

Dear RRHS Families,  
HAPPY SUMMER BREAK!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer break—filled with whatever you and your family need to refresh, restore, and relax during these beautiful summer days. Although the start of school is still a couple of weeks off, this letter will give you a few things to think about before we get together again in August.

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

As we begin another school year at RRHS, there are many things to make you aware of so that you will be able to support your student's education. I encourage you and your family to start the year off right by calendaring the following important dates.

- August 14: Freshman Jumpstart at 8:00 in our main gym.
- First Day of School Tuesday, August 15. School starts at 7:20 – be early, be present!
- August 30: “Back to School” night (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)
- September 4: Labor Day Holiday
- October 11: PSAT testing for sophomores and some juniors – Only students testing report on this day
- October 13: Fall Break

Early Out Wednesdays and Professional Development Days: Every Wednesday is an early out day. Students are released at 1:40 p.m. Early out Wednesdays are set aside to provide professional collaboration time for teachers.

Attendance: One of the challenges that RRHS has faced the last few years has to do with attendance and excessive tardies. Regular attendance is essential for student learning and progress. Please coordinate your family vacations when school is not in session (\*see school calendar here: [RRHS Calendar](#)). Students lose out on critical instruction when they are absent or are not in school for the entire day. We request that medical and dental appointments be scheduled after school hours, if at all possible. If students are ill and unable to attend school, please notify our office the morning of the absence. The attendance number is: 962-9397 (All day), 962-5305 (Late Arrival/Early Release).

Parking Lot Safety: Student safety is a high priority at RRHS. Pick-up and drop-off areas of the school are always a source of confusion and consternation to drivers that are either picking up or dropping off a student. **The main area for pick-up and drop-off is off Broadmoor Blvd.** Please use this area as the exclusive pick-up and drop area.

Due to safety concerns, we cannot allow parents to pick-up or drop-off their students at the Horse Shoe parking area from the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:20 AM and 2:20 PM-2:40 PM (1:30 PM-1:50 PM on Wednesday). Prior to or after these times, you are free to use this area for pick-up and drop-off or to park if you have a school meeting. The entire stretch of sidewalk from the Horse Shoe to the roundabout is a designated area for pick-up and drop-off. Please keep in mind that Loma Colorado is a very busy road at the start and end of school. There are approximately 1000 young, student drivers on the road, along with 36 buses, and 240 staff members. In addition, there are many parents that drop-off and pick up their student. Some are in a rush because they may be late for work. They all converge on RRHS at about the same time. In addition, there is a cross-walk just east of the Horse-Shoe parking lot. Approximately 300 students use the crosswalk on a daily basis. To minimize the risk of bodily injury to our students, please consider the following: Keep your speed within the speed limit; Always stop for pedestrians in the cross-walk; if you are a student that uses the cross-walk, always hit the button that turns on the blinking lights...this helps to alert drivers. Do not make a U-Turn anywhere on Loma Colorado, especially in front of the Horse Shoe.

The staff lot and bus entrance should never be used as a pick-up and drop-off area. If we work together, we can help ensure the safety of all our students on their way to and from school.

### School Website

In an effort to conserve paper, the [RRHS school website](#) will keep up-to-date announcements, letters home, student handbook information, our school calendar, and other tools to assist parents and students with keeping current this school year.

Please note that we do not send home student handbooks. On our school webpage you will be able to read with your student all about our school policies and other important information at your convenience. Report cards are also now electronically obtained. However, if ever you have a questions or are unable to view these important documents, please call the school. We are happy to help.

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Enjoy the last few weeks of your summer break. I look forward to another great year at RRHS and working with you to help your student have a successful year.

Sincerely,

Sherri Carver, Principal