



Greetings Parents/Guardians and Scholars!

On behalf of Rowland Academy, I am more than excited to welcome you back face-to-face for the 2021-2022 school year! We cannot wait to see you and are looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school, **Monday, August 30, 2021**. School hours are: 8:30am-3:30pm, breakfast is available from 8:05-8:25. Scholars who are not eating breakfast will be let in the building beginning 8:20am. We hope that you are just as excited to start the year as we are. Are you ready!!!!

As we welcome scholars back, we know that we are in a different place than we were just one short year ago! COVID-19 continues to be at the forefront of our thoughts and planning as we continuously work to ensure everyone's safety. 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.

Panther Preview: This is an opportunity for scholars to tour Rowland Academy, meet staff members and administration, engage in team building activities, and meet new scholars! The dates and times are as follows: **Masks are required during Panther Preview**

August 10

8th Grade

Last Name: A-L, 9am-11:30am

Last Name: M-Z, 12:30pm-3pm

August 11

5th Grade

Last Name: A-L, 9am-10:30am

Last Name: M-Z, 11:30am-1:00pm

August 12

7th Grade

All scholars: 10am-12pm

6th Grade

All scholars: 9am-12pm

Each day of Panther Preview, parents/guardians will drop scholars off and pick up at the front of the school. Please click [RSVP](#) to let us know if scholars plan to attend this event. **Please note:** Transportation, breakfast, and lunch will not be provided during Panther Preview days.

Open Building Tour: On this day families and scholars are welcome for a tour of Rowland Academy. Families will be able to walk through to see where classes are, and school



administrators will be on hand to answer any questions. Families may choose to stop in during any of the times below:

August 26

9am-11am

1pm-3:00pm

Schedules: Scholar schedules will be mailed out the week of August 16. Scholars will also receive a copy of their schedule on the first day of school.

Laptops: We are excited to continue with our one to one device as it will become a part of scholars' materials for school. They will be responsible for having and taking care of their laptops for their duration at Rowland. Please ensure scholars arrive to school with their laptops properly charged and ready to use during classes every day. IT will be able to address tech issues as well.

School Uniforms: Thank you for your feedback on the uniform survey. Scholars will return to school in uniform. Specific uniform information is in the welcome back letter. You can find the Superintendent's welcome back parent letter [here](#).

Arrival and Dismissal: Rowland Academy will have ***NEW*** arrival and dismissal procedures for the upcoming school year.

Breakfast Arrival: Any scholar eating breakfast should arrive to school by **8:05am**. They will enter the building on Thompson street, through the side doors of the gym 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 at the back of the Gym. Bus riders will enter the building on the first floor from Derry street.

School Dismissal: Dismissal will begin just shortly before 3:30. Scholars who ride buses will be dismissed out through the 1st 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. 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.