

Reno Huskie Happenings | Newsletter and Calendar – August 2019

RESPECT HONOR STRENGTH EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY WORK HARD, BE KIND, STAY HUMBLE

#### **Welcome Back!**

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer with family and friends. We have had a busy summer hiring new staff, preparing our campus and classrooms as well as planning for another successful year at Reno High. This newsletter will serve as a one stop shop for all things Reno High. Please read the monthly calendar or go to <a href="www.rhshuskies.com">www.rhshuskies.com</a> to access our activities and athletics calendars. This edition of our newsletter will serve as a welcome along with some information to help you begin the school year. We are excited to see everyone back on August 12<sup>th</sup>!!! Follow Mr. Hackbusch on Twitter PrincipalHackbusch@khackbusch



Student schedules were mailed in July. If you did not receive your schedule, please visit the school to take care of any paperwork or fees that put a hold on the schedule. You will not be able to pay fees over the phone at this time for registration so please come down to the school. If you have questions or concerns about your schedule, please simply email your counselor.

Our Student Leadership Class will be providing student tours August 6, 7 and  $8^{\text{th}}$  at 10am, 11am and noon. Please arrive in the Dome through the front doors at the top of those hours for a



Last year we completed our accreditation plan and here is a summary of our goals and intitiatives:

- Increase core credit attainment for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Increase attendance rates for all students
- Increase equitable access to test prep resources for ACT, SAT, PSAT and AP exams.







Every absence counts—no matter why a student misses school.



Students are still able to make up work from the days they were absent.



High school students can make up as many as 5 days per semester, 10 days per school year. Elementary and middle school students are allowed to make up work for 10 absences per year.



If the student completes the make-up work (up to 10 days per school year), the absence will be removed from the record and will not count for possible retention, failure, or chronic absenteeism.



Parents can monitor their student's attendance using the Infinite Campus Portal.

### Absences beyond the 10 days per school year will count toward possible retention, failure, or chronic absenteeism.

- Make-up work reminder Students must ask their teachers for instruction-related activities (make-up work), complete the assignments, and return them within the number of school days they were absent, plus one day.
- "Chronic absenteeism" occurs when students miss 10% or more school days or class periods. This places students at risk of being retained.
- If you need assistance bringing your child to school every day, please reach out to your child's school. Let's work together to make sure your student is in school every day!



Learn more at www.washoeschools.net/attendance

# Survival Guide for starting the year off on a positive note. Team effort!



Pick up and drop off in the parking lot or along Booth and Foster. Do not enter the front circle to avoid traffice issues and safety concerns. Do not enter the back service road as that is reserved for bussing.

School begins 7:40 (tardy bell) and school ends at 2:30pm. Remember Wednesdays are early release with school ending at 1:40pm. Students are expected to exit the building by 3pm or 2pm on Wednesdays unless they have an extra curricular event they are participating in. Bus loading and drop off is next to the IA building behind the school.

There is zero tolerance for smoking or vaping on the campus. Devices will be confiscated and consequences will be issued.

Please follow the WCSD dress code policy at all times

Follow your teacher classroom rules at all times and make sure you read all the school rules and procedures in your student planner which students receive on the first day of school.



Show up to class early...prepared and ready to learn. Utilize your study halls or Freshmen Seminar to get work done. Expect 3-4 hours a night of homework a night.

When you are absent, we need you to contact the school ASAP on why your student is out and they are responsible to make up the work they missed for every teacher.

No early finals will be given, plan accordingly when you schedule vacations and travel

If your student needs help academically, please contact the teacher(s) and counselor right away. If your student is having problems socially, please contact the counselor and administrator. Email or phone are the best ways to contact us. We have many supports to assist students and we are happy to help.

Use crosswalks at lunchtime for your safety!

Pick up trash! Our campus is beautiful...let's keep it that way.

Most students eat lunch at school in the back quad, out front or in the halls. Bring a lunch, buys from our cafeteria or go across the street. Remember lunch is only 30 minutes.



Be kind, work hard and stay humble at all times. Respect and celebrate our differences. Dare to be different! It is cool to be smart at Reno High. The sky is the limit but it takes discipline, focus and a willingness to overcome failure. You can do this! You are Respect, you are Honor, you are Strength, you are Huskies!!!

#### **Important Dates:**

8/12-1st day of school

8/19-8/23 Welcome Back Week-Assembly Friday, Senior Sunrise 8/20, Student pictures 8/21

8/30 Pep Rally before football game

9/3 Official Attendance Count Day

9/18 Club Fair at Lunch and Back to School Night 6pm

9/23-9/27 Homecoming-Friday 9/27 assembly, float decorating, parade and game. Saturday 9/28 Dance

9/24 picture re-takes

9/30 Class of 2020 Parent Night in Theater at 6pm

10/7 to 10/11 FALL BREAK

10/16 PSAT 3 Hr delay-no early release, no PLC's.

10/25 NV Day

10/28-11/1 Halloweek-Safe Trick or Treat that Wednesday 10/30 5-7pm.

11/2 Huskie Harvest Fundraiser 5:30pm at Silver Legacy

11/6 Blood Drive

11/7 Junior Interview Project and Career Fair

11/11 Veterans Day

11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday

12/2 Awareness Week- Assembly Friday 12/6

12/16-12/19 First Semester Finals

12/20 Teacher Work Day

#### Booster Meeting Dates: In the library at 7pm (Grad Night meetings before at 6pm)

August 19

September 9

October 14

November 4th or 18th-TBD

December 9—Please see the Booster Club Newsletter for the rest of the meeting dates.



#### **Student Leadership Calendar and Information**

#### Student Council Meetings in August: 8/13 and 8/27

All students are welcome to attend. They are at lunch in the Leadership Room.

#### Freshmen Class Officers:

Attention Freshmen interested in Student Council. Any freshmen instead in being a freshmen class officer are encouraged to attend one or both student council meetings. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we will release the student council candidacy paperwork. Interviews will be help September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to apply and previous experience is not required.

Welcome Back Week "Storm Area 51": Aug 19th – 23rd, and assembly is Friday at 10:01am.

We can't wait to celebrate all our returning Huskies and our new Huskie Pups! Join us for fun activities, dress up days, and contests. T shirts and stickers will go on sail on Monday 8/19.

#### Follow Reno High Leadership on Social Media:

Twitter: reno\_leadership

Instagram: rhsleadership

Facebook: Reno Huskies Ldshp

Mark your Calendars now! Homecoming is September  $23^{rd} - 27^{th}$ . We will be having out traditional homecoming assembly on September  $26^{th}$ . Our traditional Homecoming parade will be at 6:30, and the halftime coronation at the Varsity game to follow. All those interested in being part of the Homecoming Parade please email <a href="mailto:bnaughton@washoeschools.net">bnaughton@washoeschools.net</a>.

It doesn't have to be Homecoming to show your Reno High School Pride. Wear Red and Blue Huskie Gear every Friday!



We are excited to announce our partnership with TMCC's Theatre Department. We will be sharing our theatre while they offer classes to our students, direct our productions and provide upgrades and facility improvements. It is an exciting way to connect our students to the local theatre community and keep our program alive at RHS!

#### **Drama Club News:**

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year Huskies! The drama club and the Booth Street Players are excited for an amazing year. We have successfully started our new partnership with Truckee Meadows Community College under our new director Professor Dave Anderson. Auditions for our fall play *The Importance of Being Ernest* Oscar Wilde will start <u>Tuesday August 13 from 2:30-4:30 in the theater</u>. Auditions will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with the cast list posted on Friday, August 16. Anyone and everyone is welcome to audition! Please prepare a one-minute monologue highlighting your talents as a comedic actor or actress from any era. If you would like to help with any of the technical aspects of the show, everyone is welcome to join us at 2:30 Monday August 19.

There is still time to enroll in our dual credit 8<sup>th</sup>period TMCC practicum class on Tuesday/ Thursday from 2:35-4:30 PM! See your student's counselor for details on how to get enrolled. Luis Galvez and Angie Green were elected back in May to be our official co-presidents for drama club this school year. They have all sorts of exciting events planned such as fundraisers, thespian society events and competitions, and so much more. Drama club will be meeting at a new time this year, every Thursday at lunch in the theater. We hope to see you there!

Angie says, "I'm excited to be the new co drama club president. This year we want to specifically work on bringing our peers out of their shells through the love of theater! See you all soon!"

Please join our Remind for the 19-20 school year to stay up to date with all news about theater. Text 81010 with the message: @rhsboothie

Any questions, please direct them to Mrs. Ryan at <a href="mailto:Kristin.Ryan@washoeschools.net">Kristin.Ryan@washoeschools.net</a>. Stay theatrical and thank you for all your support to the arts!

#### **Yearbook and Diapers to Diplomas Information**

Senior parents: To schedule your child's senior yearbook portrait, please call Prestige Portraits at 851-0444 or go online at https://local.prestigeportraits.com/nv/reno/80-east-patriot-blvd.html

Also, please email <a href="mailto:rhsd2d@gmail.com">rhsd2d@gmail.com</a> to get in contact with our editor to receive information about creating your child's Diapers to Diploma page. Early pricing ends August 30.

#### **Counseling Department and AP Exam Information**

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Due to very large classes, schedule changes will be kept to a minimum. Unless a student has a clear error on their schedule (like an empty period where a class should be) or there is a level change (i.e. wrong level of math or English class) there are no guarantees for changes to take place. If a student would like to discuss a change, they will need to sign up to see their counselor (on the sign up sheet outside each counselor's door). Counselors will get to students as quickly as possible. Please sign up ONLY ONE TIME! The last day to sign up to see a counselor regarding a change is Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Counselors will be sending passes out to see students as availability happens as they are very busy this time of year enrolling new students. Parent's and students emailing the counselors will not expedite this process!

If the student has a full schedule, they <u>MUST GO TO THE CLASS THAT IS ON THEIR SCHEDULE</u>. In the event a change does not take place, we do not want students missing any class time.

<u>AP STUDENTS</u>: Last year started a change in how students have access to instructional resources (in the AP classroom) as well as ordering their AP Exam (which is REQUIRED for all students to take in May if they are enrolled in an AP class). If a student was in an AP class last year, they are familiar with this process. This is a note for ALL AP students (returning and new) to make sure they can log in to their College Board account and KNOW their user name and password. If a student does not have a College Board account (that means has NEVER gone in to register for an SAT, see PSAT scores, or AP Scores- OR if a parent has done this, please share this with your student. This original account is the one that students will have to use). It is vital that students create their OWN account and have access to it as they will be using it throughout the school year for a variety of things. This must be done with a personal email, not a school email, and it should again, be the student's email.

Fees this year have not changed and are \$94 per exam. Mrs. Herman is ready and accepting payments before school starts. This can be done in person, on the web store, or over the phone (although she is very busy the first few weeks of school and often can't get to the phone). The deadline to pay AP Fees is September 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sue Rodriguez (Srodriguez@washoeschools.net) if there are any questions.

## COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

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#### Meet your Reno High School Administrative Team

#### Kris Hackbusch

Principal

#### Linda Feroah

#### **Assistant Principal**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Curriculum, Athletics, Buildings and Grounds/Facility Use, Master Schedule

#### Mitch Chubb

#### **Assistant Principal**

11th Grade, Attendance, Activities, Emergency Management, Fundraising

#### <u>Teri Salgado</u>

#### **Assistant Principal**

10<sup>th</sup> grade, Discipline, 504 Coordinator, Testing Coordinator

#### <u>Krista Kruger</u>

#### **Dean of Students**

9<sup>th</sup> grade, Minor Referrals, Freshmen Seminar Administrator, Testing/Surveys

#### **Athletics Department Information**

Fall sports are just around the corner! If your student is interested in playing football, soccer, tennis, girls golf, cross country or volleyball, your clearance is due no later than Wednesday, August 7th. Please update your account and turn in your physicals to Mrs. Rooker in the VP office. (freshman and Juniors only) Try-outs begin on Saturday, August 10th. Go to <a href="https://www.registermyathlete.com">www.registermyathlete.com</a> to get cleared. You can also find the link on our website @ <a href="http://rhshuskies.com">http://rhshuskies.com</a>. On the right side of the screen, go to athletics and you will find all the info you need.

Thank you,

Please contact <u>trooker@washoeschools.net</u> for any questions.

Please go to www.rhshuskies.com and click on the Reno HS calendar for all activities and athletics.



Please welcome our new staff to Reno High. We still have a few late hires we are interviewing for as well.

Emily Castle-Hukill-English

Jason Ehlen-PE/Weights

Mallory Foley-Health

SFC Wes Gilleon-JROTC

Linette Corkill-PE

Doug McGoff-Math

Aaron Mead-Math

April Mirczak-Math

Michelle Lewis-Counseling

Laura Long-Science

Jessica Crosby-Special Education

Teri Salgado-Assistant Principal

Krista Kruger-Dean of Students

Yolanda Nishihura-Perez-9th grade attendance clerk-main office bilingual

We are still looking to hire the following positions:

Art teacher

Spanish teacher

Social Studies teacher

**Campus Monitor** 

Two Special Education Aides

#### Safety Measures a Priority at Reno High School

With Huskie Harvest funds we are installing additional cameras throughout the campus over the next few weeks. We will also have a campus monitor who will be patrolling the campus all day to increase supervision and safety. There is an expectation that students are IN CLASS during class time. Our staff has created a new hall pass policy that will be implemented day 1. All students in the halls during class time must have a lanyard our yellow pass indicating where they are going. Seniors with off periods must be either off campus, in the Cube (College and Career Center and/or the Library).

Our administrative team just concluded a refresher course of the Bully/Harassment policies and procedures. Our staff will have break-out sessions on emergency management scenarios this week and we have a detailed plan of drills and preparation in this area for the school year.

Our on- campus officer will be Officer Lafayette Webb again and his patrol officer is Rojer Markensen.

#### Please read the Student Planner

Every student will receive a student planner with all rules and policies for our school along with calendars to stay organized. We are really focused on students getting to class on time, keeping the halls clear during class time. We have high expectations for student behavior and we will discipline with dignity. We are dedicated to work with our families when it comes to discipline issues and that begins with clear expectations and open communication. Be Kind-Work Hard-Stay Humble and approach everything you do with Respect-Honor-Strength.



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No Complacency

