ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you have enjoyed a fun-filled and relaxing summer. It's now time to start thinking about the 2020-2021 school year. Rock Hill High School will have six designated orientation dates in order to issue schedules, textbooks, picture I.D.'s, lockers, parking permits, and a school issued computer. Orientation will be held in the Media Center (signs will direct you). It is important that you come to orientation so you are prepared on the first day of school. The designated times are listed below:

<u>SENIORS</u> Monday, August 24th 9:00am – 4:00pm JUNIORS Tuesday, August 25th 9:00am – 4:00pm SOPHOMORES Wednesday, August 26th 9:00am – 4:00pm FRESHMEN Thursday, August 27th 9:00am – 4:00pm

MAKE UP ORIENTATION - ALL GRADESFriday, August 28th9:00am - 3:00pm2:00pm - 7:00pm

Make-Up Orientation is for students who were unable to attend their designated day because of work or other obligations.

So that we can help social distancing and limit the number of people on campus, we will only allow the student and one parent/guardian to enter the building to go through the process. All attendees are requested to wear a face mask.

Station #1 – School Pictures

School yearbook pictures for students in grades 9-11 will be taken during orientation. Please come dressed appropriately. You should have received information from Prestige, our picture vender.

Station #2 – Residency Verification – Required to proceed through the orientation process.

All students are required to turn in proof of residency that is in the parent or legal guardian's name. Mortgage statement, lease/rental agreement, electric bill, or gas bill showing your correct and current address are the only types of proof of residency that will be accepted. All proof of residencies must be uploaded or digital. We are not permitted to accept paper copies. Students will not be permitted to continue to the other stations of orientation without providing this information. All parents or legal guardians must complete the online registration through Gateway website prior to orientation. The website can be accessed at https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/. The student's canvas login and password should be used to log into Gateway. Computers will be available during orientation if you do not have internet or computer access.

Station #3 – Identification Cards (required for all other steps in orientation)

Your ID card must be worn on your upper torso anytime you are on the campus of Rock Hill High School and/or Applied Technology Center. ID's are required for use in the library, cafeteria, to receive textbooks and identification purposes. ID's that are misplaced during the year will cost \$5.00 for the card, \$3.00 for the case, \$2.00 for the lanyard, and \$10 for the complete set. Temporary ID's will be \$1.00 per day. Students are allowed 5 temporary ID's on credit before disciplinary action will be taken.

Station #4 – Delinquent Fees and Fines

Past fees and fines must be paid during orientation.

Station #5 – Athletics

You will be able to pay athletic fees and purchase student sport passes for the 20-21 school year.

Station #6 - Schedules

You will need to pick up your schedule in order to check out textbooks. Be sure to bring your schedule with you on the first day of classes. *No changes to schedules will be allowed unless RHHS has made a mistake on your schedule.* Guidance counselors will be available if a change is necessary.

Station #7 – Lockers

Students must bring a combination lock and its combination in order to be issued a locker. There is a possibility that lockers will not be issued to start the year. This decision will be finalized before the orientation dates.

Station #8 - Parking (Only 10th -12th graders are allowed to drive by board policy.)

All students who drive to school must have a school parking pass. Students must have completed the Alive at 25 Program in order to receive a parking pass. You may pick up a parking application prior to orientation in the Welcome Center between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Please bring your completed application to your orientation session. Also, you will need to provide proof that you completed the required Alive @ 25 class. (This certificate can be printed from www.scnsc.org) You will be required to present your driver's license and car registration in order to purchase a decal. The cost of a parking permit is \$20.00. Gold card holders will receive a free parking pass. You will need to bring your card with you to orientation.

Station #9 – Nurse Forms

You will fill out medical forms that are required for the school year. Prescription medication forms will also be available for pick up.

Station #10 - Yearbook

Students will be able to order their 2020-2021 yearbook. Students will receive a discount for purchasing in advance.

Station #11 – Computer Registration & Pick Up

Students will receive their Laptop Computer at orientation if they do not currently have one. Students must have completed the Technology Protection Plan Form (included in this packet). All waivers and payment plans will have to be processed and approved by the central office. You will need to bring proof of payment if you paid online. Any student that kept their computer over the summer and is having issues can bring their laptop to the tech for assistance.

Station #12 – Textbook

Present your schedule and school ID to receive your textbooks. Once you have checked out textbooks, <u>you will be responsible</u> for these books. Please return any textbooks that were not returned at the end of last school year.

Also available in A-Building lobby:

Balfour - Senior Cap and Gowns (Only available at Senior & Make up Orientations) Balfour will be available to take graduation orders. You will receive a mailing from Balfour prior to orientation or you may call 800-526-0290.

Bearcat Backers - Bearcat Backers will be at Freshmen Orientation only selling merchandise.

Just a Reminder:

All students need to bring pencil, pen and paper to class the first day of school. If you receive your laptop at orientation, make sure that you bring it with you and that it is charged.

I look forward to seeing you at orientation on August 24th - 28th & 31st!

Sincerely,

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