



EAST RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faust School Families,

I hope all is well and you enjoyed your summer with your family and friends. It is an honor and privilege to be your child's Principal and to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. I am excited for school to begin and look forward to seeing our students fully relaxed and recharged, ready to learn.

The first day of school is September 7th. All students need to report to Faust Middle School at 7:50 a.m. Please note that the first two days of school, Thursday, September 7th, and Friday, September 8th, will be an early dismissal where students are dismissed at 11:54 a.m. Beginning Monday, September 11th, students will attend full session days and follow the [2023-2024 District Calendar](#).

Kindly click on [Faust School Bell Schedules](#) for times regarding a Full Session Day, Early Dismissal, and Delayed Opening. Faust School will also be starting a new rotating schedule that is found on pages 9 & 10 in  2023-2024 Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct

Please review the following important updates and reminders:

- [Superintendent's Security Letter](#) - East Rutherford School District Entry Door Access Protocol and Safety Procedures
- Dress Code - The Dress Code has been updated to ensure that all students are wearing safe footwear on campus. Please note that CROCS and similar footwear with adjustable heel straps are NOT PERMITTED. Parents will be responsible for dropping off a change of footwear if their child violates the dress code.
- District Technology Fee - As part of our ongoing efforts to provide access to appropriate instructional technologies to all of our students, the District has imposed a mandatory \$30 technology fee to help subsidize the ever-rising costs associated with technology. This includes coverage for accidental damage over the life of student Chromebooks. Please review the [Chromebook Damage and Technology Fee](#) notice that further details the changes to our procedures.
- Please review the  Faust School Drop Off/Pick Up Image prior to the first day of school. Parent/Guardian/Designee morning drop-offs via car must occur on Uhland Street each morning. Bus drop-offs will occur on the corners of Everett and Grove Street outside the East Rutherford Municipal Building. Busing pickups for PM dismissal occur daily on Uhland Street, so parents are advised to use side streets or Everett Place for afternoon pickups.

- Students may enter Faust School in the morning through the main entrance or the side alleyway next to the East Rutherford Municipal Building, where a staff member will greet them.
- Students will be housed in the Cafeteria until 7:50 AM. and breakfast will be available for purchase from Maschio's Food Service.
- All students are expected to be in homeroom by 7:54 AM sharp and will be considered tardy if they are not present.
- Bus Stops and Information - All bus assignments have been uploaded to Genesis. Please be sure to note your child's bus number, color, stop, and time. If you need clarification on your child's bus assignment, please call Mrs. Wolfe at (201) 804-3100 Ext. 3001 or email dwolfe@erboe.net. All students who have requested bussing **must** take the bus to and from school. If your child is not taking the bus home on a given day, the parent/guardian will need to email Mrs. Wolfe or send a note in writing with your permission.
- All 6th, 7th & 8th Grade bus students will take the 7:40 AM Bus **ONLY** unless they have permission from the Principal or have a younger sibling in 4th or 5th Grade at Lincoln School.
- There will be only ONE pickup for the Monarch students at 7:30 AM. Please be waiting outside in front and not in the lobby area.
- All stops are clearly marked with signs. Students **must** wait for the bus at the stop they were assigned in Genesis. It is imperative that all students be punctual, stay on the sidewalk until the bus comes to a complete stop, behave appropriately, and always follow the directions of the crossing guard. Please note that bus pick-ups and drop-offs are approximate times, depending on traffic and weather.
- All students are released at the end of the school day, whether directly from their classrooms or after exiting the school bus, without direct parental handoffs unless a request is submitted in writing. Please see the updated Genesis form in your parent portal account for more information.
- At the end of the school day, the buses will make two trips to transport students back to the bus stops. The first bus will leave the school at approximately 2:40 p.m. The second will leave at approximately 2:55 p.m. The bus to the Monarch departs when all students are accounted for. A third bus will be provided on September 25th and will leave at approximately 3:40 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and make all five stops. Students that take the 2:55 PM or 3:40 PM bus must remain at their assigned location inside the Faust School building. No students are permitted to leave the school grounds in between bus runs to go to the park, Cake & Cone, a friend's house, or to buy food, etc. All students must be accounted for and remain in the building.
- Bus rules have been implemented and must be observed by all students being transported to ensure the safety of both the students and staff.
- Visitors - All parents/guardians and visitors **need to make an appointment** in advance to enter Faust School. Any parent/guardian needing to drop off an item for their child will be able to leave the item in the security vestibule.
- Patriots Day- The Faust School Community is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue on Monday, September 11th. We remember the sorrow of that day but also the dedication, commitment, and strength of those who showed their true patriotism to save the lives of others.

Required District forms, including our District Bussing Survey (if eligible), have been loaded to your [Genesis Parent Portal](#) account for you to complete. Please log in and begin to complete those forms as soon as possible to ensure that all available policies, procedures, and services are understood and made available to your child(ren). All required documents, policies, regulations, and agreements must be read, reviewed, and acknowledged accordingly prior to **Friday, September 1st**. Student schedules will be made available to you through the portal on September 1st, and bussing assignments will follow shortly thereafter. Only accounts that have their forms and acknowledgments completed will be able to see this information, so please be sure to log in to complete all required forms in advance of this date. Any outstanding forms or acknowledgments on your account will restrict you and your child's access to the Genesis platform. If you are unable to log in, first troubleshoot using the Forgot My Password link on the Genesis homepage. If you continue to experience difficulties, please contact Mrs. Meredith Cipollone at (201) 804-3100 ext. 3002 for assistance.

Lastly, Back to School Night at Faust School is on the evening of Wednesday, September 20th. More information will follow, so please save the date!

Thank you for your continued cooperation, and enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Best regards,

Regina Barrale