

Rosa 2021-2022 Back to School Night Follow-up

The following information was taken from the fourteen responses given to us about topics of interest from Back to School Night. Due to the fact that many of the questions were similar, it was decided to address the responses by topics:

Cohorting

The health and safety of all of our students and staff are our most pressing concern. We have worked to address this in a variety of ways, including how we've scheduled our students this year. Students have been scheduled in cohorts in order to minimize the potential for widespread transmission. Grouping our students in this way reduces the number of students they would be exposed to, therefore reducing the risk of transmission.

We understand the need and importance for students to socialize with a variety of students. With this in mind, we have provided several opportunities for students to engage with those outside of their cohort, including during lunch, snack, and mask breaks.

Extracurricular Clubs

Extracurricular clubs are scheduled to begin the week of 10/4. There are several ways that club information will be communicated including the following a) Rosa homepage, b) morning daily announcements during Advisory, and c) Blackboard information to families.

In addition, please feel free to contact our Main Office at 616-8787 and one of our staff will be able to answer your questions.

Mount Misery

We are currently working on setting up day trips to Mount Misery for Rosa, Beck and Carusi in the Spring of 2022. Each Learning Community will be taking the trip separately and the group will consist of 100-125 students per trip. Both current 6th and 7th grade students will have the opportunity to participate.

Community Service

Community Service and Service Learning Projects have always been at the forefront of Rosa's IB philosophy. Typically, the expectation had been 30 hours for Grade 8, 20 hours for Grade 7 and 10 hours for Grade 6. When the pandemic hit, we recognized that our students would not be able to engage in typical community outreach activities. We removed the expectation of set hours and encouraged students to assist their families with weekly responsibilities and, if possible, support community causes via virtual communication. We will maintain this approach for the 2021-2022 school year. Your children's best contact person is their Advisor to discuss service ideas.

Long Term Substitutes

When a faculty member goes out on any medical leave, we seek to hire a Long Term Sub Replacement. Once a teacher submits his/her date to start his/her leave, we begin the interview process. While this is occurring, and if there is an overlap period, the position is typically covered by one of our building substitute teachers who is experienced with the curriculum and instruction.

Homework

If students are spending more than 30-45 minutes per content on homework, please consider stopping their work efforts and communicate with the instructor about concerns experienced during homework.

Mask/snack breaks

Every Learning Community has a built-in mask/snack break throughout the day in which students are taken outside.

Extra help

If a child needs extra help in any content area, the first step is to contact that teacher for support. Extra help will be arranged at a time that is convenient for the students and his/her family. Students can also receive help from the Learning Community teachers during our daily Intervention and Enrichment periods. Math support takes place once a week during Advisory. If more help is needed a child or a family member can reach out to the instructor and they will provide time for that extra help.

Buses

Presently, as many of you may already know, we are in the midst of a national bus driver shortage. Consequently, bus schedules and routes have not normalized as would have been the case pre-pandemic. We will continue to communicate with you and work with our district Transportation Department to address bussing concerns.

Backpacks

We have had inquiries about the weight of the backpacks and why we are not assigning everyone a locker. We have worked with all our teachers to address this concern by helping students take things out of their backpacks that are not needed. We will continue to do this with students.