



BULLDOG BARK



Principal's Message

Hello Bulldog families,

We have been busy working through the necessary adjustments and changes needed to start the 2020-2021 school year. I hope that this newsletter provides you with some answers to questions you may have with regards to what will school look/feel like at RBSMS this year.

Our plan for when students arrive on campus:

- 🐾 The buses will be dismissed upon arriving to campus.
- 🐾 All classrooms will be open to welcome students starting at 8:15 am.
- 🐾 Students are to report to their 1st period class.
- 🐾 Breakfast is free for all students. There will be Breakfast Carts located in the commons and student are to pick up their breakfast and take it to their first hour class.
- 🐾 There is to be no congregating in the court yard.

Throughout the day:

- 🐾 Students will use designated in/out doors for their hallway.
- 🐾 Staircases are designated for either entry or exit and students are to move accordingly to reduce congestion in the buildings.
- 🐾 Sidewalks will be labeled with arrows so traffic flow will move in one direction.
- 🐾 High touch surfaces will be cleaned often.
- 🐾 Students may bring water bottles to drink thorough out the day as water fountains will be turned off.

For lunch:

- 🐾 Teachers will walk their class to the cafeteria and then to their assigned table.
- 🐾 Each class will have an assigned section
- 🐾 There will be one open seat between students on each side of the table; these are marked with a Bulldog Strong label.
- 🐾 We have added additional seating to accommodate social distancing in the cafeteria and several outdoor picnic tables.
- 🐾 We have adjusted our bell schedule to allow for 7 minutes between lunches to allow for the staff to thoroughly clean between lunch periods.

Our plan for student dismissal at the end of the day:

- 🐾 ELA and Math classes will be the first group dismissed.
- 🐾 Science and Social Studies classes will be the second group dismissed.
- 🐾 Electives and CTE classes will be the final group dismissed.
- 🐾 These procedures are in place to allow for increased social distancing during dismissal.

If you have a question or idea on how school could look in August, I ask that you email me (sldavis@pasco.k12.fl.us). I am open to ideas on how to keep the Bulldogs community safe.

Sincerely,
Shae Davis



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New Student Registration

If you are a new student to Pasco County Schools, or new to our school zone, you will need to register with Raymond B. Stewart Middle School to be able to participate in the Virtual Orientation Day. If your student already attends elementary school in our zone, there is no need to register, the elementary school will tag your student to Raymond B. Stewart Middle School. To register with Raymond B. Stewart Middle School, please contact our school registrar, Cheryl Pelletier: cpelleti@pasco.k12.fl.us or call (813) 794 - 6500.

You may access all digital registration forms here: <https://rbsms.pasco.k12.fl.us/school-information/>

Virtual Orientation

Raymond B. Stewart Middle School will have a better, and safer, way to participate in Orientation Day. No more standing in long lines for schedules and registration! Virtual orientation is to assist Bulldogs to become familiar with the school campus, meet teachers, counselors, and administrators. You will have an opportunity to learn how to get involved and stay connected and safe while virtually visiting our campus. The entire registration process will take less than 15 minutes!

Our Virtual Orientation Day will be on August 19th! We will provide more information and specific directions on how to complete the virtual orientation and acquire your students' schedule and transportation information when we get closer to August 19th.

To be able to access your students' schedule and bus information on August 19th it is very important to create a Parent myStudent account. Here is a link to get started: [CREATE A PARENT mySTUDENT ACCOUNT](#)



VIRTUAL BULLDOG BOOTCAMP

The link below is from the Bulldog Boot Camp that occurred on July 30th. In the video Mrs. Rodriquez, takes you on a tour of the campus.

<https://youtu.be/bQkZ-xuUI0A>

MYSCHOOL ONLINE (MSO) AT RBSMS

Parents need to create a myLearning account so that you can become an observer of your student's courses.

You can create a "Parent Observer Account" in myLearning which will provide parents with limited permissions that allow you to see what is going on in a course. Like students, observers cannot see a course until it is published by the instructor and the course has started.

Click here to learn [how to create a Parent Observer Account in myLearning](#)

Tdap Requirement - 7th Graders Only

- 🐾 The Florida Department of Health requires that all students entering seventh grade must receive the Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). ALL 7th grade students need to show proof of Tdap immunization before starting school.
- 🐾 Please make sure to bring your child's completed Florida Certificate of Immunization form or a waiver form to school before the first day. 7th graders will not be allowed to attend class on the first day of school (Aug 24) if the school does not have this form on file (this also includes virtual mySchool students).
- 🐾 Many students have already received the Tdap vaccine and simply need to supply proof of vaccine to the school. For those in need of vaccination, please contact your child's pediatrician or the Florida Department of Health in Pasco County (provides free vaccines for children). Pediatricians and providers are actively scheduling safe child well visits in an effort to keep your child's immunizations up to date.
- 🐾 For more information about Health Department services, you can call (813) 780-0740. You can e-mail a scan to lvest@pasco.k12.fl.us

myStudent Parent Portal Account Set-up

Any parent/guardian of a student at RBSMS can set up your own online account to track your student's grades attendance. Here are the steps to set up a myStudent Parent Portal account.

1. Navigate to the Pasco County Schools Website
2. Select the PARENTS menu <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents>
3. Select Check Grades under the PARENT LINKS menu area located on the right side of the screen.
4. Click the link to register a new account or add another student to your account.
5. Follow the appropriate prompts for Registering, Add a Child or Password help.
6. You will be required to enter the Parent PIN #, Student ID and Students' Birth date
7. Select Add Student.

6TH GRADE ONLY: SELF-GUIDED TOUR

If you are an incoming 6th grader and would like to acclimate yourself with the campus prior to the first day of school, you may sign-up for a self-guided 30-minute tour of the campus taking place Wednesday August 19th. The tour may only be the incoming 6th grader and ONE parent or guardian. Sign-up is required at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/>

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION

The free and reduced-price meal application for the upcoming school year is now available at

www.PascoSchoolMeals.com. Only one

application is needed per

household. If you

already received a

Direct Certification

letter you do not need

to complete an

application.



Emergency Cards

- 🐾 The Parent Legal Notices and Emergency Card entry for families is now open for parent updates in the MyStudent system. It will remain open as school begins into the beginning weeks of school. Please know that there is a team willing to answer and support questions from parents by submitting an email to myStudenthelp@pasco.k12.fl.us. If you need to create a new account, please follow the instructions in the visual.
- 🐾 The way this works is that all parents will be prompted to first sign their legal notices when they log in. This occurs once a year. The parent, after acknowledging their legal notices, will then be able to move into the portal, but cannot go anywhere without reviewing and updating their Emergency Card information for each child enrolled. After completing all Emergency Card updates, the parent can go into the portal and navigate areas in the system.
- 🐾 MyStudent offers a wealth of information and can be the best way to help us stay connected to you throughout the school year. Please ensure that the Emergency Card is completed so that we are able to contact you once the school year begins.

Visiting the Campus

While we cannot predict exactly when the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic will pass, it's safe to assume that it will impact the way we will be interacting with the public. It's essential to follow the most recent guidance from local, state, and federal officials. We have created a few expectations for our guests. Please contact the school at (813) 794 - 6500 if you have any questions or if you need assistance.

Guest Expectations

- 🐾 **Plan Ahead:** Occupancy will be limited to students and staff. Visitors need to set appointments in advance via email or telephone. Whenever possible, conferences and meetings will occur virtually or over the telephone.
- 🐾 **Wear a Face Mask at all Times:** Ensure that the mask is covering your mouth and your nose. The bottom of the mask should rest over your chin.
- 🐾 **Physical Distancing:** Guests are expected to observe physical distancing of 6 feet, and to follow the school's guidelines regarding approved gathering sizes.
- 🐾 All visitors will be screened by our school clinic prior to their appointments, meetings, or activity on campus.

