



RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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TO EXCELLENCE.**

Dear School Community,

I am happy to report that our school year is set to start the way it should, with all students returning to their own buildings.



As I shared with you last week, we prepared a contingency plan in case supply chain delays prevented Roberge from opening on time. Key shipments have arrived and construction workers continue their momentum, which means Roberge will be ready to welcome students on the first day of school, September 12th.

Working together

Our progress is a result of hard work and collaboration. The construction site manager kept our team informed so we could expedite deliveries and maximize the construction workforce. We coordinated double construction shifts and weekend work. Our administrative team formed a thoughtful contingency plan that would cause minimal disruption for students. I appreciate everyone's diligence toward the common goal of starting the school year in our buildings and on time.

Looking ahead

I feel so fortunate to literally watch our district's future take shape. As I saw the construction progress this summer, I pictured our students learning in bright, modern classrooms, and visiting the Holdrum Wellness Center for activities and extra support. When the projects are complete by the start of the 2024 school year, all our students and staff members will benefit from district-wide air conditioning.

We will continue sharing updates with you in multiple ways, including through these newsletters and our [projects website](#).

Now, we will return our focus to welcoming students back for another year of learning and growing at River Vale Schools.

I hope everyone has a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Signore
Superintendent of Schools

**INSIDE
OUR
SCHOOLS**



We will continue expanding our use of assessment data and technology to meet students' needs and give parents access to more information.

- Some of our data will come from the state-mandated Start Strong Assessments, which will be administered in the fall for the second straight year. All students in grades 4-8 will be tested in English Language Arts and math. Students in 6th grade will also complete a science portion. Accommodation will be available for those with a district-approved 504 plan and/or special education services. [Click here](#) for the assessment schedule and the date for the NJ State Learning Assessments administered in the spring.
- Last year, we piloted the Linkit! program to shape instruction, track student progress, and monitor student achievement. Now we will leverage other features such as benchmark assessments and progress monitoring tools. This program will replace the Renaissance assessments. We are working with Linkit! to provide a parent portal with access to students' benchmark assessments and overall progress. Look for more details in October.
- Parents will soon be able to visit our new, user-friendly curriculum and programming website for instructional updates, assessments and other resources. The site will include curriculum updates to reflect state-mandated standards in social studies, science, visual and performing arts, health and physical education, world language, computer science and design thinking, career readiness, life literacies, and key skills. Users can also easily search the site for documents and information on extracurricular opportunities such as the Holdrum Academies and elementary POGStudio clubs. The new site will be available at the start of the school year.



DATES TO REMEMBER



September 5

Schools Closed/Labor Day

September 12

First Day for Students

September 26 & 27

Schools Closed/Religious Holiday



DISTRICT PTA UPDATE



- Click the bar above to visit the PTA website for upcoming events, fundraiser and general information.
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