



From the Desk of Mr. Peter Schaul, Principal & Mr. John Jonak, Superintendent:

We welcome the 2023-24 school year with excitement and joy! Having the students and staff back in the building offers opportunities for growth and enthusiasm for learning. Becoming better each day is our belief, and this process involves the collaboration of all stakeholders.

This is the first of four newsletters that you will receive before the start of each academic quarter. Also, a weekly email will be sent “Cobras Correspondence”, will deliver information and highlight the activities and accomplishments at Rosemont School. Specific information from your child’s classroom teacher may be found under the classroom links on our website. The Rosemont School website, and App, Rosemont ESD #78, provides additional information for both students and parents. The Rosemont Handbook, located under the Quick Links tab of the website, is an important resource.

We encourage and appreciate your continued involvement in our school and community. Participating in your child’s education provides personal happiness. Family engagement is a strong, contributing piece to the success of Rosemont School, and we thank you for all your efforts.

Please continue to communicate with teachers, administration, and staff on how we may improve your child’s educational experience. Our goal is to provide your child with the best environment, education, and experience. Keeping our students safe and setting high expectations is aligned with our goal. Thank you for your support of Rosemont School, and we look forward to the upcoming school year.

AUGUST 2023

- 14 No School - Teacher Institute Day
School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 15 First Day of School (Grades: K-8)
2:00 p.m. Dismissal
PreSchool Open House (By appointment)
- 16 First Day of Preschool
- 16-25 MAP Testing (Grades:1-8)
- 25 Little Caesars Lunch Fundraiser
- 28-29 Aimsweb Testing (Grades: K-8)
- 30 Open House - 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 No School - Labor Day
- 6 Picture Day
L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Grandparents Day - 8:30 a.m. (Grades: PK4-2)
McDonalds Lunch Fundraiser
- 11 School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Mid Quarter - 1st Quarter Progress Reports
S.T.E.M. Night - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Chick-fil-A Lunch Fundraiser

OCTOBER 2023

- 6 No School - Teacher Institute Day
- 9 No School - Columbus Day
- 10 School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Benefit Club Meeting - 5:45 p.m.
- 11 L.A.F.F. Night - 6:30 p.m.
- 13 End of 1st Quarter
- 17 Picture Retakes
- 19 2:00 p.m. Dismissal
2:30-7:30 p.m. - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Conferences
- 23-25 7th Grade White Pines Trip
- 25 S.T.E.M. Night - 6:30 p.m.

Visitors - ID Required for Entrance

All visitors are required to enter through the front doors of the building (entrance 1) and proceed directly to the office. All visitors must present a drivers license or state ID, wear the issued visitors badge while in the building, and check out upon leaving.

Open House

We hope to see all parents and students at our Open House on August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym with announcements from Mr. Jonak and Mr. Schaul, followed by the Benefit Club introduction. At the conclusion of the announcements, you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classrooms and meet your child's teachers.

Lunch

Parents need to pack a sack lunch for their child(ren), and send it with their child in the morning on a daily basis. Lunch drop off's prior to student lunch periods are strongly discouraged. If a lunch is to be dropped off, please label it with your child's name and leave it on the table in the front vestibule.

Fall MAP Testing

Students in grades 1 - 8 will be taking MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) from August 16-25. These computerized tests are given in reading and math. The difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all of the previous questions. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

AimsWeb Testing

Students in grades K - 8 will be taking AimsWeb Testing on August 28 & 29. These tests are given in reading and math.

L.A.F.F.

Literacy Activities for Families (L.A.F.F.) is a family oriented program that encourages family reading time along with a wide variety of arts, crafts, and computer activities for parents and children. Families with students in Preschool through 5th grade have the opportunity to sign up. Information will be sent home with your child in advance of each program.

S.T.E.M.

Focuses on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We are so excited to offer this program to help students grow in their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities! Families with students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to sign up. Information will be sent home with your child in advance of each program.

Parking

The school has ample legal parking spots. Please do not stop or park in front of the building entrance or in the bus lanes.

Progress Reports & Report Cards

The middle of the 1st quarter is September 13th. Progress reports will be sent home with students in grades K - 5, and mailed home for junior high students in grades 6 - 8. The 1st quarter will end on October 13th. Report cards for the 1st quarter will be distributed at Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-8). Parents with children in grades 3-8 can conveniently check grades online anytime at www.teacherease.com.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 19 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on October 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information will be sent home closer to the conference dates.

Attendance

If your child will be tardy or absent from school, please call the school office prior to 8:30 a.m. If your child arrives tardy, please make sure he/she enters through the Main Entrance #1, and reports to the front office to check in before heading to class. If a student is absent for an illness for 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required in order to return to school. When a student is absent, he/she will have the same number of days missed to make up the classwork upon their return. Extended absences must be emailed or submitted in writing to the Principal.

Truancy

Per Illinois State Law, students who miss 5% or more of the 174 regular school days without valid cause are considered truant. If your child is truant, you will receive a letter at the end of the quarter. The number of days missed will be noted on your child's report card.

Late Pick-Up Fees

The school does not have staff available to supervise students after the 3pm dismissal time unless a student is involved in a scheduled after school activity or program. Therefore, a late fee of \$1 per student, per minute, will be charged if a student is picked up 5 minutes after the scheduled dismissal time. This policy applies in all situations including the regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal days, 2:00 p.m. dismissal days, 4:00 p.m. dismissal, or any other later dismissal for any activities taking place at school.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is taking place August 28 - September 1, before school from 8:10-8:30 a.m. and after school from 3:00-3:15 p.m. The Book Fair will also be open during the Open House. Profits from this fundraiser go towards the 8th grade class trip to Washington.

Health Regulations & Deadlines

Illinois state law requires students entering certain grades to submit proof of physical, dental, and vision examinations as noted below. Failure to provide proof of state required examinations may result in your child being excluded from school.

Vision - Required for Kindergarten

Deadline: First Day of School

Physical - Required for grades PK, K & 6

Deadline: First Day of School

Dental - Required for grades K, 2, & 6

Deadline: April 10, 2024

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on September 6th. Order forms and picture package information will be sent home with your child closer to this date. Even if you don't order a picture package, your child will have their picture taken for the school yearbook and student ID card on this day.

Birthday Celebrations

Birthday treats, bouquets of flowers, balloons, and gifts for students or their classmates are not permitted. To celebrate your child's birthday, we suggest you donate a grade level appropriate book to school for the class to share. Birthday party invitations can only be distributed in the classroom if an invitation is available for every student in your child's grade. The Jr. High Student Council will be responsible for decorating all 6-8 grade lockers for birthdays.

After School Transportation Plans (K-4)

Please email your child's teacher, if your child will be returning home via an alternate method not stated on their After School Transportation Plans. Without communication from a parent/guardian a child will be sent home the usual way. Unless it is unavoidable, please do not call during the school day to change your child's after school transportation plans.

Bus Rules

Students are only permitted to ride the bus to the stop which they are assigned based on where they live. Students are not permitted to ride the bus to a relative's or friend's home.

Parent Contact Information

If your phone number or email changes during the school year, please be sure to contact the school office with updated information.

Benefit Club

We hope everyone will support our parent group, Benefit Club. Dues are \$5 per family. Benefit Club meetings are held five times during the school year. Please get involved, attend the meetings, and support the fundraising activities held throughout the school year. All profits are used to purchase items for the school that directly benefit the children. Thank you in advance for your support!

Medication

Any medication that a child needs to take during school must be stored in the nurse's office. This includes inhalers, epi pens, cough medicine, allergy medicine, aspirin, anti-itch cream, cough drops, etc. A Request for Self-Administration of Medication form must be submitted along with the medication. This form can be printed from our website or is available in the office.

Returning For After School Functions When Leaving School Early

If a child leaves school before the end of the school day, or leaves during the school day and returns, they cannot come back for any after school activities, sports, or evening events unless a doctor's excuse note is provided.

Excuse Time from Physical Education

Students may be excused from gym class with a written request from a parent for no more than one day. A written excuse note from a physician is required for requests longer than one day. Requests must be submitted in advance via email to your child's P.E. teacher or school nurse.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Information on extra-curricular activities can be found on our website under the Teams & Clubs link. All students must conform to the Illinois Elementary School Association requirements and have submitted to the nurse's office the Pre-Participation Examination Form and Student/Parent Consent and Acknowledgement Form in order to tryout for any sport including cheerleading. Addresses for all away games can be found under the Teams & Clubs link under Norwood Conference Maps.

Morning Drop-Off's

Student supervision begins at 8:10 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before that time.

Homework Program (Grades 1-4)

Homework Program for students in grades 1-4 is held Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (there is a 4pm bus run). Homework Program is teacher recommended only. It is intended to reinforce the curriculum and is offered to those children who need additional help completing assignments.

Homework Program (Grades 5-8)

Homework Program for students in grades 5-8 is held Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (there is a morning bus run). Students are required to attend if they currently have either 2 "D's" or 1 "F". Teachers submit the list of students required to attend each week, and parents are notified via email if their child needs to attend.

Behavioral Interventions/Reflection Time

To ensure a safe, positive school and classroom environment, teachers will use a variety of behavioral interventions that can be reviewed in the Student/Parent Handbook. Reflection Time will be assigned to students who have not shown improvement or growth from interventions made by teachers, or multiple behavior logs that have been recorded and reviewed by school administration. Reflection time will be served on Wednesday's from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Bus service is not provided at 5:00 p.m.)

**Cell Phones/Smart Watches/Personal Electronic Devices
"Away For The Day"**

Students are not permitted to use cell phones, smart watches, or personal electronic devices on the Rosemont School Campus. If a parent/guardian needs to communicate with a student, they email their homeroom teacher. These electronic devices should be turned off and given to their homeroom teacher to safety monitor until dismissal. Please read our "Away for the Day" policy and protocols in our Parent Student Handbook.

Questions

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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Email addresses for teachers and staff can be found on our website.