September 18, 2020

River Dell 9th Grade Parents/Guardians,

It is our hope this letter finds you and your families healthy and having a successful start to the school year. As you are already aware, Monday, October 5th, will mark the start of the in-person/hybrid schedule at River Dell High School. Cohort A will be in the building on Mondays and Thursdays. Cohort B will be attending school on Tuesdays and Friday. On Wednesdays, no students will be in the building, as instruction will be conducted in an all virtual format. One thing that will not be different about this school year is the level of uncertainty 9th graders may feel about walking the halls and locating the correct classrooms within the school. These feelings are not uncommon, and it is for this reason that River Dell High School will be offering building tours on four dates leading up to October 5th. Please review the following information that outlines all the specifics of the in-person tours.

- **Tour dates will be 9/24, 9/25, 10/1 and 10/2**
- Each day will be divided up alphabetically
  - Thursday, 9/24 Letter A-F
  - Friday, 9/25 Letter G-L
  - Thursday, 10/1 Letter M-R
  - Friday, 10/2 Letter S-Z
- These larger groups will be divided into four to five smaller groups
- Tours will be led by administrators and/or guidance counselors each day
- Tours start at 2:15 on assigned days and should last between 30-40 minutes
- **This is an OPTIONAL activity and will excuse 9th graders, due to travel needs, from their period 8 class on the day they come to the HS.**
- If students do not wish to attend, they must be present virtually for their 8th period class.
- If your choice is to participate, please acknowledge through an email to Mr. Hirsch at michael.hirsch@riverdell.org
- A video showcasing a virtual tour of RDHS will be released on September 23rd for students looking to develop an idea of the layout or for opt out students to use.
- Face coverings are mandatory, and students will not be allowed to come in the building without one
- All groups will meet at the cafeteria doors in the main lot connected to Fifth Ave on the River Edge side and Pyle St. on the Oradell side where smaller groups will be assigned
We all look forward to seeing students again and it is our hope that as many freshmen as possible will attend the tours. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email any RDHS administrator.

Sincerely,

The River Dell High School Administrative Team

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