

# School District 12 Update

July 18, 2022

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



## Calendar Events

[2022-23 School Year Calendar](#)

**Staff Institute Days: August 15 and 16, 2022**

**FIRST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE: Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

[District 12 website](#)

Dear D12 Families,

Summer remains in full swing, but we want to provide information about District 12 and the start of the 2022-23 school year.

For our returning families, welcome back! For our new families, welcome to District 12! Our district is one of committed and dedicated educators, involved and supportive families, and, most importantly, terrific kids who inspire us each day.

At the top of this newsletter are links and important upcoming dates. These continue to be updated throughout the year.

## *Meet and Greet for the 2022-23 School Year*

We are looking forward to bringing back our traditional in-person Meet and Greet in August. There will be a slight change to what some families have previously experienced. Both schools will be hosting their Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 16; however, they will be held at different times. RMS will host their Meet and Greet from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and SHS will host theirs from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For families who have not experienced this in-person event, parents and their student may come to the school, see the classroom(s), meet the teacher(s), and drop off school supplies. On our first day of school, families will say their good-byes in the drop off drive or bus stop and not come into the building.

## *Sales Tax Holiday on School Supplies and Clothing*

For the first time, Illinois will be implementing a 10-day sales tax holiday on some school supplies and items of clothing. This applies to families and teachers. Please see this [document](#) for details.

## *Summer Learning*

It has been wonderful to see so many of our D12 students engaged in summer learning. Additionally, we are grateful to the many D12 staff who have supported this learning.

Summer is not a time for learning to stop, but I encourage families to emphasize a love of learning. Capitalizing on your child's interests and selecting books to read on those topics is a great way to foster daily reading. Looking for ways to incorporate math into daily life such as following a recipe, comparing prices for the best deal, or school supply shopping on a budget are all examples of real life application.

Some families find that their child is a reluctant reader. One of my sons could be described this way. He never found pleasure in reading a novel, but he loved current events and sports and would read the daily newspaper, magazines on sports, etc. While not a traditional way of improving one's skill in reading, he did continue to grow. Any and all means of reading help your child's growth, and I encourage you to find any way to keep them engaged in the summer.

## *Contact Information*

If you are in need of information about the district, here are contact details that will help:

Registration, School Fees, General D12 Information:

JoAnn Dumelle: [jdumelle@sd12.org](mailto:jdumelle@sd12.org)

Principal, Spring Hills School:

Lew Girmscheid: [lgirmscheid@sd12.org](mailto:lgirmscheid@sd12.org)

Principal, Roselle Middle School:

Nate Molby, [nmolby@sd12.org](mailto:nmolby@sd12.org)

Our school secretaries return on August 1, 2022:

Secretary, Spring Hills School:

Dawn Wegner: [dwegner@sd12.org](mailto:dwegner@sd12.org)

Secretary, Roselle Middle School:

Mary Hawkins: [mhawkins@sd12.org](mailto:mhawkins@sd12.org)

We are looking forward to a more normal start to the school year. We have learned much over the last two and a half years and look forward to maintaining strategies and approaches that have served our students well. Enjoy the several remaining weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

