

Subject: RFH Welcome Back Letter 2021-2022

August 27, 2021

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are less than two weeks away from the start of the 2021-2022 School Year. I would like to thank all of our school community members for their feedback and support throughout the summer to help us prepare for this upcoming school year. It is our goal to provide every student with a safe and supportive learning environment so they can reach their potential and maximize their success. This type of environment allows our staff, students, parents, and community members to all work together in the pursuit of academic excellence.

This summer, we continued our student leader meetings to learn about what they LOVE about RFH and what advice they would give to the incoming Class of 2025. They highlighted...

We LOVE RFH because...

- of the sense of community. We are a tight knit group that values the positive relationships we share with our classmates, teachers, counselors, coaches, and advisors.
- we are a well-balanced school. We engage and excel in the arts just as much as athletics.
- there's always someone available to help you. The staff are approachable and are always willing to support us socially, emotionally, and academically.

The advice we would give to the Class of 2025:

- Start STRONG out of the gates. Attend Learning Resource Center(LRC)/Extra Help during period 9. Don't wait to get help. Freshman year is the foundation of your high school success - Your hard work and focus freshman year will pay off in the long run.
- Be the BEST version of yourself. Join clubs and activities that YOU are interested in. Plus, it helps you meet new people.
- Ask for help when you need it. The teachers are always willing to support you, so don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Develop a routine. Time management is KEY. Students in high school are much busier than middle school, so it's helpful to stay organized and ask for help when you need it.

RFH possess a unique spirit and energy that can be seen throughout our campus: the rigorous classroom experiences filled with engaging lessons led by our talented teaching staff, the numerous extracurricular activities in which our student body is involved, and the student-athletes competing on the field with our infamous student Dawgpound and their families cheering them on in the stands. This is what people notice first and remember most about our high school. This year, I hope that our students and their families will continue to take advantage of the many opportunities available to join in contributing to the goals and ideals of our school community.

For our students, whether you will be a member of our performing arts program, join one of our many clubs, or participate on an athletic team while focusing on your studies, the pride and dedication of our students, families, and staff are what drive these programs to be so successful.

As you enter our campus this September, please take note of the cleanliness of the building. The custodial staff, Building and Grounds team and technology crew worked tirelessly this summer to ensure the campus was prepared for a safe return to school. I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for their outstanding work!

Provided below are some important updates and reminders about our [Back to School](#) policies and procedures for the 2021-2022 School Year. Please take some time to review these items before the first day of school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

- All students of the Class of 2025 are invited to Freshman Orientation on **Tuesday, August 31st at 8:00 AM**. This program will introduce our incoming students to all the resources and support we provide and help them navigate through the building before the first day of school. The event

will conclude with a class BBQ at the Dawg Hound (the concession stand by the football field) from 12:10 PM to 1:00 PM.

- All parents/guardians of the Class of 2025 are invited to the Freshman Parent Night on **Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM in the RFH Auditorium**. The presentation will review school procedures, policies, and resources available to support all our students. If you have any specific questions or concerns that you would like for us to address at our presentation, please submit them [here](#).
- The first day of school for all students is **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**. The schedule for the first day of school is provided below. Please note, there is NO senior release on the first day of school - **period 9 and period 2 will switch**. All seniors will report to the auditorium for a class meeting during period 9.

Period	Start Time	End Time
1/Homeroom	7:45 AM	8:32 AM
9	8:36 AM	9:18 AM
3	9:22 AM	10:04 AM
4	10:08 AM	10:50 AM
5	10:54 AM	11:36 AM
6	11:40 AM	12:22 PM
7	12:26 PM	1:08 PM
8	1:12 PM	1:54 PM
2	2:00 PM	2:40 PM

- The class meetings for our juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will take place during period 9 on September 9-13th. We will follow a normal schedule with senior release on these dates. The schedule is as follows:
 - **Junior Class Meeting - Thursday, September 9, 2021**
 - **Sophomore Class Meeting - Friday, September 10, 2021**
 - **Freshman Class Meeting - Monday, September 13, 2021**
- The **Activities Fair** will be held on **Friday, September 17, 2021** during lunch periods. We recommend all our students visit the fair to learn about the amazing clubs and programs offered at RFH.
- About twice a month, students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM (end of period 8) instead of 2:40 PM for staff meetings and professional development. There is no period 9 on these dates. The first Early Dismissal Monday (EDM) date will take place on **Monday, September 20, 2021**. The [EDM Schedule 2021-2022](#) is available for your review.
- **Back to School Night** will be held on **Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. This event will be held in person. As in years past, the **Senior Parent Meeting** will take place in the auditorium at **6:00 PM** prior to the start of Back to School Night.

- If you are interested in ordering RFH DawgPound Gear, the 24 hour limited edition t-shirt sale ends today at 2:00 PM. Information provided below.

THE DAWG POUND IS BACK! ORDER NOW!

Get ready for the home opener on Sept. 10

24 hour sale ends FRIDAY AT 2.



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**Men's Unisex
Sizing xs-2xl**
(Bella & Canvas T)

Venmo

**RFH Booster secretary
@Kerry-Maguire-1**
with payment,
full name, & size.

Sincerely,
Kevin Pfister
Principal