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Dear Roaring Fork High School Community,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We hope your summer has been filled with a healthy balance of adventure and relaxation, surrounded by friends and family! We are excited to welcome students, teachers and families for another year of excellence. While the school year doesn't officially start until September 5th, there are some very important events coming up that we would like to make sure you know about. Please take a minute to review these events along with some staff bios for some new faces at RFHS this year!

Please feel free to get in touch with us at any time if you have any questions. We are also updating our web site, rfhs.rfsd.k12.co.us so that you can easily access information about the 2017-2018 school year. As always, please check the [RFHS Facebook](#) page for our most up to date daily happenings

Sincerely,

Brett Stringer
Principal

Kelsie Goodman
Vice Principal

Registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, and Thursday, August 31st, from 12:00-4:00 pm.

Returning Students

All students that are returning to RFHS (including 9th graders that have already enrolled), will need to register during the above dates. Prior to registration, please have the following documents:

- [Returning Student Form](#) (English)/[Returning Student Form](#) (Español)
- [Take Home Student/Parent Chromebook Agreement](#) (English/Español)

New Students

Students will receive their schedule during Crew on the first day of school. All new students to RFHS who are not already enrolled should come to RFHS during new student registration on _____, Students need to bring with them:

- [New Student Registration Form \(English\)](#) or [New Student Registration Form \(Espanol\)](#) filled out
- Birth certificate
- Immunizations
- Unofficial Copies of Transcripts

Freshmen Orientation: September 1st 9:00am-12:30pm

The Link Crew freshman orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support freshmen by assigning them a junior or senior Link Leader as a mentor during this first year to help them feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school. This Link Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus.

Freshmen Orientation will take place in the **Roaring Fork High School Gym** on Friday, **September 1st** at **9:00am SHARP until 12:30**. Students will not need backpacks or purses but should wear comfortable clothes to be active in. This is an event that is just for students. If you have any questions, please call Link Crew Coordinator Leslie Keery at 384-5767 or keery@rfschools.com We look forward to meeting you and your child on orientation day!

Athletics - Go RAMS!

Interested in playing sports this year at RFHS? Here's what you will need:

- A completed [physical](#) before attending any practices: Roaring Fork Family Physicians will be offering free physicals August 9th at their office from 5-6pm and also on August 14th from 5-6pm.
- To [register online](#) to play any sport throughout the year
- Check the [RFHS website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for all announcements and updates
- Attend the **Fall Sports Parent Night** on *September 6th at 6:00 at RFHS*

Fall Sports - All fall sports practices except golf start on **Monday, August 14th**.

- **Boys Soccer:** 6:30am at RFHS Practice Field, Head Coach: Nick Forbes (970)618-6253
- **Football:** 9:00am in RFHS Auditoria, Head Coach: Matt Phelan, mphelan@rfschools.com
- **Volleyball:** 1:00-4:30 in the RFHS Gym. Head Coach: Donna Bratcher- rfsvolleyball@gmail.com
- **Cross Country:** 5:00pm at BHS. Head Coach: Ron Lund (970)618-2063 runnerfam@comcast.net
- **Softball:** 5:00pm at Basalt HS Softball Field, Coach Lisa Nieslanik: playballnow22@gmail.com

- **Golf: AUGUST 7th:** Ironbridge @ 5:30, or contact Head Coach Kenny Doerrer, 301-758-3555

You must be at practice, unless you have already reached out to coaches. Please feel free to email Jade Bath (Jadebath@rfschools.com), our Athletic Director, with any questions or concerns with Athletics.

New Faces on Team RFHS!

Sue Turner is joining our counseling team! Sue was at Carbondale Middle School for 8 years before joining the staff this year at RFHS. She had been retired for 3 years but missed being with kids regularly. She went to school at the University of California, Berkeley. Sue grew up in California and moved to Colorado after she was married. Sue is excited about working with high school students and joining the fabulous team of educators at Roaring Fork High School. She knows many of the students at Roaring Fork High School from subbing in the building and being their counselor when they were in middle school.

Bo Takarabe is our new Capstones coordinator! Bo received her undergraduate degree from Reed College in Oregon and her master's from CU, Denver. After 10 years as school counselor at Basalt High School, she is really excited to join the team at RFHS and work in the community where she lives. Last year, Bo was the Capstones site coordinator at BHS and she's excited to start building a strong program at RFHS and looking forward to supporting some cool capstone projects this year.

Mitch Foss is joining our social studies team! Prior to RFHS Mitch was at Basalt Middle School teaching 8th grade U.S. History. He attended the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Denver. He is most excited about becoming a full, card carrying Carbondal~~ien~~ by connecting with the young people of RFHS, riding an extracycle to school, and wearing a lucha libre mask at work.

Brett Stringer will be joining our leadership team! Brett is coming from Denver, where he spent the last many years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Denver, his teaching certificate from Metropolitan State University and his Master's from the University of Colorado. As he enters into the 2017-2018 school year, Brett is most excited about meeting and listening to all the amazing stories that have shaped RFHS and continuing the tradition of excellence.

Alisa Grimes is joining our science team! Alisa is coming from Boulder, but was a teacher in a small school high school (Academy High School) in a small district in Thornton called Mapleton. She have been teaching all associated STEM classes; last year the classes she taught included chemistry, introduction to STEM, and nanotechnology. Alisa earned her undergraduate degree not too far down the road at Western State. She earned her Master's in Science Education at the University of California in Santa Cruz. She is the most excited about living in the community that she serves which includes the ability to bike commute.

Marcia Kuhlman is joining RFHS to build an amazing choir program! Marcia's professional work as a conductor and teacher spans a wide variety of ages and abilities including high school, collegiate, and community ensembles. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Choral Music Education from Oakland University and a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University. Her nine years of teaching experience include Cowley College in Kansas, Grand Junction High School in Colorado, and Eaton Rapids High School in Michigan, as well as maintaining an active private studio for over sixteen years. Her accolades include work with the American Choral Director's Association, major symphonies, emerging composers, and performances at acclaimed locations such as Lincoln Center in NYC. Mrs. Kuhlman is most excited to meet the talented students at RFHS and listen to the amazing music we can make together this year! Surrounded by the natural beauty of Colorado's mountains, together may we discover that "the earth has music for those who listen!" (George Santana).

Alejandra Baca will be joining our front office as our new attendance secretary! Alejandra graduated from Coal Ridge High School is currently working on her AA in Social Work/Psychology at CMC and further down the road master at Metropolitan State University. What most excites her most about RFHS is the diverse group of staff and students that she will learn so much from and hopefully them from her.

Important Dates

For the most up to date information, check out the [RFHS Website](#) for our calendar and be sure to follow the [RFHS Facebook](#) page. Also, please reference the Roaring Fork School District 2017-2018 Calendar in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

- **August 30 & 31st:** New Student Registration: 12:00-4:00pm
- **September 1st:** Freshmen Orientation 9:00am SHARP-12:30pm
- **September 5th:** First day of school!
- **September 6th:** Fall Sports Parent Night 6:00pm RFHS
- **September 12th:** Back to School Night 6:00pm RFHS Auditoria
- **September 27th:** PSAT test for 9th graders
- **October 2nd - 7th:** Homecoming Week 2017
- **November 3rd:** End of 1st Quarter
- **November 13th-17th:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **November 20th-24th:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 21st-January 3rd:** Winter Break
- **February 1st:** End of 2nd Quarter
- **February 12th-16th:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **March 26th-30th:** Spring Break
- **April 13th:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **June 2nd:** Graduation of the Class of 2018
- **June 8th:** Last day of School