



Greetings Parents/Guardians and Scholars!

On behalf of Rowland Academy, we are more than excited to welcome you back face-to-face for the 2022-2023 school year! We cannot wait to see you and are looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school, **Monday, August 29, 2022.** **\*New\*Scholars will**

**have face-to-face instruction which will happen in the building M-F, from 8:30am-1:53pm.**

Breakfast is available from 7:50-8:20. Scholars who are not eating breakfast will be let in the building beginning 8:20 am. We hope that you are just as excited to start the year as we are!!!

As we welcome scholars back, we will start with a compressed schedule similar to how we ended the school year. COVID-19 continues to be at the forefront of our thoughts and the safety of our scholars, staff and families will continue to be a focus. Please know that Rowland Academy will follow the guidelines set forth by our district regarding health and safety protocols.

We anticipate that there may be a lot of questions surrounding the start of the school year and hope to address some of those with this communication.

This communication will provide some important information regarding dates and upcoming events as we prepare for the school year.

**Schedules:** Scholar schedules were mailed out the week of August 16. Scholars will receive a copy of their schedule on the first day of school. HR assignments will be posted around the school on the first day and assistance will be provided for scholars to find their way to their homeroom if they did not receive a schedule.

**Laptops:** We are excited to continue with our one-to-one device as it is an essential part of scholars' school materials. **\*NEW\* There is a new Technology use agreement that covers the care and responsibility of scholar devices including associated costs for lost or damaged items.**

Due to the compressed start of the school year, scholars will bring their devices back and forth from home for the duration of the compressed schedule. They will be responsible for having and taking care of their laptops for their duration at Rowland. **Once we are able to go back to a regular schedule, scholars' Chromebook will remain at school for their daily use.** Please ensure scholars arrive to school with their laptops properly charged and ready to use during classes every day. IT will continue to address tech issues as well.

**School Uniforms:** We are going back to the full uniform policy starting day one of school. It is the expectation of the Harrisburg School District and Rowland Academy that scholars arrive to school each day properly dressed in uniform. The uniform policy can be found on the district website at [www.hbgdsd.us](http://www.hbgdsd.us)

#### **Arrival and Dismissal:**

**Breakfast Arrival:** Any scholar eating breakfast should arrive to school by **7:50am.** They will enter the building on Thompson Street, through the front circle and report directly to the cafeteria.



**School Arrival:** Walkers and Car riders will enter Rowland from the Thompson Street side through the side doors of the Gym. Parents who are dropping their scholars off should do so in the car circle located on the Thompson Street side in the front circle. Bus riders will enter the building on the first floor from Derry street.

**School Dismissal:** Dismissal will begin at 1:53. Scholars who ride buses will be dismissed out through the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to Derry Street. Walkers and car riders will dismiss through the back of the gym doors. Scholar pick-up will be in the car circle behind the gym on Thompson Street. Only scholars who ride vans will be dismissed at the front of the school.

We appreciate all your help and cooperation with this new process! We are looking forward to ensuring the continued safety of our scholars as they arrive and leave us each day.

**Save the Date:** Open House-Scheduled for September 22, from 5-7 pm. This will be an opportunity for families to meet and greet teachers and other staff as well as learn about the great things happening at Rowland Academy!

While this is a lot of information, we still invite you to reach out to us with any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (717) 703-4500. Current office hours are 7:45-4:15, M-F.