



The Rock Academy

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Dear TRA Families,

We are about to start our 12th year and I am very excited to see what the Father will do in and through us. There are many changes and quite frankly there have been some real challenges to opening on time. I am confident that we can work out the logistics and the small bumps in the road! I thank you for your patience and support. Your kind words have been a blessing to me. Thank you so much!

Here are some important notes.

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN: For grades 5th -12th arriving at for 8:30 classes and/or leaving at the end of the school day, have a NEW drop off and pick up pattern. I have posted a funny 2-minute video showing you where to pull up beginning on Monday. **You may drop off as early as 8:00!**

TEMP CHECK: Students will be temperature checked and signed in by a faculty or staff member and then will proceed to the sanctuary. From there they will go to their classrooms for their first class.

PICK UP: Families all have 2 CAR TAGS. Students received these at the Student Orientation. For those who were not in attendance, they can pick up the tags in their packet in the Family Files when they are on campus.

To help with the congestion, we would like to stagger the pick-up times.

- **GUEST Students can be picked up beginning at 3:05,**
- **STUDENTS in Group A can be picked up beginning at 3:20**
- **STUDENTS in Group B can be picked up beginning at 3:35** (Gallego, Darnell, Delpozo, Difatta, Hoffman, Irizarry, Meyers, Pierson, Smith, Toller, Trujillo)

If these do not work for you, that is fine, but if you can keep these times in mind, it would help us not to back up traffic

PRAXI for Parents: This is our online gradebook and communication system for 5th -12th grades. You MUST have a unique login to access assignments and grades. I sent login information today to NEW families. Returning families should be able to access Praxi with the login that they used last year. There have been some glitches this summer and we are working on the problem. If you cannot login right away, please give us until Wednesday and contact us if you still cannot get in.

PRAXI for Students: The parent and student portals are almost identical. Some students just use the parent portal to access their assignments and grades. However, if your student has their own email and would like a login for themselves, send me the email address and we will set it up. Students who had access last year, should use their same login.

REMEMBER: You can contact your teacher directly through the website from the Academic pages. Until we get Praxi operating smoothly for the new year, you may need to reach out to your teacher using the website.

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ZOOM STUDENTS: You will find the link to your classes on Praxi under the Homework Tab. To access the LINK, be sure that you choose the date the class actually meets. If there are technical difficulties, teachers may opt to email you the link. If you are not able to get on Zoom when your class begins this first week, you can try emailing your teacher through the website or texting me: 407-468-5055.

BOOKS and SUPPLIES: If your student does not have everything for the first day of school, please do not panic. I would also ask that you understand that it may take us a little time to provide you with temporary materials until your purchases come in. Our goal will be to scan and post materials (or make paper copies) so they do not get behind. With so many students going into the homeschool arena this year, many of the materials that we could always find have been difficult to get. Christianbook.com, Amazon.com, Facebook Marketplace, and rainbowresource.com are usually the best places to get curriculum. Students should bring basic supplies with them the first week if you were not able to get everything the teachers listed. Please be sure that they have paper and pencils at the very least!

STUDENT ORIENTATION: We had a great time at the Student Orientation on Friday. For those who were there, they need to read the Student Handbook and sign the Acknowledgement Form that was in the packet they received.

For those of you who did not physically attend, there is a packet for you at the school and you can pick it up from your family file. If you are planning to be home all year and ZOOM, you can access the Student Handbook on the website. You can also get the Acknowledgement Form, sign it and email it to me.

I did record the Orientation, but I have been informed that any recording that has students (under the age of 18) participating cannot be publicly posted. That has put a little wrinkle in my plans, but you can view the parent orientation videos on the Resource Page of the website. The teachers did share the important things about their classes.

NEW NEWS:

ART CLASS

Our friend and art teacher, Hannah Watkins will not be able to be with us this year. She has recently received her real estate's license and is pursuing a new career. We will miss her, but we rejoice with her new success.

TRA is happy to welcome our new art teacher, Sydney Phillips. Many of you know her brother, our Youth Pastor, A.J. You can read about the art class and Miss Phillips on the website.

ALGEBRA I CLASS

Mr. Hoffman, who was scheduled to teach Algebra I, will not be able to join us this semester. Mrs. Graham will be teaching the course. We have moved the time and day to accommodate the teacher change, but my records showed that the students were all in study hall so the change could be made without disrupting their schedules.

Algebra I will not be held on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 and students will have study hall on Monday from 1:00-3:00. This does free them up to take the Art of Baking Class if they are interested...

NEW ADMINISTRATION

This year, my title has been officially changed to Principal and you will see this notated on various forms and transcripts. The great news is that we have brought on Mrs. Kaley Hoffman as Vice Principal. She has been a faithful and excellent teacher since day '1' of TRA. Thank you for welcoming her as she learns the administrative side of the academy.

Happy to walk with you,
Liz Darnell
Principal