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Superintendent's Letter

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I am eagerly anticipating the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year! My first impression of the Russellville community is how welcoming the community has been, not only to me but to my family. My wife, Brooke, was invited to social events and my two sons Tate and Trae, incoming students at Russellville, were instantly included with other students, teachers, and coaches.

My priorities as the new superintendent this upcoming year will be to:

1. Build relationships with students, staff, and the community
2. Listen, ask questions, and learn from others
3. Find ways to help others

My goal as the Superintendent is to align with our upcoming Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The goals were developed from staff, parents, and community members. I will work hard to ensure those goals are achieved in the next five years. Our new CSIP will be rolled out to all staff during our opening session on August 18th, and then put on our district website. I believe we have a tremendous district and we are in a great place! However, I do not want folks to become complacent or simply settle. I want us to continue with a growth mindset and strive to be the very best district we are capable of being!

I look forward to a wonderful school year! Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,
Jeff Jennewein
Superintendent



BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN: AUGUST 18TH 6-7 PM

GRADES 1-6: AUGUST 22ND 5:30 - 7:30 PM
5TH/6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING
@ 6:00 PM IN THE ELEMENTARY GYM

Park Street: Beginning **August 8**, the street that runs in front of school will become one way at all times. You will no longer be able to turn right at the stop sign located in front of the funeral home to go down the hill to Hatler St. Also, you will not be able to make a left hand turn out of the gravel lot.

Junior High/High School Open House

Monday, August 22, 6:00-8:00PM

Junior High parent meeting 7:30PM, JH/HS gym

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 24 — FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, August 25 — FULL DAY — NO early release

Monday, August 29th — PICTURE DAY — PreK-12

Junior High/High School Back to School Information



**Junior High & High School
Grades 7-12
Schedule Pick-up / Registration**

JUNIORS & SENIORS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

7TH & 8TH GRADES / NEW STUDENTS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 (NOON - 6:00 PM)



****Note:** If your assigned date does not work with your schedule, please come on one of the other registration dates.

Monday, August 8—First day of fall athletic practice — High School

Monday, August 15 — First day of fall athletic practice — Junior High

New Arrival and Dismissal Procedures — Junior High/High School building

Arrival at the JH/HS Building

School doors open at 7:30 AM at the Junior High / High School building. Students may enter the building from the circle drive on the south or the parking lot by the baseball field on the east. No other doors are open for student entrance. All high school students should report to the cafeteria upon entering the building. All junior high students will report directly to the gym or to the cafeteria for breakfast first and then to the gym.

After 8:00 AM, all students must enter the doors off the south circle drive and check in at the main office.

Dismissal at the JH/HS Building

Bus riders and parent pick-ups will be dismissed first at 3:21 PM. School buses will pick up in the circle drive. Parent-pick up will take place in the parking lot to the west of the school by the football field. Student drivers will be dismissed at 3:25 PM. All student drivers are encouraged to exit the school using the north entrance. Please do not block the circle drive after school. Thursday dismissal times will be 2:25 for bus riders and parent pick-ups, and 2:29 for student drivers.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS from the Nurse Christie Murphy, RN

Following are some reminders for the 2022-2023 school year affecting certain grade levels and all students due to current Missouri state laws.

8th Grade: Tdap and MCV4 Vaccinations: Tdap (tetanus booster with pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) vaccines are required for students enrolled in 8th grade. **The deadline to submit proof of Tdap and MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.** If your child needs this immunization, contact your physician or clinic. Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV4, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to Christie Murphy, RN. The vaccines may also be received at the Cole County Health Department. Bring your child's immunization record with you. For more information, their phone number is 573-636-2181.

12th Grade: MCV4 vaccinations (2 doses): Two doses of MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) are required for students enrolled in 12th grade. If the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older, then only one dose is required. **The deadline to submit proof of MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.**

Kindergarten Immunizations: A current and updated immunization record must be provided to the school before they can attend. The final set of vaccinations that Kindergarten enrollees must receive after their 4th birthday and before entering Kindergarten include: another Dtap, polio, a 2nd MMR, and a 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If the child has had chickenpox disease, proof of disease must be provided in the form of a written statement signed by a physician documenting the month and year the child had chickenpox. Parental verification is not accepted. Immunizations can be obtained through the child's physician or by appt. at the Cole Co. Health Dept. For more information, call 573-636-2181.

District-wide Medication policy reminder for all grades: Medication must be delivered to and picked up from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult. Long-term daily prescription medications given during school hours require a written physician authorization as well as a pharmacy-labeled container. **New authorization is required for the new school year even if there was no change to your child's prescription.** If the dosage changes during the school year, an updated authorization is also required. Additional rules to the medication policy are in the school handbooks. For clarification, call me at 782-3061.

Student health history forms: In August, your child will bring home a new Student Health Information form. All students **must** return this form each school year. Please ensure that the pain reliever and cough drop permission line is marked according to your preference for such medications to be administered to your child as needed from the nurse's supply.

Food substitutions: If your child will require food substitutions due to a medically diagnosed condition, a specific form entitled "**Medical Statement for Student Requiring Special Meals**" will need to be completed by their physician. Copies of the form are available in the school nurse's office or on the school website. Note: *This form must be in place before dietary accommodations can be made.

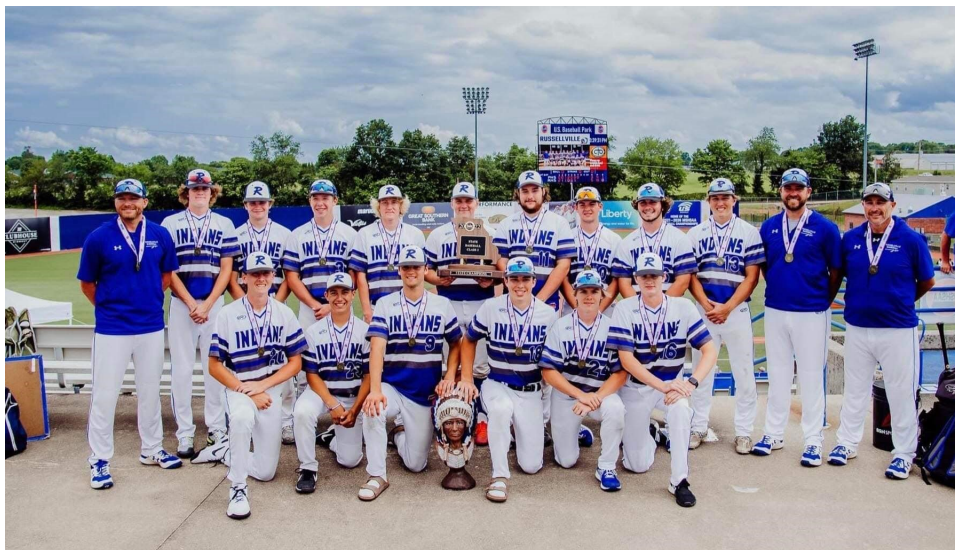
Nurse's section website: Check out the **Nurse and Wellness** link on the school district website home page to find medication forms, health condition forms, and the food substitution form.

Have a safe and active summer! Remember to wear sunscreen.

Happy Late 4th of July! Senior BETA returned from National BETA Convention on July 5th. Eleven of our students attended convention in Nashville, TN from July 1-4 and Isabel Crews brought home a 4th place in division 1 academic language arts. If you see her this summer please congratulate her on her win!



Russellville Indians Baseball 2022 Class 2A State Champions!



Evangel College Football Camp June 2022

A lot of young men worked really hard for two days at team camp and ours were no exception. We are so proud of our athletes who took on quality competition at a tough camp and did great! Kids were having fun and we finished well in the jamboree scoring 2 TDs in 8 plays and not allowing any scores and only 1 first down in 8 plays!



Athletic Enhancement Night of Champions

The Night of Champions to celebrate hard work and improvements from summer athletic enhancement was awesome! 55+ athletes from 7th-12th grade showed off their gains in strength and speed followed by a great time playing yard games under the lights. We are very proud of all athletes on their hard work this summer!



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WELCOME BACK! AUGUST 24, 2022

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Sub bus drivers needed—Please contact
Tina Weber at 573-690-3256.

Substitute Teachers—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$85 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website: coler1indians.socs.net. Or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.