NOKOMIS REGIONAL HIGH

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Dear **Nokomis Warrior** and Parent/Guardian:

It's Back to School time! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, and you're looking forward to the new school year! Below is information to help you prepare. If you have any other questions, give us a call.

SCHEDULES:

- Class schedules are enclosed and viewable online through the Infinite Campus (IC) portal. Email tech@rsu19.net to get your IC user/password if you do not have yours.
- The **first day** of school is Wednesday, August 31 for 9th grade and any TCTC B day students. ALL students will report to school on Thursday, September 1.
- <u>In-Person</u>: We have returned to a typical in-person schedule for all students. If any student has special circumstances, they should contact either me or their guidance counselor, ASAP.
- **Schedule Changes:** Contact your guidance counselor if you need to make any changes. Class sizes and periods classes are offered impact scheduling options, and the sooner you can address any needed changes, the better. There will be no add/drop after September 8. Guidance counselors return to school on Monday, August 15th.
- Arrival time: Students may be dropped off between 7:45-8:10 in the morning, unless they are participating in a supervised activity with a coach, teacher, or adviser.
- **Dismissals**-- Students will be dismissed at 2:20

POINTS OF EMPHASIS THIS YEAR:

- ATTENDANCE and ROUTINES: Being here every day and on time is a critical key to success. Warriors–All Day Every Day.
- **PHONE USAGE:** Cell phones have become a significant *DISTRACTION* during the school day. While we value the need for students to have a cell phone, students are required to keep their phones stored away and silenced during class time. Parents—we need your help enforcing this expectation. Students will be given a warning. If there are repeated issues, phones will need to be stored in a teacher-designated spot during class or left in the Main Office during the school day or left at home.
- **RECORDING:** Students should not be recording or photographing anything or anyone at school unless it is part of a school project or assignment where the adult in charge and anyone being recorded has consented.
- WARRIOR SPIRIT: These past couple of years have been quite an experience and many of the more fun aspects of school have been impacted. We want students to work hard on their academics, but we also want them to embrace all things Warrior Nation. Please encourage your child to return to their previous activities or join new ones. The clubs, activities and teams beyond classes provide incredible opportunities to learn, grow and build lasting friendships. These experiences are often some of the most memorable high school memories. Let's GO WARRIORS!

OPEN HOUSE: Open House will be Wednesday, Aug., 31 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. All are welcome! This is an opportunity to tour the building and meet and greet our staff.

COVID RELATED ADJUSTMENTS:

- Let our nurse, Jessica Withee (jwithee@rsu19.net) know if you test positive to establish a return to school date.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home.
- Contact the nurse for home test kits.
- Mask wearing is optional

LUNCH: Lunch and Breakfast will be free again for all students BUT we have to return to collecting the lunch applications. Regardless of whether or not you think you qualify, please complete this application because this data will be used to determine lunch status the next 2 years, and this data is required on State grant reports.

FALL SPORTS: We are pleased to welcome our new Athletic Director, Simon Elias, (<u>selias@rsu19.net</u>) to Warrior Nation. Fall sports start Monday, August 15. Please contact Mr. Elias if you need details on tryout times, physicals or any other requirements.

HOMECOMING: Homecoming will be early, the week of September 5. We're hoping to hold a community open house that Saturday, September 10.

SCHOOL MESSENGER SERVICE: It is critical we have your current phone number, email, and mailing address. Periodically, we will mail home information, but we want to use electronic communication as much as possible.

SCHOOL PORTRAITS: Lifetouch Studios will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, September 7. We require all students to get photographed for school IDs. Parents go to MyLifetouch.com to order pictures online. Our Picture Day ID is: EVT7M68JJ.

WELCOME NEW STAFF: I am pleased to welcome a talented group to Nokomis' Staff:

Nicholas Miller, English

Erik Smith, French

Christopher Welser, Latin

Megan Welch, Social Studies

Sherry Beland, Special Education

Deneige Wilbur, Special Education

Kristine Eisenhour, Extended Learning Opportunity Coordinator

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Basic school supplies needed are pens, pencils and notebooks. If anyone needs help getting supplies, please contact me or your student's guidance counselor.

Call the Main Office, 368-4354 or email me at mnadeau@rsu19.net, if you have any questions. If it's urgent you contact me, my cell phone number is 207-462-0957. I'm looking forward to seeing our students back in the building and the upcoming school year. Go Warriors! Sincerely,

Mary Nadeau, Principal