

# ROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL



## Parent Resources: Guidebook 2019 – 2020



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August 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited to welcome our students to Rockport High School on August 28th! Whether you are a new family to Rockport or are returning back for another year, you have a lot to look forward to as we enter the 2019-20 school year. Through this Parent/Guardian Guidebook, I am hoping to provide clarity and ease as you assist your child throughout their time at Rockport High School. Although the book does not contain every piece of information you may need, it does cover many of the basic questions and information that parents often require. Please utilize the provided contact information on page 3 if you have any questions that are not addressed in this manual.

As parents of high school students, I understand that obtaining information from your students directly can sometimes be a challenge! Please utilize the following online resources:

- **MIDAS:** Online student information system used by parents to access student schedules, grading information and course expectations.
- **Rockport High School Website:** For the latest information, important dates and planning information, please access the website. The Principal's page, Parents, Students, Guidance tabs, along with the News feed and calendar will all support your efforts in keeping up to date with important school events and expectations.
- **The Student Handbook:** Available on the Parent & Student tabs of the website. The handbook offers a detailed look at the student expectations at the high school level.
- **The Viking Vibes tab of the website:** A copy of the daily announcements is posted daily on the website under the Viking Vibes tab.
- **The Weekly Viking News:** A newsletter from the Principal is emailed to all students and families every Friday afternoon throughout the school year. The newsletter is designed to help students and families prioritize and plan for the upcoming week ahead. A copy of all newsletters is also available under the "Weekly Viking News" tab on the Principal's Page.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can assist you at any time. I look forward to seeing you all at our RHS Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7pm in the John Lane Auditorium.

Sincerely,

Amy Rose, Principal



## CONTACT INFORMATION

To ensure that parents/guardians know who to contact for frequently asked questions, we have put together a 2019-20 FAQs sheet. In addition, we hope the top section of this page will provide you some information around new office staff that families may need to utilize on a regular basis.

Main Office		978-546-1234
Amy Rose	Principal	arose@rpk12.org
Ann-Marie Luster	Dean of Students	aluster@rpk12.org
Donna Cody	Administrative Assistant	dcody@rpk12.org
Julia Quirk	Attendance Clerk	jquirk@rpk12.org
Counseling Services		
Tara Vavruska (9-11 A-Ma, 12 A-K)	Guidance Counselor	tvavruska@rpk12.org
Ruth Price (9-11 Mc-Z, 12 L-Z)	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	rprice@rpk12.org
Cindy Rich	Administrative Assistant	crich@rpk12.org 978-546-1240
Courtney Wilson	Adjustment Counselor	cwilson@rpk12.org
Curriculum Coordinators		
Rebecca Mackay-Smith	English Department	rmackaysmith@rpk12.org
Ruth Price	Guidance Coordinator	rprice@rpk12.org
Jodi Goodhue & Eric Vendt	Math Department	jgoodhue@rpk12.org; eventdt@rpk12.org
Scott Larsen	Social Studies Department	slarsen@rpk12.org
Eric Sabo	Science Department	esabo@rpk12.org
Lil Duffy	World Languages	lduffy@rpk12.org



## QUESTIONS AND WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWERS

Rockport High School welcomes communication with parents and guardians. Use the list below as a guide to find the person most able to help you with your specific questions or needs.

- **I have a question about my child's grades, schedule or attendance.** Please use your MIDAS account to access MIDAS where all of these records are available. To get more information about MIDAS, please contact Donna Cody. If you are not able to find answers to your questions there, please contact Julia Quirk for attendance, the guidance department for scheduling, or the subject area teacher for grades by email (firstinitiallastname@rpk12.org - for example arose@rpk12.org) or call the main office at 978-546-1234 and leave a message.
- **I need to get a message to/contact my child.** Please contact the main office at 978-546-1234. If it is an emergency we will call your child from class to speak with you immediately. Otherwise we will give them the message at the end of class. Please do not contact your child on their personal cell phone during school hours.
- **I have changed my address/phone number.** Please contact the main office at 978-546-1234 so that we will be able to keep in contact with you.
- **I would like a meeting with the Principal.** Please make sure that you have first addressed your question or concern with the relevant staff member and Dean of Students. If your question or concern remains unresolved please contact the main office at 978-546-1234 to schedule an appointment with Ms. Rose, the high school Principal.
- **I would like a copy of my child's transcripts.** Please contact the guidance office at 978-546-1240.
- **I would like to find out about Special Education Services.** Please contact the Special Education Team Chairperson 6-12, Mercy Duffill at [mduffill@rpk12.org](mailto:mduffill@rpk12.org), or 978-546-1234.
- **I would like to find out about college and career preparedness and school counseling services.** Please contact a member of the guidance team via email or by phone at 978-546-1240.
- **I have a question about the curriculum in one of my child's classes.** Contact the Curriculum Leader for that specific department.
  - **English** – Rebecca Mackay-Smith ([rmackaysmith@rpk12.org](mailto:rmackaysmith@rpk12.org))
  - **Guidance** – Ruth Price ([rprice@rpk12.org](mailto:rprice@rpk12.org))
  - **Math** – Jodi Goodhue ([jgoodhue@rpk12.org](mailto:jgoodhue@rpk12.org)) & Eric Vendt ([evendt@rpk12.org](mailto:evendt@rpk12.org))
  - **Science** – Eric Sabo ([esabo@rpk12.org](mailto:esabo@rpk12.org))
  - **Social Studies** – Scott Larsen ([slarsen@rpk12.org](mailto:slarsen@rpk12.org))
  - **World Languages** – Lil Duffy ([lduffy@rpk12.org](mailto:lduffy@rpk12.org))
- **I would like to find out about the PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT.** Please contact the guidance department via email or phone at 978-546-1240.
- **I would like to find out about MCAS prep.** Please contact Ms. Ann-Marie Luster at [aluster@rp12.org](mailto:aluster@rp12.org) or 978-546-1234.



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**2019-20 GRADING SCHEDULE**

Dates	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Quarter Four
<b>Start Date</b>	8/28/2019	11/4/2019	1/27/2020	4/6/2020
<b>Midterm Date</b>	10/4/2019	12/13/2019	3/6/2020	5/8/2020
<b>End Date</b>	11/1/2019	1/24/2020	4/3/2020	TBD
<b>Report Cards Available in MIDAS</b>	11/7/2019	1/30/2020	4/9/2020	TBD
<b>Senior Midterm Date</b>				5/1/2020
<b>Senior Exams</b>				5/26-5/29/2020
<b>Senior Grade Deadline</b>				5/29 – Senior Failures. 6/5/2020 - Grades
<b>Graduation</b>				6/5/2020
<b>Final Exams</b>				TBD (depending on snow days)
<b>Last Day (no snow days)</b>				6/12/2020
<b>Last Day (5 snow days)</b>				6/19/2020



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR PLANNING

September 19, 2019	RHS Open House @ 7pm in Auditorium
September 24, 2019	Senior College Planning Night @ 6:00pm in Cafeteria
October 15, 2019	No School for students
October 16, 2019	Seniors Helping Seniors (all day)
October 16, 2019	PSATs for all juniors & sophomores (by choice)
January 15, 2020	Junior College Planning Night @ 6:00 in the Cafeteria
February 6, 2020	RHS Course Selection Night @ 7pm in the Auditorium
May 19, 2020	Senior Showcase/RPS Gives Back (Shalin Liu Performance Center & Downtown Rockport)
May 21, 2020	Fine Arts Awards Night @ 7pm in the Auditorium
June 1, 2020	Spring Athletic Awards Night
June 2, 2020	Senior Banquet/Awards Night
June 5, 2020	Graduation

**2019-20 Half Day** for Students (dismissal at 11am, no food services provided):

- September 26, 2019
- November 27, 2019 (Day before Thanksgiving Holiday)
- December 11, 2019
- December 20, 2019 (Day before Holiday vacation)
- February 4, 2020
- February 14, 2020 (Day before February vacation)
- March 10, 2020
- April 17, 2020 (Day before April vacation)
- May 29, 2020 (Prom Day!)

**Mid-Term Exams** - Please save these dates as students will only be required to attend school during their scheduled exam times. Buses run a regular schedule so you will need to plan ahead if your student requires private transportation on those days. A detailed schedule will be sent home in December.

**January 21-24, 2020**

**MCAS:**

MCAS Subject/Grade Level	Dates
Grade 10 ELA	March 24 & 25, 2020 (computer-based)
Grade 10 Math	May 19 & 20, 2020 (computer-based)
Grade 9 Biology	June 2 & 3, 2020 (computer-based)



## 2019-20 MASTER SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>A</b> 7:35-8:27 (52)	<b>C</b> 7:35-8:47 (72)	<b>A</b> 7:35-8:47 (72)	<b>A</b> 7:35-8:27 (52)	<b>A</b> 7:35-8:27 (52)
<b>B</b> 8:29-9:39 (70)				
<b>C</b> 9:41-10:31 (50)	ASSEMBLY 9:41-10:01 (20)	<b>C</b> 9:41-10:31 (50)	<b>D</b> 9:21-10:31 (70)	<b>B</b> 9:21-10:11 (50)
<b>E</b> 10:33-11:23 (50)	<b>D</b> 10:03-10:53 (50)	<b>E</b> 10:33-11:23 (50)		<b>C</b> 10:33-11:23 (50)
<b>U BLOCK</b> 11:25-12:26	<b>E</b> 10:55-11:45 (50)	<b>U BLOCK</b> 11:25-12:26	<b>G</b> 11:25-1:05 (70)	<b>U BLOCK</b> 11:25-12:26
<b>F</b> 12:28-1:18 (50)	<b>U BLOCK</b> 11:47-12:58	<b>G</b> 12:28-1:18 (50)		<b>U BLOCK</b> 1:07-2:10
<b>G</b> 1:20-2:10 (50)	<b>F</b> 1:00-2:10 (70)	<b>F</b> 1:20-2:10 (50)		<b>F</b> 1:20-2:10 (50)
<b>DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE:</b>				
M, W, TH, FRI:		TUES:		
11:25-11:55 (1st)		11:47-12:17 (1st)		
11:56-12:26 (2nd)		12:28-12:58 (2nd)		





## **PRINCIPAL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP SERIES**



I am excited to present RHS Principal-Family Partnership series. All parents, guardians and families are welcome to join us from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the John Lane Auditorium on the evenings listed below. The informal presentations will serve to support families by bringing in outside resources and professionals to educate us on the most complex and current trends within the dedicated topics. Each date holds a unique theme and is designed to provide families with current information while allowing for open and meaningful dialogue to take place. The experience will foster the importance of school-family partnership in effectively managing the most complex of issues our teens face. The presentations will be led by outside professionals, but I will be at all meetings to learn, share and grow with you. I hope to see you all there!

November 7, 2019 – The Road to Commitment or Compromise – Vaping, Drugs & Health Decision-Making

January 23, 2020– Social Media Discussion – Bullying, Hidden Dangers & Current Trends

March 26, 2020 – Raising and Educating Resilient Children