

RW 6/7 Campus News

September 2018

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The mission of Rolland Warner Middle School is to develop critical thinkers who have the necessary skills for future success.



Mark Your Calendar

August 27

- First Day of School

August 29

- Meet the Teacher Night
5:30pm to 7pm
- Band Meeting 7:15 to 8:15
(all band students should attend in the cafeteria)

August 31 and September 3

- No School for ALL students for Labor Day Holiday

September 19

- PAC Meeting

September 20

- Awards Night
(8th grade 6-7pm,
7th grade 7-8pm)

September 24

- Picture Make-Up Day

October 1 and October 3

- Year-Round Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

October 5

- Year-Round No School

October 22 to October 25

- Year-Round Intersession

October 26

- No school for ALL students

October 29

- No school for Year-Round Students

Principal's Message

Monday is the big day for our traditional students. First day of school is August 27. The school day at Rolland-Warner (RW for short) is from 9:24am to 4:05pm (unless you have a zero-hour in which case you start earlier). We open the doors for students at 9am sharp. All students should have picked up their schedules last week during one of our schedule pickup days. They should use these schedules to start, but please see the note below pertaining to schedules. Year-round students should have received their new schedules earlier this week in class. If for some reason you were out of town or forgot about schedule pickup, students will be given their schedule when they arrive on Monday. You may want to show up a little bit early to allow a little extra time.

Each month we publish a newsletter. This is your go-to source for last month's highlights, upcoming important events, dates to remember, as well as any other pertinent information. They are usually released the first week of each month and will be accompanied by a phone blast, text message, and email to let you know the version is now available.

Schedule Crazyness!

If you attended my parent orientation meeting, you will know I mentioned that the schedule students received may very likely change before school starts, or in the first week or two of classes. The reason this happens is because over the summer our predicted student numbers change. Some families move away and we get several new families enrolled. This changes the dynamics of the schedule requiring adjustments to provide the best possible learning environment for students. This involves balancing class sizes, eliminating classes without enough students, and shifting things around. I understand this can be very confusing for the students. This is particularly true for our new 6th graders who have enough new things to adjust to. Throw a new schedule into that mix and you have the potential for a lot of anxiety (for parents too!). You can rest assured knowing that we will do everything we can to make this transition comfortable for the students. This includes extra staff in the hallway to assist, extra time during passing, and a lot of extra patience overall.

All students will receive a new copy of their schedule during 1st hour on Monday (first day of school). This will most likely be the same as the one they picked up at schedule pickup, but for many students it will be different. As I mentioned, we will have extra staff in the hallways to support them and help them get to where they need to be. Tardies are forgiven as well. We remember how much of a struggle the first couple days of middle school can be so we will make sure the wackiness of schedule adjustments doesn't ruin their experience. We appreciate your patience with the very complicated schedule process. It always works out in the end...it just takes a little time to iron out the wrinkles.

Late Buses!

A discussion on the beginning of the year crazyness wouldn't be complete without mention of late buses. When I say late buses, I mean LATE. Please do not be surprised if your child doesn't get off the bus until close to 6pm the first few days of school or is late arriving in the morning. The main reason this happens is RW is the final bus run of the day. The elementary schools, the other middle school, and the high school all have to complete their bus runs before we even start ours. For the safety of the students, each of these bus runs takes longer the first few days because we want to ensure every student is accounted for and is getting picked up and dropped off safely. If you have three different bus runs and they each get behind just a little bit, the last bus run (Rolland-Warner's) ends up being VERY late. Please do not be alarmed but know this is normal. If you have appointments or other engagements after school, please plan accordingly. This may include picking your child up from school on those days to make sure you are getting there on time. These delays dissipate a little bit more each day until finally after about a week we're running close to the normal schedule.

August 29 Meet the Teacher Night

Our Meet the Teacher Night (Curriculum Night) will be Wed, August 29th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to get to meet your child's teachers. We do this a little differently from the elementary schools as students have several teachers. This is **not drop-in**. Students should attend with you and they can take you through a simulated day for them. How it works is students/parents will start in the child's 1st hour class (or 0-Hour if they have it). After 10 minutes, we switch to 2nd hour where you meet with that teacher for 10 minutes and so on. PLTW teachers will be here in the library as well. Hope to you see you there!

- 0 - Hour – 5:30
- 1st Hour – 5:43
- 2nd Hour – 5:56
- 3rd Hour – 6:09
- 4th Hour – 6:22
- 5th Hour – 6:35
- 6th Hour – 6:48



Fall Athletics Update

We kicked off another season of athletics on August 20 with a week of tryouts and practices! We have 7th Grade Football, 7th Grade Sideline Cheer, 7th Grade Girls Basketball, and 6th & 7th Grade Cross Country!

We can't wait to see our all our students supporting our athletes and encourage students and parents to come support our RW athletes at a home event listed below. **We want to be the classiest teams around exhibiting the ultimate sportsmanship and school pride!**

2018-2019 CROSS COUNTRY					
Coach Ken Baginski			Coach Mandy Slawter		
Schedule			Location		
Tue, Sep 11	Davison	H	4:15pm	Rolland Warner	3145 W Genesee St, Lapeer 48446
Tue, Sep 18	Grand Blanc East	H	4:15pm	Rolland Warner	3145 W Genesee St, Lapeer 48446
Tue, Sep 25	Clio	A	4:15pm	Carter MS	300 Rogers Lodge Dr, Clio 48420
Tue, Oct 2	Holly	A	4:15pm	Holly MS	14470 N Holly Rd, Holly 48442
Sat, Oct 6	Several Teams	A	4:15pm	Almont HS	4701 Howland Rd, Almont 48003
Tue, Oct 9	Owosso	H	4:15pm	Rolland Warner	3145 W Genesee St, Lapeer 48446
Thu, Oct 11	Lapeer Invite	A	4:45pm	Torzewski Park	2051 Pero Lake Rd, Lapeer 48446
Thu, Oct 18	All League Teams	A	TBD	Holly MS	14470 N Holly Rd, Holly 48442
Boys' race time is 4:15 PM			Girls' race time is 4:45 PM		
Lapeer Invitational – Boys race time 4:45PM			Girls' race time is 5:15PM		

2018-2019 FOOTBALL					
Coach S. Brandt			Assistant B. Haggadone		
Schedule			Location		
Wed, Sep 5	Flushing scrimmage - 7 th and 8 th grade play at same time	A	4:15pm	Central Elementary	525 Coutant St, Flushing 48433
Thu, Sep 6	Oxford - 8 th grade plays first	A	3:00pm	Oxford Middle School	1420 Lakeville Rd, Oxford 48371
Wed, Sep 12	Cardinals - 8 th grade plays first	A	5:45pm	Davison MS	600 S. Dayton St, Davison 48423
Wed, Sep 19	Fenton - 8 th grade plays first	H	5:45pm	CFI Campus	170 Millville, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Sep 26	Davison - 8 th grade plays first	H	5:45pm	CFI Campus	170 Millville, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Oct 3	Carman Ainsworth - 8 th grade plays first	A	5:45pm	Carman Ainsworth MS	1409 W Maple Rd, Flint 48507
Wed, Oct 10	Grand Blanc East - 8 th grade plays first	H	5:45pm	CFI Campus	170 Millville, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Oct 17	Grand Blanc West	A	4:15pm	GB – East	6100 Perry St, Grand Blanc 48439
8 th grade plays first starting at 4:15pm. 2 nd game starts 10 mins after conclusion of 1 st game (@5:45pm)					

2018-2019 7th & 8th GRADE BASKETBALL					
Coach: Ray Turczyn					
Opponent			Location		
Mon, Sep 10	Carman Ainsworth	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Sep 12	Grand Blanc East	A	4:15pm	East MS	6100 Perry Rd, Grand Blanc 48439
Mon, Sep 17	Flushing	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Sep 19	Clio	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Mon, Sep 24	Brandon	A	4:15pm	Brandon MS	609 S Ortonville Rd, Ortonville 48462
Wed, Sep 26	Owosso	A	4:15pm	Owosso Jr High	219 N Water St, Owosso 48867
Mon, Oct 1	Holly	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Oct 3	Fenton	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Mon, Oct 8	Davison	A	4:15pm	Davison MS	600 S Dayton St, Davison 48423
Wed, Oct 10	Linden	A	4:15pm	Linden MS	15425 Lobdell Rd, Linden 48451
Mon, Oct 15	Grand Blanc West	H	4:15pm	Zemmer MS	1920 W Oregon, Lapeer 48446
Wed, Oct 17	Kearsley	A	4:15pm	Armstrong MS	6161 Hopkins Dr, Flint 48506
7 th grade plays first except home 7 th grade plays first except home					

Student Handbook Notes

Each month a couple areas of the student handbook will be highlighted. Don't forget the full student handbook can be found under the "Parents & Students" tab on our website at <http://rw.lapeerschools.org/>



Carrying Backpacks

A safe, secure learning environment is a priority at Rolland-Warner Middle School. Strict procedures are enforced to promote safety for all students and staff. Students will not be allowed to carry backpacks, large purses, shoulder bags, tote bags, or other types of satchels larger than a standard 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper during the school day in the hallways. Backpacks may be brought to school and kept in lockers but must remain in lockers from the start of first hour until the end of the school day. In addition to being a safety concern it really is not a very good life skill for them to cram all of their books and folders in the same backpack. Things become disorganized in backpacks and the weight of a full backpack isn't good for their backs.

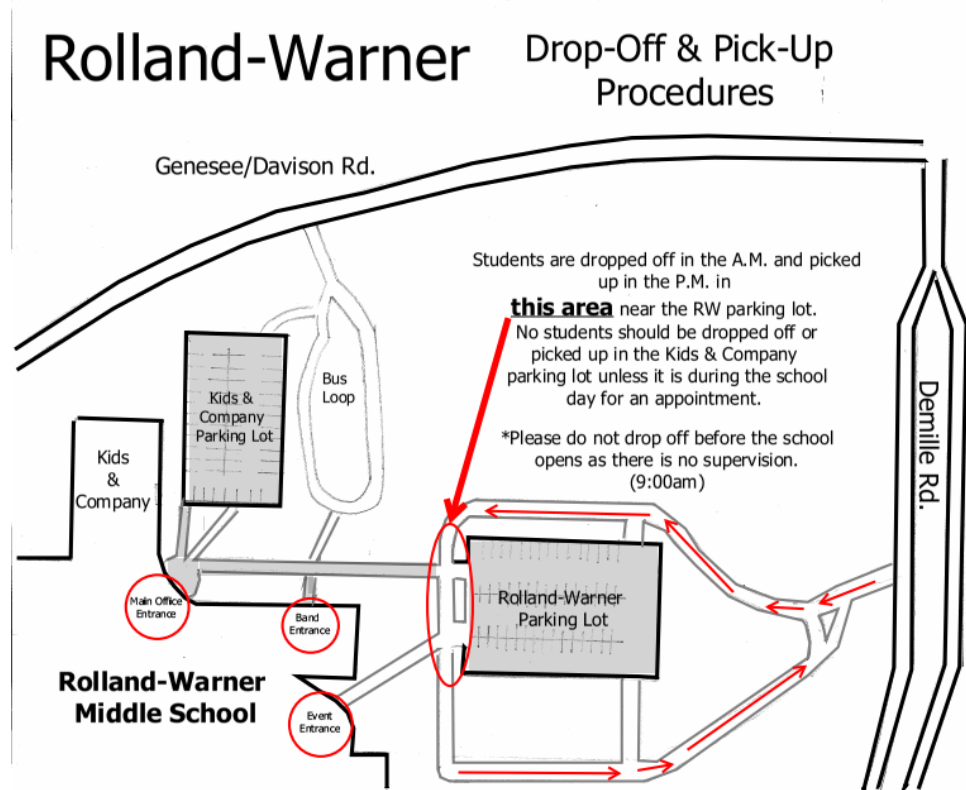
Safety Updates

We are very happy to announce several safety updates at Rolland-Warner this year.

- **Lapeer Police Department School Liaison Officer** – RW will now have a school liaison officer housed in the school. This officer provides another layer of safety for our staff and students, but also gives us a great resource for student interaction and support.
- **Program Support Employee** – RW will now have a program support employee (PSE) during school hours. This person will monitor hallways, restrooms, and other common areas during the day. This will help us ensure top notch student behavior, but also provide support to students throughout the day in all areas of the school.
- **Secure Main Entrance** – RW's (and all Lapeer Schools) main office entrance will now be locked at all times. Visitors will be asked to buzz in using the video intercom, and secretaries will be able to unlock doors remotely from their desks to allow entry. **Please bring a photo ID in the office when signing out students. You will be asked for this every time if secretaries are not familiar with you.** I even encourage you to bring your ID even if you are on a first name basis with secretaries because they often have substitutes who may not know you. We will begin using this new security measure as soon as the district has communicated the procedures to families on a large scale.

Drop Off and Pickup

I would be remiss if I mentioned school safety and did not promote careful driving and patience in our dropoff and pickup loop. The Transportation Research Board reports that 25,000 children are injured every year in school zone accidents. What this means is, while we place tremendous emphasis on building safety in many areas, students are probably much more likely to be injured or killed in the parking lot or within a quarter mile of the school. While no school has a perfect pickup and drop off routine, RW's is very efficient because we have such a nice big parking lot and long loop for cars on the East side of the building (off of Demille). Please wait patiently in the line to pick students up and drive very cautiously as you move through. **Also, all RW parents MUST use the lot off of Demille and NOT the Kids & Company lot for drop-off and pickup.** Please refer to the map at the end of the newsletter for specifics on the procedures.



Counselor's Corner

Here at Rolland-Warner we are fortunate to have 2 counselors to help support the needs of our students. Counselors work with the students on everything from personal issues to scheduling changes. Please keep in mind counselors are not administrators, so if students are having problems with other students that may involve discipline, please contact Mr. Meister the Dean of Students. Our counselors are Mrs. Price, who works with students with last names from A to K, and Mrs. Tibbitt who works with students with last names from L to Z. They can be reached at:

Mrs. Price (Students A to K)
810-538-2339 or
cprice@lapeerschools.org

Mrs. Tibbitt (Students L to Z)
810-538-2338 or
mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org

Substitute Teachers Needed

Attention Parents! Are you or anyone you know looking for a flexible day job?

Consider being a Substitute Teacher. Minimum educational requirement is 90 Credit Hours towards a Bachelors Degree. Select the district and school building in which you want to work. Choose the days you are available.

Pay Ranges from about \$65-\$85 per day.

Interested? Go to www.subpass.com and complete the online application and the free online training modules at www.gcntraining.com.

Check out our web site.

Questions? 866-782-7277.

Immunization Information

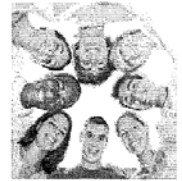


Immunization Information

What they need . . .

Where to get it . . .

Need more info? . . .



Summer break is almost here. The last thing on a parent's mind is what vaccines your son/daughter will need before school starts next fall . . . but, keeping them up to date helps to protect them from diseases that can cause serious health problems. It also helps to protect other persons who may not be able to receive the vaccine because of health problems or medications they take (such as steroids and chemotherapy).

One example is Pertussis (also called Whooping Cough). In some healthy adults symptoms can be mistaken for a "bad cold." However, this disease kills many infants who are not immune. We have had increased cases of Pertussis in Michigan, as well as in many other states.

Measles is also an issue. It may sound like a cliché, but vaccine preventable diseases are truly only a plane ride away. Due to "imported" cases, there are multiple outbreaks across the country primarily in unvaccinated individuals.

What is recommended?

*Tdap/DTaP	*MMR	*Hepatitis A
*Polio	*Varicella	*Hepatitis B
*HPV	*Meningococcal	

>> Unsure of what they need? Just ask. <<

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia offers some great information on immunizations. Check out their website at:
www.vaccine.chop.edu/parents

Where can you get your vaccine?

Lapeer County Health Department:

- Clinics are available here for those who are:
- *Enrolled in Medicaid
- *Native American or Alaskan Native
- *Uninsured
- *Insured, but with no coverage for vaccines.
- *Insurance: Call to see if we take yours.

Your Physician's Office:

Your physician's office is also a great place to check for immunizations.

Lapeer County Health Department Clinic Times

Normal Clinic Times:

Walk-in Immunizations Monday from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.; Appointments available Wednesday 8:30 – 11:30 & Thursday 1:00 – 3:45. Please call 810-667-0448 to schedule an appointment.

"Back to School":

We give immunizations throughout the year, but clinics become **very** busy in August. Call early to ensure your child(ren) can get their needed vaccines **before** school starts. Your child(ren) can be excluded on the first day of class if their vaccines are not up to date.

***PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID THE CROWDS – THE WEEKS BEFORE START OF SCHOOL ARE VERY BUSY!**

FOR APPOINTMENTS PHONE: 810-667-0448