

August 28, 2019

Dear students and parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

We at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School look forward to the start of another successful school year. This past summer *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School among the top schools in the Providence Metro Area! Kudos to students, faculty, and parents.

The opening of school is right around the corner. It is important to recognize students, finalize student schedules, and identify important points of contact at DRRHS.

Opening: Athletes and band members are gearing up for their fall season. On August 30th, ninth graders will attend Freshmen Orientation from 8 A.M. -10 A.M. To avoid scheduling conflicts, all coaches and advisors have been asked to not hold activities at this time. Teachers return on September 3rd and 4th. We look forward to welcoming students on Thursday, September 5th (Day 7 of the cycle).

I want to invite all parents to visit DRRHS on September 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium to meet with the administrative team. Please note on your calendars that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd during a half day from 11:30 - 2:00 and again at 6:00 - 8:30 P.M. One week later, a second parent-teacher conference is scheduled on Tuesday, October 10 from 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Recognition: I want to congratulate our Boys' Volleyball Team for receiving the 2018-2019 AVCA Academic Award. This award honors teams whose dedication to competitive play is equal to their efforts in the classroom.

Student Schedules: Tentative student schedules are now viewable on Aspen. The guidance department is currently scheduling appointments for the first week of school to adjust individual student schedules. Those students who are dissatisfied with their elective classes may work with the guidance department to make adjustments during the second week of school.

Points of Contact for Athletics and Activities:

Douglas Kelley, Dean of Student Activities and Athletics, dkelley@drregional.org - 508-252-5025 X5626

Donna Connors, Activities and Athletics Secretary, dlconnors@drregional.org - 508-252-5025 X5626

Family ID.com for registrations - FamilyID will close on September 13, 2019 - Payment for user fees is due on Friday, September 20, 2019.

Online payment can be made on Unipay - unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx?=1704

Every athlete must have an up-to-date physical on file with the nurse's office prior to participating.

Thank you for entrusting your children to DRRHS. Below, you will find meaningful reminders that will help your student succeed. Please keep in mind, our door is open to members of the community.

Sincerely,

John F. Gould, Ed. D.
Principal

REMINDERS

SCHOOL HOURS - The Dighton-Rehoboth High School day begins promptly at 7:17 A.M. and ends at 1:51 P.M. Students signing in after 9:15 A.M. will be considered absent/tardy and students being dismissed before 11:50 A.M. will be considered absent/dismissed. Absences, tardies and dismissals are excused with the following: a doctor's note, bereavement, court note, college visit (with approved form from the Guidance Dept.), and religious holidays - please refer to the Student Handbook for more information. (Please see website <https://drhs.drregional.org/>)

ONE-CALL-NOW - The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District uses the One-Call-Now notification system to keep parents informed of important information. This system will be used in the case of unscheduled early release, school cancellation, bus incidents, or simply as a reminder of parent/teacher conferences, or any important event. Please be sure that you keep the office informed of any changes to your phone numbers or e-mail address.

ATTENDANCE - Attendance is extremely important for the learning process. Arriving on time is also just as important. We ask your cooperation in seeing that every effort is made for your child to arrive to school prior to 7:17 a.m. If your child is tardy or absent, please call the office to inform us (508-252-5025). If we have not heard from you by 10:00 a.m., you will receive a call from the One-Call-Now system.

Please remember that students who accumulate excessive absences/tardies/dismissals will lose parking and social privileges (https://drhs.drregional.org/students_families/student_handbook).

BUS POLICY - This is a reminder that students will NOT be allowed to ride to or from school on a different bus.

FORMS - All applicable forms in the on-line packet MUST be returned to the school no later than Friday, September 13, 2019. (Please see website)

CELL PHONES – Please remind your student that cell phones are only an issue if it interferes with the educational process. We ask that students display sound work habits and observe school policy on cell phone use. Please see the student handbook.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: In posing questions or addressing concerns, please observe the chain of command. If you have concerns about playing time, please communicate your questions with your child's coach. If you are dissatisfied with their response, please communicate your concern with the Athletic Director. If you are dissatisfied with his response, please communicate your concern to the building administration.