

August 2023

Auburn School District Rainier Middle School

Rainier will have a school-wide theme for both students and staff which will be “Amazing things happen...”

Bell Schedule

Middle Schools Grades 6-8

Regular Schedule

School Starts 7:40 AM
School Ends 2:10 PM

Late Start (PLC) Every Monday

School Starts 8:40 AM
School Ends 2:10 PM

[Find Bus Route & School](#) *click here*

[Calendar](#) *click here*

Welcome Back Day—Thursday, August 30th

located in the SOUTH parking lot *watch for signage at entrance

Last names beginning with **A-E from 8:00-9:00**

Last names beginning with **F-L from 9:00-10:00**

Last names beginning with **M-S from 10:00-11:00**

Last names beginning with **T-Z from 11:00-12:00** *Open until 12:00PM

Submit athletic registration forms, pay for fines & fees, ASB card, yearbook, BASH pass, pick up schedules, photos, return materials belonging to RMS, etc.

ONLINE PRE-SALES AVAILABLE beginning of August on our WEB page, left side.
Pay for school and/or district fees and services.



OPEN HOUSE

We look forward to greeting all of you at Open House on September 28th, from 5:45-8:00pm. We will begin with a brief meeting of about 10-15 minutes in the gymnasium at 5:45pm. After which parents and students are welcome to visit the classrooms and teachers they are scheduled to have. The format is the same as your child's daily schedule, allowing you to clone their routine.

Offices open full time:

Attendance and Main Office
August 10th

IMPORTANT DATES

Welcome Back Day.....8/30
School Pictures.....8/30
First Day of School.....9/6
6th grade starts @ 7:40am
7th & 8th starts @ 11:40am
Sports Season #1.....8/29-11/4
Football equipment check out 8/28
Football practice (optional) 8/29
*more information inside
Fastpitch practice starts 9/6
Late Start (1 hour late 8:40)...9/11
5th Grade Band Begins.....early Oct
(Tues-Fri)
Picture Make-up.....9/27
Open House 5:45-8:00.....9/28

ADMINISTRATION

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Office Hours: 7 AM to 3:15 PM
(Main Office & Attendance Office)

FAMILY ACCESS AND STUDENT ACCESS

Parents can stay up to date in real time by tracking their child's progress through Family Access. You will be able to access your child's current grades, schedule, missing assignments, and attendance records. With link's

to teachers' e-mail addresses, parents can easily communicate with teachers, request homework and/or ask questions. Contact the attendance office at 253-931-4843 to sign up and receive your log in.

Skyward Family Access

Skyward's Family Access allows easy, open lines of communication between the school and home. Students and parents can login to view attendance, grades, schedules, calendars and more. Family Access is available to all families. Click [here](#) for information and directions on how to login.



Is This the Best Email Address?

The ASD would like to connect with you! Please update your email address via Family Access or contact your school's office manager or registrar to update your email address.



FIND SCHOOL & BUS ROUTE ~

<https://www.auburn.wednet.edu/Page/420>

Parents and school staff can now locate the school bus stop closest to their home with the following link. Students are assigned a school bus stop according to their home address and are not authorized to access any other stop without written permission. If students are in need of an alternate stop for the day they are required to provide a bus pass for that day issued from your school office. New students to your school should also be given a bus pass when boarding the bus for the first time. Also under Quick Links on our WEB page.

Dorian SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Dorian Studios will be offering more digital / online ordering options. Paper copies of order forms will be available on pictures days.

Visit [here](#) (mydorian.com) for online ordering and exclusive package options. This online access key expires four days after picture day. Questions? 1-800-826-3535
ONLINE ACCESS KEY
dorianstudio.com

8/30 Picture Day
9/27 Picture Make-up Day
11/1 Picture Retakes

Ordering Begins August 9, 2023



Order Today To Save!

Scan the QR code or visit [mydorian.com](#) today to order school pictures and enjoy our lowest prices of the season. After you order, practice your smile, select a hairstyle, choose an outfit, and say "saving!"



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AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2022-2023 CALENDAR

[Click here for link to calendar](#)

Key

	First/Last Day of School		PLC 1 hr. Late Start Mondays
	No School – All Grades		Late Start 1 hr. Mondays (Ind Det)
	District Closed		Snow Make Up Day(s) if needed
E	Elementary		Late Start or Early Dismissal
S	Secondary		Conference Week – 3 hr late / No PLC All Other Grades – 1 hr late PLC

September – 18 School Days

4	Labor Day
5	Cert Staff Ind. Day
6	First Day of School

AUG/SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3		5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October – 22 School Days (40)

OCTOBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

We are committed to a safe, kind, restorative, and learning-focused environment that fosters positive relationships through full-implementation of positive behavior supports, staff collaboration, data-driven programs, and culturally relevant teaching. We are devoted to a respectful, responsible, and equitable community in order to close the opportunity gap for ALL students."

The ASB logo consists of the letters 'ASB' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, set against a solid black rectangular background.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

2023-24

WATCH FOR ONLINE SALES TO OPEN SOMETIME AROUND AUGUST 28TH ON THE WEB PAGE, LEFT SIDE. PAY FOR SCHOOL AND/OR DISTRICT FEES AND SERVICES. *MOST ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-PURCHASE.

ASB CARD \$15.00

all students who participate in after-school athletics, clubs, or are enrolled in Band or Orchestra are required to purchase an ASB card. Funds from the sale of ASB cards help to support these activities.

BASH PASS \$16.00

(Must purchase in conjunction w/ASB)

BASHES are after school social events that are incentives for students that have exhibited good behavior, good attendance, and have no outstanding fines. BASH passes are available only to those students who purchase an ASB card. There are no refunds for missed BASHES. Individual tickets may be purchased the day of each Bash.

PADLOCK for PE

Physical Education locks may not be brought from home. If you plan to lock up your things, you will be checked out a lock from the school. You may use your lock that you previously purchased. These borrowed locks must be returned at end of Semester or a fine will be applied to your account.

YEARBOOK \$30.00

Sales are open until January via online through Balfour Publishing. The cost in January will be \$35 each. QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED IN THE SPRING- THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF AVAILABILITY. Open August 28th, info will be sent out prior.

SPIRIT WEAR Items

Hooded Sweatshirts \$25.00

Cotton Shirts \$15.00

Zip Hoodies \$30.00

Items on this page may be purchased at our Welcome Back Day (which is scheduled for August 30th), and at school once it starts or on-line at <https://wa-auburn.intouchrecepting.com/>.



ASD COMMUNITY

WELCOME BACK EVENT
AUBURN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

This event will take place on
Thursday, August 17th
from 3-6:30pm

Save the Date - Welcome Back to School Event

The Welcome Back to School Event features food, entertainment, vision screenings, hearing exams, vaccinations, information about community and school programs, and much more!



Parent volunteers provide active support and assistance at Rainier Middle School. Instructions for online volunteer application can be viewed here: [Volunteer Application Process](#)



ATHELTIC Requirements

All students/families interested in playing sports can log into Family Access Skyward and complete the Athletic Packet together. This must be done by Family #1 parent in Skyward. This paperwork cannot be printed and turned in—it must be done online.

The sports physical from the doctor should be turned in to the Rainier main office prior to the start of the sports season. All sports physicals are good for two years in the Auburn School District, check with the school if you are unsure about the status of your physical.

NEW 2023-2024. Students/parents must complete the Athletic Card each sports season. These cards are available at the Rainier main office. Students **MUST** have a new/current card for **EACH** sports season.

Students participating in sports must pay the \$15 ASB fee each year. This covers equipment, uniforms, athletic supplies and more. This can be paid online starting August 28th or in-person starting August 30th.

CHILD NUTRITION INFORMATION

The ASD Summer Food Program will serve students in Auburn, Algona and Pacific from July 6 through August 17, Monday-Thursday. Meals will **NOT** be served on Fridays. Lunches will be served at a variety of locations throughout the community.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

ALL students in the ASD will receive free Breakfast and Lunch from the fall of 2022 through the 2026 school year. Families do NOT need to complete an application for Free/Reduced School Meal Application. The Auburn School District is qualified to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision that provides meals for all students. We are so excited to be able to offer healthy, nutritious meals to all ASD students!

FASTPITCH FALLS 2023

Starts on the first day of school.

Please make sure all your athletic forms are completed before the first day.

- Any baseball/softball cleats are encouraged as long as they are NOT metal cleats.

- A glove is a plus, the school has plenty of quality bats for the team/players to use.

Let your friends know and hope to see you soon. - Coach Sherer

FOOTBALL Fall 2023

Thank you for your interest in playing football for Rainier Middle School in the fall of 2023. All students participating in athletics must have ALL requirements completed by the start of practice on August 29st.

Uniforms requirements—Football shoes (molded plastic Cleats only: (NO SCREW ON CLEATS)

Equipment Check out August 28th 4PM-6pm

1st day of optional Practices: Tuesday August 29 4:10-5:40 Practice
attire Shorts and Helmets

2nd day of optional Practices: Wednesday August 30 4:10-5:40 Practice
attire Shorts and Helmets

3rd day of optional Practices: Thursday August 31 4:10-5:40 Practice
attire Shorts and Helmets

4th day of Practice: Friday September 1st 4:10-5:40 Practice
attire Shorts and Helmets

September 6th, First Official Practice right after School Practice will run from 2:15-4:30 This will be our normal Practice time for the year.

You cannot practice until the Physical, Parent Athletic Packet, Athletic card and ASB fee are complete You must also turn in a signed Informed Consent form to the office or coaches. The football shoes you can get later, but it would be best to have at the beginning of practice. Please be sure to send your kids with a water bottle for practice as they will get at least three water breaks in a practice and will be responsible for their own hydration. It is imperative that they bring a water bottle to practice with them. It can be as simple as a 16.9-ounce water bottle that they leave at school with their name on it. This is to cut the down time between drills and improve effort with more instruction time and rest time as well as better hydration.

There will be a few changes to the program from last year. Here is a list of coaches for the upcoming

Varsity Head Coach: Mr. Lilley
Assistant Coaches: Mr. Fisch, Mr. McGuffin, Coach Holcomb

We as coaches would like you to have the best experience possible. In order to do that, you as a player need to do a few things: Come to every practice with a positive attitude ready to learn. Come to practice ready to help the team and yourself. Do some type of physical activity throughout the summer. Talk to your friends and get them to come out. We need to get more players involved to build a solid program. Always give your best attitude & effort. Hope to see you and many of your friends on the football field in August. If there are any questions, you can call 253-931-4843 or email me, Mr. Patrick Lilley, at plilley@auburn.wednet.edu

We also have a Google classroom for summer communications and workouts the class code is: yzfk4gc

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

The Washington State Immunization Law (RCW 210.090) requires that all students have required vaccinations to attend or continue attending school. If your child is going into 7th grade and has not received a TDAP after age 10, your child will need a TDAP prior to school starting in the fall. If you are new to the district or left and are returning, we need medically verifiable vaccination records prior to the start of school.

Medically verifiable records are official records from WA at <https://wa.myir.net> or another state with a unique healthcare provider or clinic stamp, or another form of healthcare provider documentation, such as provider signature. For foreign students: translated official immunization record as an immigration form or lifetime immunization record from another country with a clinic or healthcare provider stamp.

If claiming medical, religious, or personal exemption, use the Certificate of Exemption form. (https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348106_CertificateofExemption.pdf). Parent/guardian and health care provider's signatures are required indicating temporary or permanent exemption, dated and exemption for specific vaccine(s) required. We will need a copy of this completed exemption form.

Each year, before the first day of attendance, students who have a life-threatening health condition (Examples: Diabetes, Seizures, Life-Threatening Allergies, Severe Asthma, Cardiac, etc.) need the necessary orders, medications, equipment and nursing plan prepared by the nurse in place to attend school.

If you have questions, please call the school nurse, at 253-939-4843 x4.

Thank you,

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

ASD Provided School Supply Kits

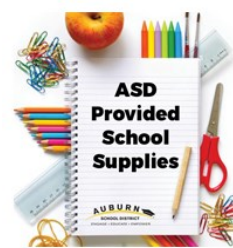
As part of the ASD's strategy to put equity into action, the district will provide all required school supplies to all students again for the 23-24 school year. Harnessing the power of buying in bulk, the ASD is providing pencils, notebooks, pens, earbuds, erasers crayons and much more.

Grade-specific school supplies will be distributed during the first week of school and will be replenished throughout the school year. Schools will have

supplies for new students who enroll during the school year.

If students want to bring supplies, they will be allowed, but every basic school supply will be provided. Click [here](#) to see the supplies for each grade level.

<https://www.auburn.wednet.edu/Page/833>



"ALL students will be prepared to excel in high school and will be on the path for college and career readiness in a global society."

STUDENT USERNAME & PASSWORDS FOR LOGGING INTO AUBURN SD CHROMEBOOKS

This, generally, follows the pattern:

Exceptions:

- ◆ Students with last names shorter than five letters will use the whole last name, e.g., William Hsu will be hsuwil000
- ◆ Students with first names shorter than three letters will use the whole first name, e.g., Jo March will be marchjo000
- ◆ Students with common names may have higher numbers at the end, e.g., there could be five students named Emily Nguyen in the district; nguyeemi000, nguyeemi001, nguyeemi002, etc. — the correct login can be verified by contacting your school

For email addresses:

- ◆ Add @auburnsd.org to the username, e.g. nguyeemi000@auburnsd.org
- ◆ This is used for logging into Google or into the Chrome browser on a non-district device.

Password:

By default, this follows the pattern:

Exceptions:

Students who have changed their password, but have forgotten, will need to have it reset by the Department of Technology Helpdesk at 253-931-4940, ext. 1.

YOU CAN PREVENT TRUANCY!

Student safety and academic progress are important to parents and educators. Here are some tips to prevent absences:

Communicate Frequently with your Student

Talk about family expectations.

Discuss family expectations for earning a high school diploma.

Praise positive behaviors and achievements in school.

Look for attitudes from your youth that indicate unhappiness with school or fear of attending school. Listen to what they say and ask questions.

Communicate Frequently with your School

Ask the school about their policy and procedures on excusing absences from school.

Respond quickly when the school notifies you of an unexcused absence.

Learn how you can check your student's attendance.

Immediately address issues of concern about your student with the teacher and the counselor.

Washington State compulsory attendance law (RCW 28A.225) and Auburn School District policy require parents/guardians to ensure students between the ages of six (eight years of age if the student has not yet attended public schools) and seventeen attend school every day that school is in session. *The following outlines procedures followed by the Auburn School District:*

One unexcused absence during any month of the school year: *The school will inform you (and/or your student) of the unexcused ab-*

sence (usually by telephone, but notification may also be in writing).

Two unexcused absences during any month of the school year: *A conference will be scheduled with you and your student to discuss the cause of the unexcused absences and find solutions to prevent further absences. The district considers student attendance a team effort. (If a regularly scheduled parent/teacher conference will occur within 30 days of the second unexcused absence, the district may schedule the required conference on that day.)*

Five unexcused absences within a 30-day period: *The school must enter into a written truancy agreement/contract with the family, where the parent/guardian, student and school agree on the necessary steps to resolve the student's attendance problem.*

Seven unexcused absences in a month or ten unexcused absences in a given school year: *Washington State statutes permit the following actions to be taken by a school district: The district and/or parent/guardian shall petition (Becca petition) the juvenile court to order the student to attend school.*

If this court order is violated, the court will call for a Contempt Hearing. At that hearing, the court may impose sanctions on the student, which may include writing an essay, community service, work crew, electronic home monitoring and/or juvenile detention.

The court is also authorized to fine parent/guardian not more than \$25 for each day of unexcused absence from school.



Lastly, we are an AVID School, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Throughout our school and classrooms, we implement research-based and proven AVID Strategies (and foster a belief that ALL students have the potential to successfully attend college) in order to help all students fulfill Rainier's Vision of being "prepared...for high school...college...and career."

Dress Code:

Students must wear:

- Top (shirt, blouse, sweater, sweatshirt, tank, etc.)
- Bottom (pants, shorts, skirt, dress, etc.) and
- Footwear

Students may not wear clothing, jewelry, or personal items that:

- Are sexually explicit, contain threats, or that promote illegal or violent conduct such as the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia;
- Demonstrate hate group association/affiliation and/or use hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or other protected groups;
- Clothing must cover the body not revealing undergarments, mid-drift or private parts in opaque (not see through) material.
- Cover the student's face to the extent that the student is not identifiable (except clothing/headgear worn for a religious or medical purpose); or
- Demonstrate gang association/affiliation.
- Administration has the ability to make a final decision on any item of clothing not specifically covered in this policy.

Attires worn in observance of a student's religion are not subject to this policy.

Consequences for Classroom Misbehavior:

Hallway Huddle

- A restorative conversation with teacher/student (3 min) to repair the relationship so that the student can return to class and be a productive learner.
- Administrative staff (Principal, AP, Deans, Security, Counselors) acts as the mediator between teacher and student.
- Goal is to return the student to class in a positive manner.

The Five Phases of the Focused Note-Taking Process

AVID's focused note-taking process has five phases. It is important to note that while applying learning is the last phase of the process, it is essential that it inform the first phase, as the note-taking format should be shaped by the note-taking purpose. When teaching the focused note-taking process, educators need to determine how students will use their notes and set up the format appropriately. It is crucial for educators to model and invite students to engage in this thought process so that note-taking becomes a powerful and portable learning tool students can carry with them throughout their education experience.

- Taking Notes
- Processing Notes
- Connecting Thinking
- Summarizing and Reflecting on Learning
- Applying Learning

PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

In addition to showing your support for your student(s), their teachers and staff, and our larger RMS community, by becoming an RMS PTA member, you will also help enable the RMS PTA to sponsor a variety of projects at RMS during this school year.

And if that's not enough, here are some of the additional perks of being an RMS PTA Member

<https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

Discount Varies with Each Event

Angel of the Winds Arena - Everett

Up to 25% Off Rentals

Avis Car Rentals

Up to 25% Off Rentals

Budget-Rent-A-Car

Photo Canvas Prints Discount

CanvasDiscount.com

Special Rates for All Printing Needs

FedEx Office

Up to 40% discount

LEGO Bags

Savings Program

Office Depot

Save \$15 on Any Leather Bag Purchase

The Real Leather Company

Silverwood Theme Park

Discount Varies with Each Perk

Tickets at Work

Wild Waves Theme & Water Park

RAINIER MIDDLE SCHOOL



PTA Membership Application – 2023-24

Rainier Middle School PTA is an affiliated unit of the Washington State PTA and the National PTA. The mission of the PTA is to serve as: A powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

Please join the Rainier MS PTA today and help show your support for our students, teachers and staff at Rainier Middle School! Any questions? – email rainiermspta@gmail.com

An annual membership costs \$12 for an individual and \$24 for two individuals.

Who can be a member? Anyone – parents, RMS staff, students, grandparents, family, friends, etc.

*****Please make checks payable to Rainier MS PTA*****

Name (member #1): _____ **Amount: \$** _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name (member #2): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student & Home Room Teacher: _____

Student & Home Room Teacher: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIFT A MEMBERSHIP TO AN RMS TEACHER/STAFF MEMBER?

Teacher/Staff Name: _____ **Amount: \$** _____

-----FOR PTA USE ONLY-----

Amount Paid: \$ _____ **Paid by: Cash/Check #:** _____

Received by/Date: _____

Date Entered: _____ **Initials** _____



