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*Achieving Excellence, Honoring Traditions, Building Community*

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Greetings to the Roswell High School Community,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year at Roswell High School! I am pleased to announce that we had a great first day of school and there is a lot of excitement for the new school year.

I try to send a weekly email to parents with updated information about all that is going on at our school. This year, Roswell Communications Manager Betsy Rhame-Minor is assisting with this communication and, at some point, these weekly notes will transition to an email platform.

I want to thank all the faculty and staff for a great start to our school year. Many of them worked late hours last week and even came in during the weekend to make sure that everything was ready to go for today. I am so very appreciative of their efforts.

Thank you also to our amazing PTSA for all they do for our students and teachers. A great way to become more informed and involved with Roswell High is to become a PTSA member for only a \$10.00 contribution. You can learn more about our PTSA by clicking [HERE](#) and sign up for the PTSA newsletter.

Please continue reading for some additional information and some important accolades.

### **Niche.com Rankings**

Congratulations to the entire Roswell community as the ranking website niche.com ranked Roswell High School as the 20th Best Public High School in the State of Georgia. This is one of those "points of pride" that reflects the work of our entire school community and gives us something to build on for the future. You can learn more about this ranking and see the entire list by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Student Handbook**

The 2018-2019 Student Handbook is available on the Roswell website. All students and parents are encouraged to read the handbook and become familiar with Roswell's Policies and Procedures. You can read the handbook by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Schedule Changes**

Schedule Change forms are available outside the Student Services office. Please be patient as the counselors are working to make sure all Roswell students are in the correct classes. Please also keep in mind that many of our classes are at capacity and there is a good chance that a schedule change request may not be possible. Please also keep in mind that accommodating your schedule change request may mean other changes in a student's schedule. Finally, even if classes on a student's schedule is wrong,

students should continue to follow their printed schedule until a change is made. This will prevent a student from being marked absent.

### **Dress Code**

The Roswell Administration is committed to making sure that the learning environment at Roswell is conducive for teaching and learning. As a result, it is important that we have a reasonable expectation for student dress. The 2018-2019 Dress Code is as follows:

*Roswell High students are expected to dress and be groomed to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and good taste. Students' dress should not distract from or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school.*

*The administration reserves the right to make any amendments for the best interest of the student or the educational process. The administration will be responsible for determining dress code violations and appropriate consequences. The following items are dress violations and are not appealable:*

- *Clothing that contains inappropriate language or advertisements;*
- *Clothing that is too revealing exposing the back, chest, or waist;*
- *Skirts, shorts or dresses that may be deemed inappropriate by school officials - shorts and skirts must be long enough to extend past the length of the shirt;*
- *Hats, do-rags, sleep caps, bandanas, combs/pics or wallet chains;*
- *Pajamas, slippers, or exposed undergarments; and*
- *Pants that are worn below the waist line.*

#### *Discipline Steps for Dress Code*

- *A dress code offense will be considered a disregard for school policy and be handled according to the Fulton County discipline cycle.*
- *First offense-student warning and opportunity to change clothes. Inability or refusal to change will result in "time out" spent in ISS. Repeated and/or flagrant violations may result in Friday School or I.S.S.*

Please keep in mind that administrators may use their discretion when determining if a clothing item is not appropriate for school. The best rule to follow is this: *If in doubt, don't wear it!*

### **Policy Changes**

There are not a lot of policy changes for the 2018-2019 school year, but we must make a few adjustments as we continue to focus on school safety.

1. Students are not allowed to exit the building during the school day to pick up any items from parents or friends that are being dropped off. Students are also not allowed to accept food deliveries during the school day.
2. A written note or a parent "walk-in" is the *only* accepted documentation for a student to check out of school. Phone calls and emails will no longer be accepted. A reminder that all adults asking to check a student out of school must have a valid, government issued, picture identification. Any adult checking a student out of school must be previously identified in the school's Student Information System as an emergency contact list.

I would also strongly encourage all Roswell families to review the Fulton County Schools 2018-2019 Code of Conduct. You can read that document by clicking [HERE](#). Fulton County parents and students must also sign off that they have received the Handbook and other information. You can do that by clicking [HERE](#) (in English) or [HERE](#) (in Spanish).

### **QuickTip App**

In a continuing effort to improve school safety, the District has provided the QuickTip App. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and instructions on how to download the app to your phone.

### **Student Council**

Thank you to Mrs. Hartigan, Ms. Mordecai, and the Student Council students that helped with pre-planning. Many of the students helped teachers set up their rooms, showed the parents of ninth grade students what not to wear, and made sure we had a nice breakfast on Friday morning. Great job!

### **Yearbook Camp**

Thanks to Yearbook sponsor Marina Goddard for sharing pictures of our yearbook students at yearbook camp. Already looking forward to this year's book!



## Ninja Challenge

In a continuing effort to support and recognize Roswell female athletes, Roswell coaches hosted the Ninja Challenge on Saturday. Athletes from Cross-Country, Volleyball, and Softball completed some athletic challenges, learned about nutrition, and got to hear from Roswell graduate and Purdue Basketball player Andreona Keys. Thanks to Roswell Coaches Bradach, R. Glover, Kirk, Mobley, Bethune, Roustan, Brickhouse, Ashworth, and Evans for making this happen! Great job.



## **Marching Band**

Congratulations to the Hornet Marching Band on a great 2018 Band Camp! Best wishes to Mr. Moon, the staff, and the students for a great 2018 Marching Band season.



## **Meet the Hornets**

On Friday night, all of the 2018 Roswell football players, from Junior Hornets to our Seniors, were introduced to the community. Also introduced were the cheerleaders and the band performed. Congrats to the RHS Touchdown Club, Coach Kemper and his staff, and all of the players for a great kickoff to the season.



Again, thank you for all of your help and support. Best wishes for a great school year and please always feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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