



RSAR RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW August 21, 2020

WELCOME BACK RAVENS!!

The start of this school year looks different and it will not be easy. We know there are a lot of unanswered questions. However, we are confident that RSAR has the staff and resources to do as well as any middle school in this world. Hang tight, be patient, and be strong- together we can make this an extraordinary year for everyone!

Raven Review Newsletter

The Raven Review (RR) is a weekly newsletter sent to all students, parents and staff throughout the school year, typically on Fridays. Please watch for this weekly newsletter in your in-box as it is one of the ways Renaissance provides information that families may need throughout the school year.

Back to Business Day- Laptop and Material Pickup

Student Check Out:

In preparation of the first day of remote instruction, we need to provide students with essential technology. On August 27th, students will need to pick up their laptops at Renaissance. During this time, we will also hand out some textbooks/novels and take student photos.

In order to accomplish this in a safe manner that aligns with social distancing protocols we will need to divide it up by grade level. If you have 2 students attending RSAR, you may choose to come during either grade level time slot.

It's important that your students adhere to their designated time slot so we can be safe and avoid long lines! See schedule below.

AUGUST 27th

10:30- 11:30 8th grade

11:30 – 12:30 7th grade

12:30 – 1:30 6th grade

Specific instructions/protocol for picking up material will be sent out next week.

Alternative pickup date - August 31st from 10am to 2pm will be available to checkout laptops and textbooks but please come on the 27th if at all possible. Pictures will not be taken on that date. If neither of those dates will work for your family please contact Sarah Simmons, sasimmons@lwsd.org to coordinate a time to pickup laptop.

2019-2020 Yearbook – WILL BE DISTRUBTED AT LAPTOP CHECK OUT

Laptop Agreement Form:

This laptop agreement form is required for all 6th grade students, and for all students in grades 7-8 who are new to Renaissance this year. Please [print](#) it out and sign it, and have your student bring it to checkout so your they can check out a laptop and charger. Returning students have already done this in prior years.

School Pictures:

LifeTouch photographers will once again be taking our school pictures. We use these for our Yearbook and for school ID cards. Parents can also purchase their own portrait packages from LifeTouch using this [link](#). Please know that both Renaissance and LifeTouch have taken steps to ensure the safety of everyone as we start our school year.

School Fees:

At this time, we will wait on all school payments (ASB, Class fees, Yearbook etc.) until the Fall. We are concerned about some of our families who are experiencing economic hardship. This time will also allow us to align the fees to the level of service we can provide. We have also decided to limit course fees.

Class Schedule:

Renaissance bell schedule will be given to you next week. This schedule will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction and be in line with the districts standard schedule.

Laptop Insurance:

Cracked screen fines were increased to \$300 last year so more parents have been opting to purchase insurance. Be sure to include the serial number, not the district bar code when filling out this form. [Here is the link to the laptop insurance form](#) and more information.

Curriculum Night:

We will also plan for a virtual Curriculum Night in September, where parents will receive more information about individual classes from teachers. More information will come out in the coming weeks

If you've missed any of the LWSD communications regarding back to school, you can find that information at this link. <https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved/task-forces/return-to-school-task-force>

Counseling Corner

Meet Your New School Counselor, Melanie Conroy! Melanie comes to Renaissance after four years with Lake Washington High School where she counseled students as they developed their college and career pathways. Her positive attitude and strong belief in establishing trusting, collaborative relationships with families is something Melanie is eager to bring to her work within the Renaissance Community. As a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest and a proud UW Alum, Melanie loves spending time outdoors hiking, beach combing with her two dogs, and cheering on the Huskies.

As the new year begins, Melanie would love to hear from you at mconroy@lwsd.org about how she can support you during this new and challenging time.



