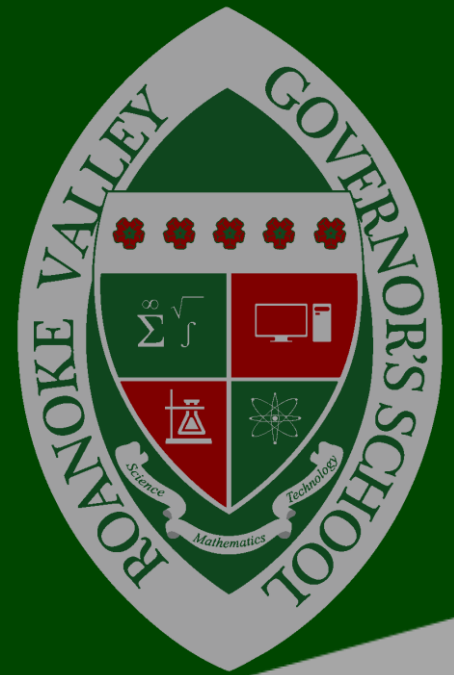


RVGS Back to School Night 2023



*Students: please sign up for the RVGS2023
Remind group (text @rvgs2023 to 81010 or
go to remind.com/join/rvgs2023)*

Mark Levy
Director

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540-853-2116



Where to find RVGS Back to School Information

- Back to school information is centralized on the “Back to School Center” on the RVGS website. This can be found under “Announcements” on the RVGS website. The link has also been emailed to the students and families.



Communication

- School website
- www.rvgs.k12.va.us
- School calendar (on website)
- Class websites
- Social media (@RVGSLabRats)
- RVGS Newsletters
- Emails from the director, counselor, and teachers
- Verify your email address
- Automated calls/texts
- Online gradebook access (ParentVue)
- Parent-teacher conferences on **Nov. 6 and Feb. 19** (by appointment)
- Three interim grade reports per semester
- Semester report cards



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WELCOME TO RVGS
**FLOYD COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Floyd County Public Schools has become a participating school division of the Roanoke Valley Governor's School and will send students to RVGS starting in the fall of the 2023-24 school year!

With the addition of Floyd County, RVGS now serves students from 8 schools.



RVGS Student Project Forum

- **Saturday, February 3, 2024 (inclement weather day February 10, 2024)**
- Student participation is mandatory
- Important event showcasing the students' research efforts.
- A variety of other science fairs will occur throughout the year and information will be provided at the relevant times





School Forms

We use a digital form to collect combined information for back to school forms:

- The form must be completed by the parent, not the student.
- If you have more than one student at RVGS, you need to complete the form separately for each.
- The link to the form can be found on the Back to School Center page.
- A note about the media release...

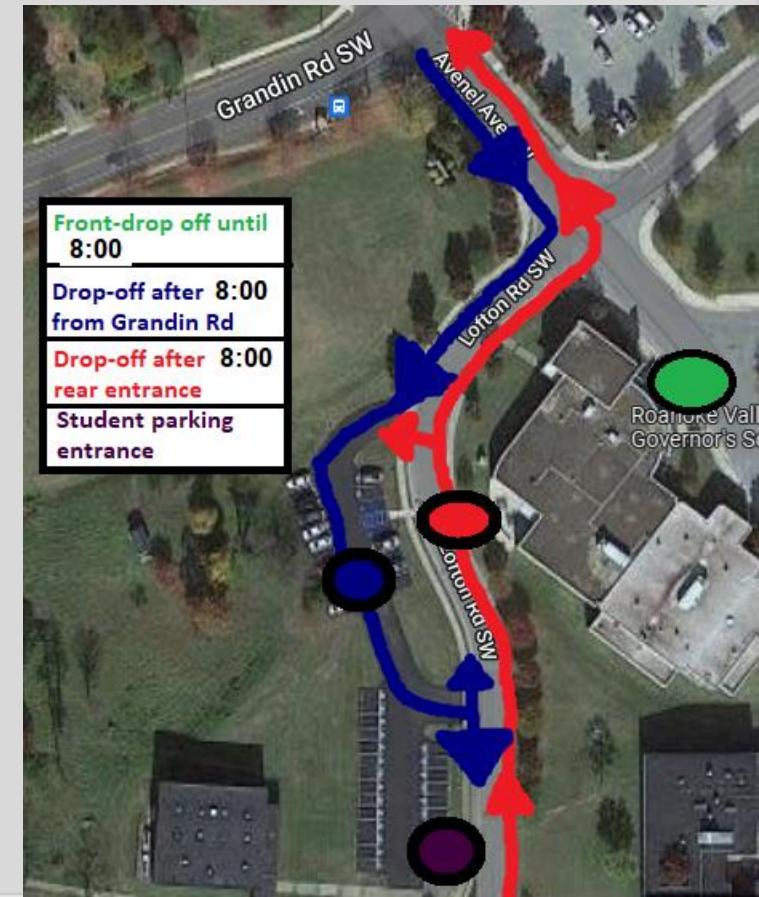
Forms NOT included in the combined online form:

- RCPS Acceptable Use Policy Statement
- Medical form (pink form)
- \$20 lab fee – paid online, by credit card, or check
 - A general note about fees and other expenses
- RCPS Student Code of Conduct
- T-shirt order form



Student Drop Off

- Parents dropping off or picking up students are reminded the Patrick Henry parking lot is a high traffic area.
- **Do not u-turn in the parking lot to leave.**
- Students should not be dropped off in front of the school after 8:00 am
- After 8:00, students should be dropped off at the road that runs behind RVGS
- Students pick up should be at the rear of the building. Please use available parking behind RVGS or pull down the road before parking to wait to allow space behind you for others.





Student Parking

- Students are generally expected to ride the bus. Exceptions may be made for students based on proximity to RVGS or personal need.
- Eligible students may purchase a RVGS student parking sticker to park in the RVGS student parking lot (\$20).
- **Patrick Henry students are not permitted to park in the RVGS lot and must get their parking pass from PHHS.**
- Students can obtain a one-day parking pass if they need to drive on a particular day.
- Illegally-parked cars are subject to fines or towing.
- Students receive their parking passes from the main office.
- Students should park in the RVGS student parking lot, not the faculty lot or other locations
 - If space is full, we have some overflow space by the baseball field behind ROTEC.



Building Entry

- Students will enter the building through the front entrance upon arrival.
- The doors will be open for AM students to enter from 7:45 to 8:30. Doors will be open for PM students from 12:45 to 12:55.
- Students arriving late will check in at the kiosk.
- If a student is arriving late for medical or other excused reason, please provide a note.
- All doors are secured during the school day and students will not open doors for people to enter. Visitors or late arrivals need to enter through the front entrance.



Attendance

- If absence is known in advance, please notify the school prior to the absence.
- We need a parent note for all absences, provided to Mrs. Buch.
- Extended unexcused absences (3+ days) will result in a 10% grade penalty. Please contact Mr. Levy regarding extended absences.

Leaving Early

- Either a parent/guardian note or in-person sign-out in the office is required for early dismissal.
- We only release students to parents/guardians or people listed as emergency contacts. Driver's license is needed as ID.
- Early dismissal/absence for athletics or extracurricular activities require request from home school.



Cell Phones/Personal Tech

- Students may use their cell phones in the hallway and student center between classes and during breaks unless otherwise specified by the teacher.
- Students will turn off (or mute) all electronic devices including cell phones when entering the classroom and place them in the designated cell phone caddy.
- Smart watches will not be worn during class (can be placed in caddy or in backpack).
- Earbuds are not permitted in the classroom.
- If parents need to contact a student during class, they should call the RVGS office (853-2116).



Calendar/Schedule Differences

- RVGS follows Roanoke City for weather related closures
 - If school is delayed two hours then the morning session will not meet.
 - Students are not expected to come to school in unsafe situations or if buses are not running.

Schedule Differences NOT Related to Inclement Weather

- RVGS follows the Roanoke City Public Schools calendar with the one exception of a scheduled non-student day on February 6. Students are expected to attend on days RVGS is open, even when their home school doesn't have classes.
- Winter break and spring break mismatches.



Academic Integrity

- Cheating, plagiarism and other violations of academic integrity will be treated seriously.
- This is not limited to quizzes or tests - students need to be attentive to group work guidelines and other expectations from teachers.
- There will be no 'warnings' given. Integrity violations will result in a zero and the home school will be notified (impacting honor society, etc). A second offense will initiate discussions for the student to return to their home school.

A note about accountability and due dates



School Safety and Security

- We work hard to make RVGS a safe environment for our students.
- That said - it is right and prudent to stay vigilant and place appropriate priority on student safety
- **Students should never prop a door open or open a door for someone outside the building**
- Where parents can help:
 - Entrance: Buzzing in, no 'tail-gating', etc.
 - Communicate concerns to us
 - Talk to your students about supporting school procedures
- **Building evacuation/significant emergency → division bus handles transportation to allow clear and swift procedures**



Medication

- We follow the Roanoke City School Board policies regarding medications at school:
 - Prescription medications can be kept in the office for administration at appropriate times. They must be provided directly by the parent in the original container and written permission must be provided. Please contact Mrs. Buch to make these arrangements.
- Self-administration of non-prescription medication requires the medication to be a single dose, in the original container and appropriately labeled with the manufacturer's directions. Students cannot share this medication with others.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Buch for more information.



Time Management

- Make good use of time in school
- Efficient** study time outside of school
 - Distraction free location, scheduled time, etc
- Be vigilant regarding time wasting activities!
- Reasonable extracurricular activities
 - Make choices, one cannot do everything
 - Control time at jobs
- Time to relax
- Sleep is important
- Homework time targets up to 45 min per class; shouldn't be more than an hour on a heavy night...but split attention or catching up can make it worse



Student Supports

- RVGS Determined
- Counseling support with Mrs. Sebolt
- Time management help with Mr. Levy and/or Mrs. Sebolt
- College application help with Mrs. Sebolt **college prep meeting on 9/7*
- Anonymous Reporting app (goes to both Mr. Levy and Mrs. Sebolt)
- Emotional needs
- Academic integrity
- Concern for a peer
- Classroom concerns





Parent Volunteers and Fundraising

- We appreciate your help to maintain a high-quality program at RVGS.
- The RVGS Foundation serves as our parent organization.
- You can indicate interest in volunteer opportunities on the back to school mega-form online.
- In the winter you will receive information about our Annual Appeal and Silent Auction
- In the meantime, please sign up with our Kroger's and Amazon Smile donation accounts (information provided on Back to School Center).



Student Re-Evaluation Policy

- Students are required to maintain at least a **B** average in math and science classes
- If a student receives a “**C**” at the end of the year, they are placed on academic probation.
- At the beginning of a probation year a “plan of action” is developed by student, teachers, counselor, and parents.
- Extra monitoring of student grades during the probation year
- Student must have a “**B**” end-of-year average in math and science courses to stay at **RVGS**



Technology Use

- Students must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy to access RVGS computers. Realize this prohibits:
 - Logging personal devices into the school network (Mr. Divers can log in laptops for the students)
 - Attempting to bypass the internet filter
 - Attempt to alter the hardware or software on any computer for any reason
 - Attempt to copy licensed software from RVGS
 - Use technology in class in ways not allowed by the teacher such as playing games, surfing the web, etc.



How to Contact Us

- School phone: 540.853.2116
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- Kathy Sebolt, Counseling
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- Paula Buch, School Secretary and Attendance
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- Website: www.rvgs.k12.va.us