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Dear Ryan School Students and Parents/Guardians:

We hope that this letter finds you soaking in the sun and chasing every summer adventure that you can find. The start of the 2024-2025 school year is almost here and with this comes anticipation, excitement and maybe even some nervousness (our staff feels the same way). Once again, we will kick off our school year with our building-wide Growth Rally helping us to build an inclusive school community. These initial orientation days will help us establish routines and expectations, and set our students up for success while of course getting to know their teachers and connecting with classmates.

The start of a new school year also brings important paperwork for parents and students to complete. Your child's Accident Illness forms were included in the mailing of this letter. Please make corrections or changes directly on that paper and return with your child on the first day of school. **Please return this form even if changes were not made.** If your child is new to the school district, this paper was completed at registration and does not need to be completed again.

Each year we also ask parents and guardians to read and review the [Student Handbook](#) and [Acceptable Use Procedures](#) with your child. The Student Handbook sign-off sheet has been included in this mailing and must be returned acknowledging you and your student have reviewed the Student Handbook. Teachers will collect this form on the first day of school. The links to the Handbook and Acceptable Use Procedures are below.

[Student Handbook](#)

[Spanish~ Student Handbook](#)

[Portuguese~ Student Handbook](#)

[Arabic~Student Handbook](#)

[Acceptable Use Procedures](#)

[Spanish~Acceptable Use Procedures](#)

[Portuguese~Acceptable Use Procedures](#)

[Arabic~ Acceptable Use Procedures](#)

Please take the time to read below all of the following information we have included regarding upcoming events and procedures. As always, please visit the [Tewksbury Public Schools](#) webpage for updates and information.

Prior to school starting, we invite students *accompanied by a parent or caregiver*, to visit the Ryan School for a *self-guided tour* of the building. These tours are scheduled for **Tuesday, August 20**

from 1- 3PM and Wednesday, August 21 at 10AM - 12PM here at the Ryan School (please enter through the main lobby entrance). Please feel free to come in anytime during those hours to look around. *Important note: teachers may be working classrooms, and classrooms will not be open to enter.

The Ryan School's traditional **Parent/Caregiver Open House** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 4, 2024, for Grade 6** parents and guardians from **6 - 8PM**, and **Thursday, September 5 for Grade 5** parents and guardians from **6 - 8PM**. These informative sessions will explain new school procedures, curriculum and assessment overviews, and give parents and guardians time to visit their child's classrooms and meet their teachers.

Parent-Teacher Conferences take place twice a year, and will be held this year on **November 12, 2024, and March 4, 2025**. Sign up information will become available directly from your child's teacher as the dates get closer. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns.

This year we will be returning to a traditional Monday - Friday schedule. The Ryan School hours are 8:05 AM - 2:25 PM with drop off and homeroom beginning at 7:50 AM. * Students arriving after 7:50 AM are tardy and must be signed into school in the main office by an adult. We will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.

Student's team and homeroom number will be available on Aspen once the district updates for this school year, which is expected to the week of August 21st.

Drop off and pick up for students is one way around both the Ryan and Center Schools, and bus routes will be posted on the TPS website near the start of the school year.

Aspen Student Portal:
<https://ma-tewksbury.myfollett.com/aspen/logon.do>

We are looking forward to a great year!

Thank you,
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