

To our new Grade 7 parents, guardians, and students,

Welcome to Roland Michener Secondary School! My name is Mr. Kris Herbert, and I'm proud to serve as the principal here at RMSS. We are excited to welcome you as you make the transition from E.G. Wahlstrom Eagles to RMSS Rams!

It is truly a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all new students and their families. Our teachers and staff join me in saying how happy we are to have you as part of our school community. We look forward to a successful and memorable year ahead for each of you.

Our top priority at RMSS is to ensure that every student feels welcome, safe, and supported. We want each student to experience success and to know they are genuinely valued here. Together, as a school community, we strive to live out our core values: being **R**espectful, **A**ccepting, **M**otivated, and **S**uccessful. We are all RAMS!

We also deeply value our partnerships with parents and guardians. Your involvement plays a vital role in the educational journey of our students. I believe in open, ongoing communication between home and school, and I encourage you to stay connected and engaged. One great way to get involved is through our School Council. We would love for you to consider volunteering!

To help keep you informed, Roland Michener Secondary School maintains both a school website and a Facebook page, where we regularly share school news, celebrate student successes, and post important updates. Please be sure to like and follow us!

Our website (<https://rms.hpsd.ca/>) is a valuable resource where you'll find everything from school supply lists, the student and family handbook, bus status updates, and student code of conduct, to school policies, a calendar of events, and more.

What does the first day of school look like?

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 2nd. Doors will open at 8:15am, and students can enter through the doors on the south side of the building (Junior High Office Area) or the east side of the building (Senior High Office Area). Parents/guardians dropping off their students will pull in on the north side of the building, closest to the railroad tracks, (Student Drop Off & Student Parking Area) or along the east side of the building along 7th Street St. SE in the student drop-off area by the Senior High Office area. Please do not enter our bus drop-off lane or staff parking areas. **Click the attached map for details - [click here](#).**

As the students enter the school, they will be greeted by staff members and guided to the junior high office area where students will receive their new homeroom. On this day, we will ONLY have the grade 7 students in the junior high end. This way they can comfortably get used to the new school and have staff more adequately guide them toward a successful first day.

The entire morning will be dedicated to meeting the homeroom teacher and getting to tour stations around the school. Topics covered during this time include school expectations, meeting additional teachers and wellness coaches, being assigned a locker, receiving a locker agreement, learning about the gym, orienting themselves in the building, familiarizing themselves with our Learning Resource Center (library). The students will also receive their academic timetable. Students are asked to please bring their own lock and combination number.

At 11:29 am, we will open the cafeteria for all students to eat their lunch. Please be aware that our school is considered a closed campus for grade 7 students at lunch time (11:29 am to 12:29 pm).

Students require a permission form to be signed and returned by a parent/guardian to give written consent to leave school premises during the lunch hour. More details and the permission form will be shared with families next week via email. In the afternoon, students will practice cycling through their Day 1 routine to rehearse for the next day. The school day will end at 3:25pm. [Click here for a link to our school bell times.](#)

New families who have not yet completed registration are encouraged to visit our school website at <https://rms.hpsd.ca/> and click the “**Register Now**” link to complete the student enrollment process.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Junior High Office at 780-849-5300. Our office will begin accepting calls and will officially open on Thursday, August 21.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Kris Herbert - kherbert@hpsd.ca

Principal (Roland Michener Secondary School & Lakeside Outreach School)

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