

# Parent-Teacher Night & Open House (General Session Notes)

The Rock School, August 26, 2019

1. Communications
  - a. Communications Director – Kayla Pollard – [kpollard@trsonline.org](mailto:kpollard@trsonline.org)
  - b. ParentsWeb – [www.therocklions.com/parentsweb](http://www.therocklions.com/parentsweb)
    - i. Email & Text Updates
    - ii. Logins available tonight
    - iii. Will become single platform for everything (replaces Schoology)
    - iv. NEED TO DO: login and update demographics in your account
2. Attendance Policies – [www.therocklions.com/handbook](http://www.therocklions.com/handbook)
  - a. We do not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences. All absences are deemed excused and students are granted permission to make up missed work.
  - b. Attendance in grades K-5 is recorded as *daily* attendance. Students are marked present or absent at the beginning of the day.
  - c. Attendance in grades 6-12 is recorded as *period* attendance. Students are marked present or absent at the beginning of each class period. If a student is more than 10 minutes tardy to class, it is recorded as an absence. *A student in grades 6-12 who is absent from a class period more than 9 times in a semester will not receive credit for that course for that semester.*
3. Sickness Policy - [www.therocklions.com/handbook](http://www.therocklions.com/handbook)
  - a. Your Child May Return to School When:
    - Free from a fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication and exhibits no other symptoms
    - Incubation period for any communicable disease has passed
    - On the required antibiotics for at least 24 hours
    - No nits or lice in hair/scalp are found
    - Has not vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours
    - When we receive a note from your child's doctor specifying that your child's continued symptoms are not contagious to others
4. Discipline Policies - [www.therocklions.com/handbook](http://www.therocklions.com/handbook)
  - a. Students receive demerits for Level I, II, & III infractions. The number of demerits is based upon the severity of the infraction and the number of previous infractions. *A student who accumulates 30 demerits during the school year may be dismissed at that time.*
5. Cell Phones & Electronics Policies - [www.therocklions.com/handbook](http://www.therocklions.com/handbook)
  - a. GRADES K-8: all electronic devices, including, but not limited to cell phones, laptops, tablets, iPads, headphones, AirPods, and portable gaming devices are prohibited at The Rock School at all times for students in grades K-8. This includes before and after school, lunch, study halls, PE, assemblies, on school vehicles/buses, and on field trips. (Middle school students may use a phone after school to communicate with their parents via call or text.)
  - b. GRADES 9-12: While appreciating the usefulness of these devices (cell phones, laptops, tablets, iPads, headphones, AirPods, etc.) our school community also recognizes that they can become a distraction. Therefore, the use of these devices will not be permitted during school hours when they are not required by staff for students' learning, including classrooms, breaks, lunch, and assemblies.

6. Accreditation – October 24-25, 2019
  - a. Look for a parent survey link via email next week
  - b. NEED TO DO: Submit Updated Forms
    - i. Immunizations
    - ii. Physical Forms
    - iii. Birth Certificates (NEW requirement)
7. Spirit Store – [www.therocklions.com/store](http://www.therocklions.com/store)
  - a. Flash Sale – open until midnight on August 28
8. Picture Day
  - a. Wednesday, August 28 – Seniors Portraits
  - b. Thursday, August 29 – All School
  - c. Order forms available in the office (pre-orders only, except seniors)
9. Yearbooks For Sale – [www.therocklions.com/yearbook](http://www.therocklions.com/yearbook)
  - a. Order early and save! The sooner you order, the more you save!
10. Elementary Sports (Grades K-5)
  - a. Fall – flag football (deadline to register is August 31)
  - b. Winter – basketball
  - c. Spring – Soccer
  - d. Elementary Sports Director - Billy Tisko, [btisko@trsonline.org](mailto:btisko@trsonline.org)
11. Band Program (Grades 4-8)
  - a. Grades 4/5 Band starts this week
  - b. Band Director – Cody Ray, [cray@trsonline.org](mailto:cray@trsonline.org)
12. Help Wanted! – Nancy Lundy, [nlundy@trsonline.org](mailto:nlundy@trsonline.org)
  - a. Lunch Volunteers
  - b. Substitute Teachers
13. Dismissal Procedures
  - a. No early dismissals (checking out) after 2:30p.
  - b. NEW: No walk-up pick-up at afternoon car line until after 3:30p.

**PARENTS TO-DO LIST:**

- Login to ParentsWeb and update account information, including email and phone numbers.
- Provide a copy of each child' birth certificate to the school office (accreditation requirement)
- Take the Parent Survey when you receive the link in September (accreditation requirement)
- Read the Student Handbook - [www.therocklions.com/handbook](http://www.therocklions.com/handbook)
- Order Spirit Wear & Yearbooks (optional)
- Register for Flag Football and/or Band (optional)
- Email Nancy to be a lunch volunteer or a substitute teacher (optional)