

To our Grade 8 and 9 parents, guardians, and students,

Welcome back RAMS! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. I am excited to get to see you all again! It is a pleasure to send a warm welcome to all new students and their families. The teachers and staff join me in saying we are happy to have you as part of our school community. This will be a successful year for all 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 for Grade 8 and 9 students will be Wednesday, September 3rd. Doors will open at 8:15 am, 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 students enter the school, they will be greeted by staff members and students will need to proceed to the junior high office area. Class lists will be posted on the junior high entrance walls with students' names and homerooms. Students will be asked to find their name and go to their assigned homeroom. Staff will be available to assist students in this process.

Once students get settled into their homeroom, they will get to meet their homeroom teacher, go over school expectations, get assigned a locker, receive a locker agreement, and get a copy of their student academic timetable. Students are asked to please bring their own lock and combination number.

Throughout the year, lunch will be at 11:29 am until 12:29 pm, and the school day will end at 3:25 pm. [Click here for a link to our school bell times.](#)

Students without an assigned homeroom should report to the Junior High Office for assistance. 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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