



# ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

A World Class Education Powered by a Vision of Excellence

## *Principal's Message*

Hello Wildcats,

I hope this newsletter finds you having a wonderful summer. Before we begin to prepare for the 2017-2018 school-year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what was a great 2016-2017 school-year. I am proud to say that the Class of 2017's graduation rate was the highest in school's history, making this the third graduating class in a row that broke the school record and making it the first time that an RPBHS graduating class eclipsed the 90% graduation mark.

This past year also saw the school receive authorization as an IB World School and approval to start a Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. Our STEM Academy for the second year in a row was the district Overall SECME Champions and we had many students representing RPBHS that earned local, state, and national recognition. All in all, the 2016-2017 was a fabulous year and we expect to surpass all those great accomplishments this coming year.

The biggest change for next school year will be our bell schedule. We are moving the common period in our schedule from first period to fifth period. This means that fifth period will be the period that students go to every day. We have made this change after speaking with faculty and students and we believe that this will be most beneficial for our students. I encourage you to read through this newsletter for more information on this and other valuable information for this coming school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in August.

GO WILDCATS!

*Jesús Armas*

Jesús Armas, Ed.D.  
Principal



## *RPBHS Opening New Navy Junior ROTC Program*

Royal Palm Beach High School has been approved by the Department of the Navy and by the school district to establish a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

According to Principal Armas, "bringing a JROTC unit to Royal Palm Beach High School (RPBHS) is yet another triumph for our school as we continue to further our vision of excellence by advancing our comprehensive plan of bringing a variety of Career Academies and International Programs to Royal Palm Beach High School and the Royal Palm Beach community." JROTC is now the fifth Career Academy and the fourth International Program available to RPBHS students, including the prestigious IB program.

If you are an underclassman and interested in joining our JROTC Program please contact our Guidance Department at 561-753-4020.



## Registration

Parents of new or unregistered students may call 561-753-4020 for registration appointments or come in on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 4:00pm or Thursdays from 9:00am - 12:00pm on the following dates:

Tuesdays:	Thursdays:
7/11	7/13
7/18	7/20
7/25	7/27
8/1	8/3

For more information visit:

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students/studentinfo/>

## Reminders from Student Services

RPBHS follows the School District of Palm Beach County Dress Code Policy 5182;

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students/studenthandbooks/> pages 13-14. Parents and students are asked to read through the dress code to ensure that students are properly attired starting on the first day of school as dress code will be enforced.

RPBHS has also added the following requirements:

**HATS/ HEADWEAR:** Students are not allowed to wear hats at any time throughout the day. Hoodies and skull caps are only allowed during cold weather.

**STUDENT IDs:** All students must wear their current school issued identification card at all times throughout the school day.

**EAR BUDS:** Students listening to music may use “ear bud” style headphones in ONE EAR ONLY. Students may not wear “ear buds” in both ears unless directed to do so by their teacher in an educational setting. “Over the Ear” style headphones (i.e. Beats) are prohibited.



## Staying Connected

Download our RPBHS App today! Go to your app store, search RPBHS app, and then download.



Follow us on Twitter @RPBHSOfficial

Join our Community and Class Remind. The RPBHS Community Remind messages are directly from Dr. Armas.

To receive class, community, and RPBHS information via text message, simply text the appropriate class code listed below to **81010**:

RPBHS Community (Dr. Armas) – @rpbhsinfo  
 Class of 2018 – @rpb18  
 Class of 2019 – @rpb19  
 Class of 2020 – @rpb20  
 Class of 2021 – @rpb21

## Apply for Free and Reduced Lunch

There are many benefits with Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) including college application waivers, ACT and SAT waivers, along with reduced lunch prices. The application must be filled out every year. Please go to <https://mealapps.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/> and complete the application today.

## Transportation

The School District of Palm Beach County Transportation Services Department is dedicated to partnering with schools, families, and communities to provide safe and efficient transportation in support of school programs and services.

Please visit <https://transintranet.palmbeachschools.org/findmybustop.aspx> for up to date bus information. Contact the Transportation Call Center at (561) 357-1110 from 7:00am - 6:00pm with all transportation questions.

## Back-to-School Nights

Join us for our Back to School Nights from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

**Seniors: Monday, August 7**

**Juniors: Tuesday, August 8**

**Sophomores: Wednesday, August 9**

Students who attend will have their first opportunity to:

- Get their schedule, locker, ID, and textbooks
- Buy your Class Shirt
- Learn about Senior Dues
- Place orders for Cap & Gown, Class Rings, and senior merchandise with Herff Jones
- And much, much more!

**Make-up for all grades: Friday, August 11, from 12:00pm - 3:30pm.**

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## Freshman Orientation

Join us for an exciting day-long program planned for RPBHS' new Class of 2021 designed to acclimate students to life at RPBHS. The freshman orientation program is Thursday, August 10, from 8:00am - 2:15pm.

Parents are invited to attend a closing informational session from 2:15pm - 3:15pm in the Auditorium.

Lunch will be provided to all students, courtesy of National Honor Society.

Orientation is intended for incoming 9th grade students only. Siblings and current high school students may not attend.

\*\*Please note, transportation to and from Freshman Orientation will not be provided by RPBHS\*\*

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## Vaccinations

Don't wait to vaccinate. Up to date immunizations and physicals are required for all students to return to school on August 14.



## Student Parking

Student parking on campus has been reorganized for the 2017-2018 school year.

Student parking permits cost \$50.00 and may be purchased from Mr. Hagans in Student Services. The first opportunity for Seniors to purchase a parking decal is Monday, August 7, at Senior Night Back to School Night from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

On Monday, August 14, any eligible student may purchase a parking permit.

To purchase a parking decal, students must present:

- valid vehicle registration
- valid auto insurance (indicating the student driver as covered)
- valid driver's license

The parking permit grace period of two weeks will be in effect to allow students ample time to purchase their parking decal. On Tuesday, August 28, the student parking lots will begin to be monitored for parking decal compliance. **Vehicles out of compliance will receive a parking violation notice and may be subject to towing for continued violations.**

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## Open House

Mark your calendars for RPBHS' Open House scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**, at 6:00pm. Our Open House program will consist of informal presentations to help you get acquainted with your child's teacher and gain insight into your child's curriculum, related instructional materials, classroom rules and procedures, and other details that will affect your child's learning this year.

As a tradition, PTSO will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the RPBHS Cafeteria. More information on how to order coming soon.

## SAC and PTSO Dates

Parents are encouraged to join the School Advisory Council (SAC) and/or the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO). Parent volunteers serving on these two committees are one of the most important resources to RPBHS.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is August 22, 2017, at 6:00pm in the Media Center.

The Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Media Center before SAC, but a special Back to School meeting will be held on **August 15, at 6:00pm** in the Media Center.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved are more successful in school.

## RPBHS Legacy Walkway

The PTSO is offering a very unique opportunity to leave your mark at Royal Palm Beach High School, by purchasing an Engraved Brick. This offer is open to anyone who wants to leave a legacy at our newly built National Honor Society butterfly garden located in front of the main entrance. What a great way to be remembered or to acknowledge a special time or person. It's also a great graduation gift idea! **BUT HURRY BECAUSE THIS OPPORTUNITY IS LIMITED TO ONLY 500 BRICKS!**

You can purchase bricks through the following website:  
<http://www.brickmarkersusa.com/donors/rpbhs.html>

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## New Bell Schedule

RPBHS will be moving from a daily first period class to a daily fifth period class. See the new bell schedule below:

Alternating Block Schedule			
Period		Start Time	End Time
1/2		7:30 AM	9:12 AM
3/4		9:18 AM	11:00 AM
5		11:06 AM	1:00 PM
Lunch A	<b>Lunch A</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>11:33 AM</b>
	Class	11:38 AM	1:00 PM
Lunch B	Class	11:06 AM	11:46 AM
	<b>Lunch B</b>	<b>11:46 AM</b>	<b>12:19 PM</b>
Lunch C	Class	11:06 AM	12:27 PM
	<b>Lunch C</b>	<b>12:27 PM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
Announcements/AVID Time Embedded into 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Class			
6/7		1:06 PM	2:48 PM

This new bell schedule has six minutes transition time with no warning bell.

## Mandatory Athletics Night

Interested in playing a sport? Join us for our Athletics Back to School Night on Monday, August 14, at 6:00pm in the RPBHS Cafeteria. This is your chance to meet the coaches, learn what's expected from student athletes, find out what insurance forms are needed, and much, much more!

### RPBHS Vision

Royal Palm Beach Community High School is dedicated to meeting the holistic needs of students.

This will be achieved by ensuring:

- > a safe, respectful, culturally conscious environment
- > rigorous academics with personalized learning
- > a variety of extracurricular activities

This will all be accomplished while building parent and community involvement and maintaining open communication among all stakeholders.

Students will graduate with pride and confidence, prepared to succeed in their post-secondary endeavors and become inquiring, lifelong learners and productive, global citizens.

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