 7th & 8th grades, there will be name tags in your hallways for you to wear so that you know your homeroom teacher and your teachers will be better able to learn your names as well!
- **Early Dismissal:** 1:30 pm dismissal with busing!
- **Busing = PATIENCE!** Please be patient the first couple weeks of school as busing routes are finalized. We are grateful for the busing provided by Cedar Rapids Public Schools, and we ask for patience as they and we work out the best transportation for your student riding the bus. There have been some hiccups as CRCSD begins using the SafeStop app. If you have any problems, changes or questions about busing, please contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org.
- **Before and After School Busing Info** - If your child arrives or departs by bus, please note that our buses park down the bottom of the hill and students walk up/down to/from the buses using the staircase. During the first week of school, we will have Regis staff members available with student's names and their bus numbers and they will be able to help your child find his/her bus.
- **Car Line - Please Pull ALL THE WAY UP!** -- We ask all of our families driving their students to school to please follow these procedures:
 - When dropping off, we remind you that your students do not need to be dropped off right at the door. We ask everyone to please pull up past the handicapped parking spots and then we ask each of you who are stopped between that front car and the "picnic table" area. If everyone pulls up all the way, then we can have 6-8 cars simultaneously drop off students. As a result, car line runs much more efficiently. If you plan accordingly, it is best to drop off your child closer to 7:30 rather than 7:45 am. The traffic is less congested at that time overall, and your child may go downstairs to wait in the cafeteria.
 - In the afternoon, we ask car line families to please pull into a parking spot and wait patiently. If all the spots are taken, then we will begin to arrange a line. Sometimes it's best to let your child know where you want to meet them. Some families prefer to park down by the tennis courts and have their child walk down there.

- In both cases - NEVER pass the cars in the car line down the driveway, as we have had several “close calls” in the two way traffic. We thank you for your patience.
- Nerves getting to you? Be a good role model for your student and take a moment to utter a few prayers. It can't hurt!
- **School Schedule Days** - Our school scheduled days this year will be on a two day cycle R(Red) and G(Gold). Monday, will start as a Red Day.

Please note a couple of events coming up the 1st week of school:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 7 pm -- New to Regis Meeting Parent Meeting:** New to Regis and have tons of questions? Then this evening is for you! We'll help you learn more about Regis, our procedures and our awesome community of educators and parents.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 10 am -- 1st Liturgy of the School Year:** Come celebrate what our Catholic school is all about -- our faith! All are invited to join us for our first school year liturgy on Wednesday.
- **Thursday, Aug. 29 -- School Picture Day!** Encourage your student to smile big on Thursday for their school pictures! Read Photography will be here to capture your child's picture for the 2019-20 school year. You should have received a picture order form at the Ice Cream Social, but if you didn't, you or your student can pick one up at the Main Office.

7th & 8th Grade Parents: Acceptable Use Policy

All 7th graders and 8th graders will be taking home an iPad this year for personal use. In order for students to have this privilege, ALL Acceptable Use Policy paperwork needs to be completed and turned in by **Thursday, August 29th**. If this is not completed we can not let the student take home their device. 7th grade parents may access their Acceptable Use Policy by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/5aE1KGGPZ1bizUAs6>. 8th grade parents may access their Acceptable Use Policy by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/zucHsRsvC3MdtTHh7>

2018-19 Yearbooks

The 2018-19 yearbooks are here and ready to be picked up in the main office. If you have already picked up your child's yearbook, please check to see if there is a table of contents on the first page, because we had a few misprinted copies. If yours is wrong, you may bring it back and receive a new copy.

Open Minds, Open Doors - Stem Conference for Young Women

The Open Minds, Open Doors STEM+ Conference for **7th and 8th grade girls** will be held on **Thursday October 10th**, at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. The Open Minds, Open Doors Conference is intended to encourage middle school girls to pursue future career fields with foundations in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Hands-on workshops are voluntarily conducted by professional women, introducing girls to a variety of careers in the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Corridor. Each girl will be provided with a morning snack, lunch and a t-shirt. The cost of the conference is **\$15**. Mrs. Berns can take up to 20 **7th and 8th grade girls**

to this conference who have **not** attended in the past. Checks made payable to Regis Middle School (please include Open Minds Open Doors in the Memo) are **due** in the Main Office **by Friday, September 30th**. Checks will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and the conference fills up quickly so we ask all checks to be in by Friday, August 30th. The conference attendees will be bussed to and from Regis. We plan to leave Regis by 8:20 a.m. and will return by 2:20 p.m. The description of the conference workshops will be made available Sunday, September 1st and can be found [here](#) under Career Workshop List. Students who attend will need to fill out an [Advance Absence Form](#).

Tuition Payments Due

This is a reminder from the Business Office that tuition is due from parents and families that selected Annual or Quarterly or 529 Account payment plans as the payment option for this year. If you have any questions about your Tuition and Fees account, please contact Mary Carey, mcarey@regisroyals.org, in the Business Office.

8th Grade RAF Application

8th Grade students can apply to be a Royal Ambassador of Faith (RAF) member now through the first day of school. RAF members are 8th grade leaders in the faith at Regis Middle School. RAF members will meet 2nd Quarter Exploratory and 1st, 3rd, and 4th Quarters on Tuesdays during ROAR/Homeroom time if they are not needed by a teacher. RAF Members get to help plan and lead the 6th grade retreat in September, plan and lead the prayer service at the 5th grade retreat in May, lead First Friday Liturgies throughout the year, help tear down after weekly liturgies, are the go-to students for different faith activities, and they get to come up with their own faith-based projects that they would like to take on as a leadership group. **Students interested in applying need to submit the application by August 26, 2019.** RAF students will be announced after liturgy on August 28, 2019. Students of any faith may apply for RAF. Please contact Miss Christensen at jchristensen@regisroyals.org with any questions. To apply fill out the Google form found at this link <https://forms.gle/NmtHfig2VYRJqhMGA> or pick up a hard copy at the ice cream social.

Regis Show Choir Audition & Camp Info

Attention all Show Choir enthusiasts! Regis Show Choir Auditions will be **August 29th and 30th** for all interested 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Radiance Show Choir director Mrs. Elizabeth Wareham and Eclipse Show Choir director Mrs. Anna Whipple will conduct vocal and dance auditions for both choirs on these days. All 7th & 8th graders interested in show choir are required to participate in both portions of the auditions; 6th graders who are only interested in participating in Radiance must complete the dance portion but the vocal portion is optional. Please see the letter found [HERE](#) for a more detailed audition and show choir information or contact awhipple@regisroyals.org or ewareham@stmatthewcr.org with any questions.

Regis Bleacher Wood For Sale

The wood from the original Regis High School gymnasium bleachers is now for sale! The wood planks are 15'10" long mahogany and come in varying widths. If you are interested in owning a piece of Regis history, go to the **Order Information Google Form** at <https://forms.gle/D4Ty42oVWssXioiN8> to learn more about the wood sizes available and prices, or contact Dianne 363-1968 or dclarke@regisroyals.org. **This sale is first come, first served until all the wood is sold.** It is important all purchases are picked up within the next 1-2 weeks, before the start of school. Pick up times are 8 am - 2 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8 am-noon on Friday. Payment should be cash or check made payable to Regis Middle School and is due at time of pick up. THANK YOU!

Purchase Your Future Saints Cards Now!

Xavier Future Saints Activity Cards are now available! For just \$20 your K-8th-grade student can get into all Xavier home activities during the 2019-20 school year. Just fill out the form found [HERE](#) at Xavier (do not drop off the form at Regis). The first home football game is August 30th. Go Saints!

K-8 Saints Cheerleading Camp

Future Saints Grades K-8, join the Xavier Cheerleaders for a cheer clinic on Saturday, September 14, from 9:00am -12:00pm. The clinic will include work on cheers, chants, jumps and basic stunting. We will perform at halftime of the Sophomore football game on Friday, September 20th. Cost is \$40 and includes a clinic tee shirt. Registrations can be done online at the link below. <https://xavierhs.8to18.com/>

Sport Activities

Regis fall sports will begin practices next week. If your child did not get signed up and wishes to participate in cross country, boys tennis, girls soccer, 7th/8th grade volleyball or football, please contact Tracie Chute at tchute@regisroyals.org, or have your child stop by the main office.

On the Radar

Monday, August 26 - Red Day

- First Day of School -- 1:30 pm early dismissal
- iPad Boot Camp
- 8th Grade Volleyball Practice 1:40-3pm
- Football Practice 4:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 27 - Gold Day

- iPad Boot Camp
- Boys Tennis, Girls Soccer, 7th Volleyball & Cross Country Practices Begin
- New to Regis Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 28

- Red Day
- Liturgy 10 am

- iPad Boot Camp

Thursday, August 29 - Gold Day

- School Picture Day
- First day to take home iPads
- Show Choir Auditions

Friday, August 30 - Red Day

- Casual Day
- Show Choir Auditions
- Art Palette 3-4 pm

Saturday, August 31

- Cross Country Meet - Prairie Invitational 8 am