

Good Afternoon Thundercat Families,

This Wednesday, August 10, will be the first day of school for the 2022-23 school year, and RTMS is ready to welcome our Thundercats! We know there is a mixture of excitement and anxiety, and we will be taking great care of everyone, with safety and wellness at the top of the priority list. The first three days of school will be spent in Thunder Investment Days. On these days we go over all procedures and expectations in Thundercat Country. In addition, we cover our core beliefs and commitments, Thundercat PRIDE:

- P- People and relationships matter
- R- Respect in all we do
- I- Inclusion is a priority
- D- Diversity is our strength
- E- Effort fuels our growth

What Do I Need and Where Do I Go on the First Day of School?

What to bring with you on Day 1 (Not a lot):

- String bag (no need for backpack today, really, but you can bring one; no rolling backpacks)
- Pen and Pencil
- Lunch (if not getting one from the lunch line)

Where to Report and What to Do:

Car Riders/ Walkers: Enter the building through the front door. Parents- if your child is a car rider in the morning but a bus rider in the afternoon, please ensure that your child knows his/her route number so we do not have confusion at dismissal.

Bus Rider/Bike Riders: Enter through the bus ramp doors where you park your bike or walk off the bus.

6th grade- report to Commons

7th grade – report to Girls Gym

8th grade- report to Boy's Gym

All Students: once you arrive at the location above, look on the walls for listings (alphabetical by student last name), showing each student who their first period teacher is. When you find your name on the list, see who your first period teacher is and take note of their room number. Then, when dismissed you may head to that room.

Parents: Please DO NOT escort your child into the building. Please let them get out of the car or off the bus and walk into the school on their own. We do not have enough parking space to accommodate parents even at the entrances. We promise to take great care of your children!

Transportation- Please expect delays the first few days in the car rider line, with walkers, bikes riders and buses. It will take patience and time to work through the beginning of the year transportation. Based on past feedback, we continue to review the transportation systems set in place to ensure we

have the most efficient dismissal possible. Please note that the layout of our facility poses inherent challenges, and student safety remains our priority.

Parent “To Do List”

1. **Complete the online verification of student information and enrollment in Skyward Family Access for each child in your family.** Please be mindful of your permissions regarding your child's name, image, and social media, as your response might prevent your child's name and/or picture from appearing in the yearbook. [Link to Skyward Family Access](#) | [Link to Enrollment Verification Flyer in English](#) | [Link to Enrollment Verification Flyer in Spanish](#)
2. **Ensure you are set to receive information from the school through Blackboard Connect.** Follow the instructions at www.fortbendisd.com/blackboardconnect
3. **Looked for your child(ren)'s bus route information,** if applicable by visiting the [Bus Route Info page](#)
4. **Complete or renew your application for Free or Reduced Meal Program** by [visiting the Free and Reduced Meal program web page on the district website](#)
5. **Ensure your child(ren)'s vaccination/immunization records are up-to-date.** This particularly important if your child will be in 7th grade this year, as there were some updates your child needs to have before attending school. Note that these immunizations DO NOT include the COVID-19 vaccination. For more details, visit the [School Health Services web page](#).

Parents, please be sure to check these items off your list as you complete them.

Thank you for taking some time to consider the items that will help each student as we return to school. Enjoy these last couple of days before the start of the school year. Wednesday, August 10 will be here before we know it!

RTMS Additional Resources

- [Back To School Letter](#)
- [RTMS Car Rider Map](#)
- [RTMS New Staff 22](#)
- [RTMS Admin quick reference](#)
- [Thundercamp FAQ](#)

Sincerely,

Jennifer Petru, Principal

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