

Franklin D. Roosevelt High School

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Dear Students and Parents:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school for the 2011-2012 school year! We wish you all the best as you progress through the year. The following information is extremely important, so please take time to look at each page with care.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

The schedule enclosed represents the careful selection you made with your counselor in the spring. At this time there will be few, if any, schedule changes allowed.

Schedule changes will be made only for those students who have errors on their schedules. The guidance office will open for problems (errors only) as follows:

Wednesday, August 24	Grades 11 and 12 12:30- 2:30pm (All Counselors)
Thursday, August 25	Grades 11 and 12 8:15-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm (All Counselors)
Tuesday, August 30	Grades 9 and 10 8:15-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm (All Counselors)
Wednesday, August 31	Grades 9 and 12 8:15-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm (All Counselors)
Thursday, September 1	Grades 9 and 12 8:15-11:30am and 12:30-2:30pm (All Counselors)

To see a counselor during these times, you must call ahead (229-4025) to make an appointment. No schedule changes will be made for change of teacher or switching times of classes. The computer most effectively selects class sections, times, and teacher. Also, please note that if a schedule change is necessary, and is made, the student's *entire* schedule may be affected.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7, 2011. On the first day, all students are to bring their schedules and report directly to their assigned first period class (1st semester, A Day schedule) by 7:35am. In their first period class, all students will receive an updated schedule which will have any room changes, requested class changes, etc. If you lose your class schedule prior to the first day of school, report to your first period class and get your updated schedule. Therefore, make sure you memorize your first period room number.

BOCES PROGRAM

All students who are scheduled to participate in one of the many special programs at the BOCES Center will start on the first day of school -- Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Transportation to and from the BOCES Center will be as follows:

AM BOCES school bus leaves FDR at 8:10am and returns at 11:25am.

PM BOCES school bus leaves FDR at 11:45am. Students will be bussed directly home following the PM BOCES session. If there is a need for any student to return to FDR (for athletics, clubs, etc.) the bus will have a drop off at FDR.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a major factor for school success. We encourage students to attend school each and every day, unless they are legally excused. Good attendance includes being on time for the start of the school day, as well as being on time for each class period. Our faculty and administrative staff will work closely with those at home to encourage good attendance in hopes of helping students find increased academic success.

STUDENT PARKING (Student driving information included for seniors)

Student parking on school grounds is a privilege, not a right. Seniors should refer to the student driving information included in this scheduling packet. Students wishing to drive on the first day may apply for a parking sticker Sept 1& 2 between 9am – 1pm. If you are not available on these days, please report to the AP's office during the first day to register. Underclassmen with special circumstances must submit a letter of explanation to the principal for review and approval. More documentation may be requested before approval is granted.

**** Dutchess County CAPE teen driving course is mandatory for parking registration.** There will be two (2) sessions offered this fall. (September 15th at Spackenkill High School and October 19th at Arlington High School – *Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and the Program starts at 7:00 p.m. for both sessions)

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Each student will be given a copy of the student handbook on the first day of school. Although the faculty will review key parts of the handbook with students, it is recommended that you also become familiar with and discuss its content with your son and/or daughter so that you will all be aware of your responsibilities. The entire student handbook can also be found on the FDR HS website: www.hydeparkschools.org/FDR

****During the first week of school all parents and students will be required to sign the first page of the student planner indicating they have received and read the handbook. This is to be returned to the student's first period teacher, no later than September 12.****

STUDENT EMERGENCY / INFORMATION SHEET (enclosed)

Correct information on the emergency / information sheet is critical for the safety of all our students. **We are providing a school addressed envelope for you to return your child's emergency information sheet to us at this time.** It is our hope that we will have 100% accuracy with regard to student emergency information before the first day of school. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed form with your most current information and return as soon as possible. If emergency information changes during the school year be sure to call the main office with updated information.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Student hall lockers and combinations are listed on your August schedule included in this mailing. **Please do not share this information with anyone.**

Note: The new schedules issued the first day of school **WILL NOT** have locker information.

FRESHMEN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION / TOUR (see enclosed)

Freshmen / New Student Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. This year's orientation will be held in the evening, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. We encourage students and parents to make every effort to attend this evening to ensure a positive transition to high school.

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

You are invited to meet the staff at FDR High School and follow your child's schedule on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. The program will begin in the auditorium at 7pm. *Remember to bring a copy of your son/daughter's schedule to this event.

SCHOOL PICTURES

The photographer from Lifetouch Studios will be here to take pictures of all students in grades 9-10 on Monday, September 26th and all students in grades 11-12 on Tuesday, September 27th. All students are required to have their pictures taken for ID purposes; however purchasing pictures is not required. Picture pamphlets will be handed out in homeroom on the first day of school.

KEEPING INFORMED

- **FDR Website** - We invite you to keep informed of Roosevelt happenings on the FDR Website at www.hydeparkschools.org. You can check for morning announcements, events calendar, teacher pages, the principal's newsletter and parenting information articles.
- **Report Card / Progress Report Newsletter** - Take time to thoroughly examine your son/daughter's report card and progress report. This is a direct line of communication between home and school. There will be an informational newsletter included in each grade report throughout the year.
- **HPCSD School Messenger** – The Hyde Park schools will be using a new system to provide emergency information to our parents/guardians. The system will use your son/daughter's emergency contact number.

Your careful consideration of each point indicated above is appreciated. Enjoy the remaining days of your summer vacation. We look forward to the start of a great new school year!

Sincerely,

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