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Dear Ryan School Students and Parents/Guardians:

We hope that this letter finds you soaking in the sun and chasing every summer adventure that you can find. The start of the 2024-2025 school year is almost here and with this comes anticipation, excitement and maybe even some nervousness (our staff feels the same way). Once again, we will kick off our school year with our building-wide Growth Rally helping us to build an inclusive school community. These initial orientation days will help us establish routines and expectations, and set our students up for success while of course getting to know their teachers and connecting with classmates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSES:

We have a new process that will be rolled out this school year. Accident illness forms, Allergy surveys and over the counter medication forms will be on our new platform Droplet. Please watch for this email to arrive on 8/20/24. These forms need to be filled out annually. It is crucial we have the most up to date information on your student for their success and safety.

If you have any medical concerns about your student, please reach out to your school nurse via email to set up a time to speak or meet with them. They will get back to you as soon as they are back from summer break.

Each year we also ask parents and guardians to read and review the [Student Handbook](#) and [Acceptable Use Procedures \(AUP\)](#) with your child. The Student Handbook sign-off sheet has been included in this mailing and must be returned acknowledging you and your student have reviewed the Student Handbook. Teachers will collect this form on the first day of school. The links to the Student Handbook and Acceptable Use Procedures are below.

[All Student Handbooks](#)

[Acceptable Use Procedures \(AUP\)](#)

[Spanish~ AUP](#) [Portuguese~AUP](#) [Arabic~ AUP](#)

[Russian - AUP](#) [Haitian Creole - AUP](#)

Please take the time to read below all of the following information we have included regarding upcoming events and procedures. As always, please visit the [Tewksbury Public Schools](#) webpage for updates and information.

Prior to school starting, we invite students *accompanied by a parent or caregiver*, to visit the Ryan School for a self-guided tour of the building. These tours are scheduled for **Tuesday, August 20 from 1- 3PM and Wednesday, August 21 at 10AM - 12PM** at the Ryan School (please enter through the main lobby entrance). Please feel free to come in anytime during those hours to look around. *Important note: teachers may be working classrooms, and classrooms will not be open to enter.

The Ryan School's **Open Houses** for parents and caregivers only and will explain new school procedures, curriculum and assessment overviews, and give parents and guardians time to visit their child's classrooms and meet their teachers.

Grade 6 on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 6-8 PM

Grade 5 on Thursday, September 5, 2024 from 6-8 PM

** Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held this year on November 12, 2024, and March 4, 2025.*

All incoming 5th graders will receive a Chromebook in their homeroom on the first day of school. These devices are owned by the school district but will be assigned to the students through grade 8. Any damage to the device could result in a cost to the student (up to \$200). Optional insurance can be purchased to cover all damages for \$62. Insurance is free for students on Free and Reduced lunch plans. Please contact Deb Mugford and ask her to send your information to the IT department to get free insurance. We highly recommend purchasing insurance for your student's Chromebook to cover any damages that may occur while the device is being used. [Click here](#) to purchase insurance and for all information regarding the TPS 1:1 program.

This year we will be returning to an A - E day schedule rather than Monday - Friday. The Ryan School hours are 8:10 AM - 2:30 PM with drop off and homeroom beginning at 7:55 AM. * Students arriving after 8:10 AM are tardy and must be signed into school in the main office by an adult. We will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.

Student's team and homeroom number will be available on Aspen once the district updates for this school year. ****Please note that team placements are subject to change based on student service delivery and accommodations that are required.***

Our summer reading novel this year is The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies. [Click Here](#) to access the parent letter and [Click Here](#) to access the choice board.

Drop off and pick up for students is one way around both the Ryan and Center Schools, and bus routes will be posted on the TPS website near the start of the school year. More details regarding bus routes will be provided by the district prior to the start of school.

Aspen Student Portal: <https://ma-tewksbury.myfollett.com/aspen/logon.do>

We are looking forward to a great year!

Thank you,
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