

## **Randolph Public Schools**

*"Building Tomorrow, Today"*



**Randolph Community Middle School**  
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Dear RCMS Students and Families,

Welcome back to our returning students and a warm welcome to all the new students joining Randolph Community Middle School. I am honored to write to you for the first time as the new principal at RCMS.

As we enter the 2023-2034 school year, I want to remind you of our commitment to Equity, Excellence, and Innovation and of our Core Values. We C.A.R.E: Continuous Reflection and Improvement, Academic Excellence and Innovation, Respectful and Responsible Relationships, Engaged and Equitable Community. Our dedicated teachers and staff exemplify these values by implementing strong instructional practices, promoting family engagement, supporting social emotional learning, and developing student literacy.

I hope that you had a wonderful summer filled with laughter and joy. I also hope that you found some quiet moments to relax and recharge for the upcoming school year. As the new principal, I will be providing multiple opportunities for families to meet with me this year to talk about RCMS.

We are eagerly anticipating the start of the new school year and look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Below you will find important information to get you started. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out.

Here's to an exciting and productive school year!

Yours respectfully,

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

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## **Randolph Reads**

We hope that you enjoyed reading [\*Fish in a Tree\*](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt this summer. If you haven't read it yet, there is still time:

[Libby](#)

E-audiobook: [Libby](#)

[Libro en español](#)

Randolph READS is a collaboration between Randolph public schools, [Turner Free Library](#), and [Randolph Community Programs](#). An all-ages community summer learning program.

## **Schedules**

Student schedules are available on the PowerSchool Portal.

You may access the portal using this [link](#).

Directions for using PowerSchool can be found at this [link](#).

If you forgot your Username or Password, click the Forgot Username or Password link.

RCMS encourages families to use the PowerSchool App for access to schedules, grades, and attendance. The 4 digit code is MSBD

If a student or family needs technology support (device issues), help can be provided by emailing the Technology Support Team - [techprob@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:techprob@randolph.k12.ma.us)

**If you notice schedule errors (i.e. a missing class, double class)  
please contact the RCMS office as soon as possible so that we can resolve the issue.**

## **First Day of School**

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

6th Grade: Please report to the Cafeteria

7th & 8th Grade: Please report directly to your Advisory

## **School Hours**

Regular Day: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Early Release: 7:30am - 11:20am

- Student arrival from 7:15 - 7:30

## **Helpful Links and Resources**

[RPS Website](#)

[RPS Calendar](#)

[RCMS Website](#)

[Parents Guide to Google Classroom](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)

[Parent Guide to PowerSchool Registration](#)

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[Randolph PowerSchool App Link](#)

### **RCMS Handbook**

The RCMS Student - Family Handbook is available on the [RCMS website](#). Please be sure to review the Handbook before the start of the school year.

### **Chromebook Information**

Randolph Public Schools District will make digital devices available to all students for use during the 2023-2024 school year. All students, in grades 2-12, who will be using a school issued Chromebook are required to pay a fee of \$30 to the school. [This requirement is a policy set by the School Board](#). The fee covers set-up, support, and one repair. Lost devices are not covered and in such a case the student is required to pay the full replacement cost for the device. A device that has multiple parts broken will have the most expensive part covered and the student will be responsible to pay for the remainder of the repair. Students needing a replacement charger will also have this need covered by the Tech Fee. If a student's device is broken and / or charger is lost a second time they will be required to pay for the cost of the part to have the device repaired. Most repairs are broken screens, keyboard, touchpads, and hinges. Parts cost is as follows:

- Chromebook Charger: \$43
- Chromebook Keyboard & Touchpad: \$40
- Chromebook Screen: \$32
- Chromebook Hinges: \$8

Please note that the District does not support the use of student's personal devices and does not authorize their connection to the school's network.

We accept cash, money order, or bank check as forms of payment for a district device. **No personal checks will be accepted.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **School Breakfast and Lunch**

Randolph Public Schools is participating in the Free Breakfast and Lunch program again this year. This is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in Randolph Public Schools may participate in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program at no charge. Household applications are not required to receive free meals, but applications may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information. All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge.

For additional information please contact: Stacia Fritz, Director of Food Services  
[fritzs@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:fritzs@randolph.k12.ma.us) or Daniel Murphy, Assistant Director of Food Services

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Daniel.Murphy2@compass-usa.com

### **Translation**

Communications from RCMS and the district are regularly available in English and our 4 major languages: Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Spanish, Portuguese. If families require additional information about communications they have received, they should contact Lisa Sleboda, Principal slebodal@randolph.k12.ma.us, or one of the 4 translation specialists.

*Si ou gen kesyon anplis, tanpri souple kontakte Lunine Pierre-Jérôme, Liaison pou fanmi ki pale Kreyòl Ayisyen yo nan 1-781-807-0081*

*Si tiene más preguntas, llame a Evelyn Morales, la intérprete para las familias hispanohablantes al 1-781-961-6220 ext. 535*

*Se você tiver qualquer outra pergunta, por favor entre em contato com Regina Federle, para auxílio com o idioma Português, número 1-781-961-6247.*

*Nếu quý vị có câu hỏi nào khác, làm ơn liên hệ phiên dịch viên tiếng Việt, tại 1-339-216-2400*

### **Picture Day**

This year Picture Day will be on October 23rd, retake dates is December 12th. Please be on the lookout for emails and communication from LifeTouch regarding how to order and purchase pictures.

### **Connect-Ed**

**Connect-Ed** is an automatic telephone calling and email system that RPS uses to contact families of students and RPS staff. We use it to quickly communicate important information such as school emergencies, reminders about events, deadlines and more. The system pulls your most up-to-date- contact information from our student information system, PowerSchool. It is very important you give any changes to your contact info (phone and/or email) and address changes to the RCMS main office and the Family Resource Center. You may receive Connect-Ed calls from RCMS, the Family Resource Center, the Special Education Office, or the Superintendent's Office.

#### ***IMPORTANT***

***Contact RCMS AND the Family Resource Center if your phone number or email address changes!***

### **Administrative Structure and Communication**

This year, we are excited to welcome Ms. Angela Pomarole as the Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Pomarole will join Mr. Sugrue/Assistant Principal of Special Education, Mr. Trowers/Dean, Mr. Brown/Assistant Dean and me as the RCMS Administrative Team.

While I am always available for students and families, at RCMS we have a structure and communication guidelines that we believe promotes positive and respectful communication and provides optimal support for students, families, and staff. We ask that, to the greatest extent

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possible, you refer to and follow these throughout the year as we find that they will assist you in getting the information and answers you need in the most efficient and quickest ways possible.

To that end, for the 2023-2024 school year, the administrators are assigned as follows:

Special Education: Damian Sugrue, [sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us)

Teaching and Learning: Angela Pomarole, [pomarolea@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:pomarolea@randolph.k12.ma.us),

Culture and Climate: Daniel Trowers, [trowersd@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:trowersd@randolph.k12.ma.us)

**For classroom questions or concerns**, we strongly encourage students and/or families to contact the specific classroom teacher first. Communicating directly with a teacher is often the most helpful and beneficial course of action to clarify a situation or resolve a concern.

**For questions about curriculum and instruction**, please first contact the classroom teacher. If you have additional questions or concerns, we invite you to contact Angela Pomarole Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning, [pomarolea@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:pomarolea@randolph.k12.ma.us), or one of our Coordinators:

English/Language Arts & Social Studies: Jessie Purdie [purdiej@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:purdiej@randolph.k12.ma.us)

Math: Laura Ottaviani [ottavianila@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:ottavianila@randolph.k12.ma.us)

Science: Adam Smith [smithad@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:smithad@randolph.k12.ma.us)

Performing Arts: Tracy Duguay [duguayt@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:duguayt@randolph.k12.ma.us)

Art: Kim Fancher-Kelly [fancherkelleyk@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:fancherkelleyk@randolph.k12.ma.us)

ESL: Molly Ross [rossm@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:rossm@randolph.k12.ma.us)

**For questions or concerns related to Special Education programs and services**, we strongly encourage you first to contact your child's special education teacher. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Damian Sugrue, Assistant Principal for Special Education [sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us)

**For questions or concerns related to 504 Plans and accommodations**, please contact Damian Sugrue, Assistant Principal [sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:sugrued@randolph.k12.ma.us)

**For questions and concerns related to social emotional issues**, we ask that you contact Mr. Trowers, Dean [trowersd@randolph.k12.ma.us](mailto:trowersd@randolph.k12.ma.us) or the social worker assigned to your child's grade:

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| Grade 6: | Amy Hardy <a href="mailto:hardya@randolph.k12.ma.us">hardya@randolph.k12.ma.us</a><br>Tara Whooley <a href="mailto:whooleyt@randolph.k12.ma.us">whooleyt@randolph.k12.ma.us</a> |
| Grade 7: | Amy Hardy <a href="mailto:hardya@randolph.k12.ma.us">hardya@randolph.k12.ma.us</a><br>Tara Whooley <a href="mailto:whooleyt@randolph.k12.ma.us">whooleyt@randolph.k12.ma.us</a> |
| Grade 8: | Aimee Byrne <a href="mailto:byrnea@randolph.k12.ma.us">byrnea@randolph.k12.ma.us</a>  |

If you need help contacting the appropriate person, please contact the RCMS Main Office, and we will be happy to assist you.

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