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August 14, 2018

Greetings to the Roswell High School Community,

Thank you for a great first week of school! It was great to see all our students return and the year started so smoothly we did not need an advisement class on Wednesday. We are still in the process of balancing classes so we respectfully ask for your patience and support.

As you may know, the process of installing the new track has fallen behind schedule and we are going to have to make some adjustments to some events that were scheduled to use our facility. There is a separate letter at the end of this one with more details.

As we fall into our morning routines, please note the following about picking up and dropping off students.

- The Roswell Police Department no longer supplies crossing guards. We have been able to contract with some local police officers and, along with our own two officers, we hope to have the situation covered.
- In the morning, please do not use the Hardscrabble entrance to drop off students. This will not only create a safety hazard for our buses, but it may slow down their ability to leave campus and begin their next runs.
- Please also do not enter the senior lot for drop offs in the morning.
- We have been asked to remind our community that the parking lot at Trader Joe's is not available for drop off and pickup (blocking access to the lot may result in a ticket) and students risk being towed if they park at Publix or other local businesses.
- As you know, Georgia is now "hands-free" when it comes to the use of cell phones while driving. Please remind your teen drivers of this new law, especially when leaving campus in the afternoon.
- It is very important that students do not hang out in the parking lot during the day and that all cars have parking decals. In addition to managing our parking situation, safety protocols also dictate that we are aware of the cars that are on our campus.
- ***Parking on the Roswell campus is a privilege.*** It is a privilege that can be taken away for various violations of school rules including vaping, excessive tardies, and more. We not only have a waiting list for students that want parking, but we have many students who come and go during the day for online classes, work based learning, apprenticeships, dual enrollment, and more.
- Finally, a good rule of thumb is to leave early, especially when it is raining. Weather delays are not an excused tardy.

Thank you for your help, patience, and support, and thank you for a great first week of school.



Seniors during the Spirit Walk last Friday. Thanks to Pam Nitzken for the pic

Have a great week!

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

Roswell High School will deploy Surface tablets to all students starting August 21, 2018 through their math classes. Please click [HERE](#) for the Device Agreement (Spanish version coming soon)

School Governance

The Roswell School Governance Council will meet this Wednesday (8/15) at 4:00 PM in the Media Center. Below are some helpful links:

- [July 18 Minutes](#)
- [Agenda](#)

Varsity Football

While the Varsity football team came up a little short in the scrimmage, it was a great game! Best wishes to the team for the start of the season on August 24, at home against Campbell.

JV Softball

Congrats to the JV Softball team for a great showing at the Allatoona Tournament. The team lost to Sonoraville but beat Pickens, River Ridge and Allatoona in extra innings! Great job.

Orchestra

Congratulations to the Orchestra as they were invited to perform at for the Honor Orchestra Students of District IX on November 8, 2018. The sponsors invited Roswell by saying, "Your ensemble has an incredible reputation of musical excellence." Congratulations to Sara White and the group.

Varsity Softball

Congratulations to our Varsity Softball team as they started their season with a 9-1 win over neighborhood rival Centennial on Tuesday. The Hornets traveled to Centennial Monday evening and won 16-0! Congrats to Coach Roustan and the team.



(Image from @roswellathletics)

Cross Country



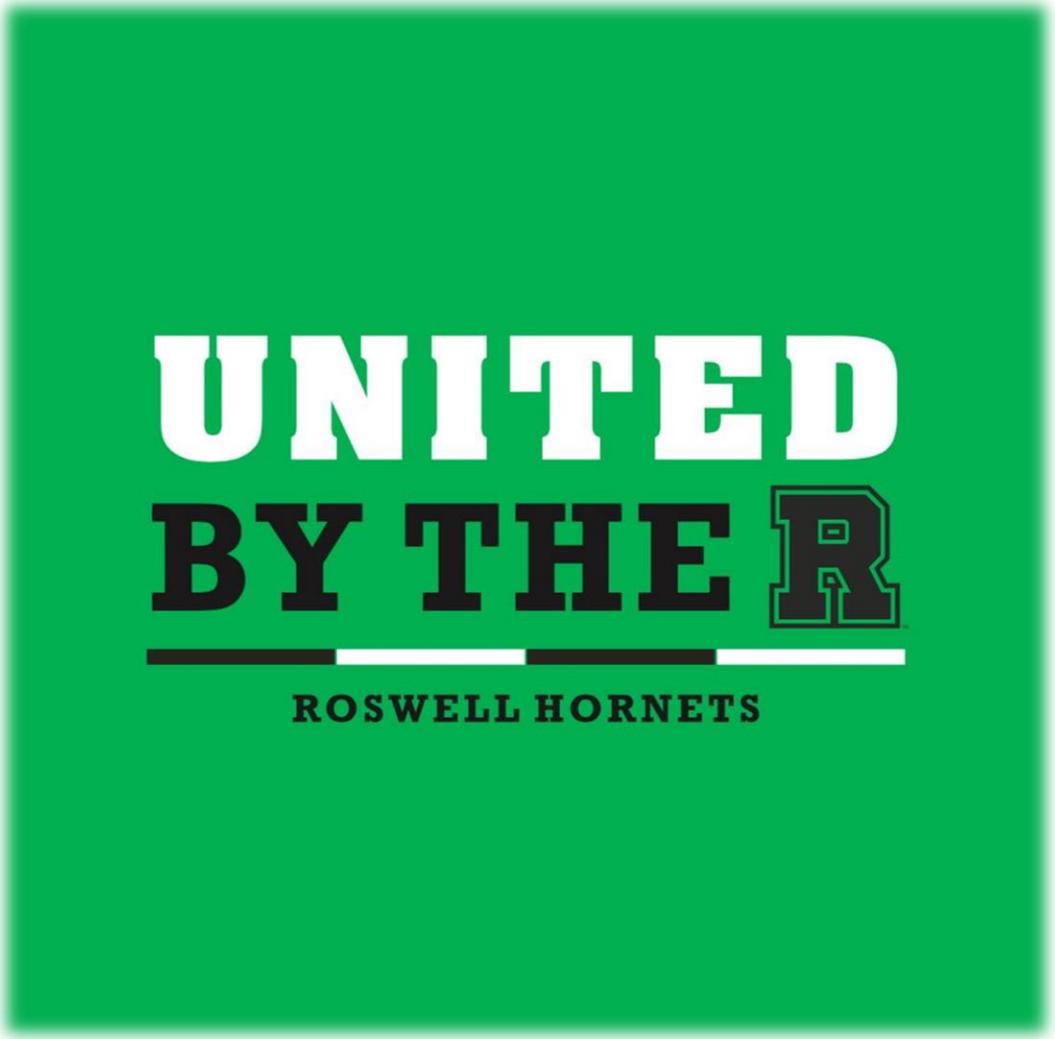
Great job to the Roswell Boys & Girls Cross Country teams as they got their season started with time trials this weekend at Garrad Park! Racing to the top boy's rank is Jack Rhodes who ran the two-mile course in a record time of 10:13 and Mallie MacKinsey, the top girl who also ran in record time of 12:43. Rounding out the boys' top five are Jacob Brunner, Jordan Gomez, John Drombrowski, and Michael Parnes. The girls' top five include Sara Sandreuter, Rosie Grant, Abby Smith, and Roxanne Colson. All of these runners had outstanding races. Good luck this season (image from rhxscbootsers Facebook page)

Again, thank you for all your help and support. Please always feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert

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August 14, 2018

Dear Roswell Community,

Over the summer, work began on replacing the track at Ray Manus Stadium. The project is part of a larger scale, SPLOST-funded replacement project of tracks and artificial turf throughout the school system.

Our replacement track was expected to be finished by the end of August, but a few unforeseen factors contributed to a delay, such as the extended rainy weather we've had over the summer. When removing the rubberized track surfacing, we also discovered that the asphalt underneath needed to be replaced along with some concrete curbing. The completion timeframe has now been extended to September 24, weather permitting.

Although we are not in track season, those who use the field for practices or games must walk on the track to access the field, so having the track out of commission impacts our ability to use the field. We are fortunate that there is a five-week span where our varsity football team has away games and a "bye week."

In the interim, our football players, cheerleaders, marching band, color guard, and other teams that use the field for practices will use the two practice fields, normal band field, or the gymnasium.

Track work will begin September 1, and between September 3-5, half of the football field will be available for practices. After September 9, the field will be closed until the project's completion.

The following schedule has been developed:

Varsity Football Games

- Our first two home games against Campbell High School (August 24) and Centennial High School (August 31) will be held as scheduled at Ray Manus Stadium.
- Due to already scheduled away games and a bye week, our next varsity home game is October 5.
- All practices will be moved to the practice field beginning September 6.

Ninth Grade and Junior Varsity Home Games

- The ninth grade game on 9/6/18 will need to be moved to an away game.
- The JV games on Sept. 10 will need to be moved. We will monitor the game on the 24th and decide based on the progress of the track.

Marching Band

- No impact, they will continue to practice on their practice field until the project is completed.

Junior Hornets Program

- The Junior Hornets game on September 8 will be held at Roswell High as scheduled, but seating will be restricted to the home side only so the contractor can continue work on the visitors' side track.
- The game on September 15 will be moved to an away game.
- The track company will do everything they can to accommodate the game on 9/22/18.

If there are other changes made to this schedule, your coach or director will communicate them.

Replacing a competition track is a complex process with specialized materials and specific construction timelines. The old surfacing and asphalt are first removed, and then new asphalt is placed where needed, requiring 28 days for curing before it can be coated with the rubberized surfacing. Two more layers are placed on the first layer, and each has a curing period. Finally, the track is trimmed and cleaned with lane striping, with that process taking a little over two weeks.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process. Our school staff, the FCS Administration, and the contractor are all working together to ensure the track project is completed correctly so it will serve our athletes for years to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Clinton Lawrence, our school's Athletic Director at LawrenceC2@fultonschools.org or 404-668-8188, or Dr. Steven Craft, the Fulton County Schools' Athletic Director at CraftS@fultonschools.org or 470-254-4579.

Sincerely,

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