



AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Achieving Excellence Together!

August 9, 2019

Dear ARIS Parents / Guardians:

It is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you and your family. To those students and families who are new to ARIS, I hope you are looking forward to an exciting and productive year in your new school. It is my sincere hope that whether you are new to ARIS or are returning for another great year, that you will quickly feel at home and become involved in the many wonderful activities that our school has to offer through your child's team and our Home and School Association.

Your child's (1) Team, (2) Homeroom, (3) Locker / Combination, and (4) Complete Schedule will be posted via the *Genesis Parent Portal* on **Friday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.** Please note that schedules are subject to change up until the first day of school, when students will receive their official/final schedule from their homeroom teacher. Also, in order to access any information on the Genesis Parent Portal, you and your child will need to electronically acknowledge that you have read/reviewed our 2019-20 Student-Parent Handbook.

ARIS will have its ***Open House*** from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 28**. During this time, you and your child are welcome to come to visit and take a self-guided tour the building, practice opening your locker, and visit the Home & School Information tables. It is recommended that you print a copy of your child's schedule at home and bring it with you to navigate the building. Please note, our teachers will not be present during the Open House, as they are not scheduled to report to school until Tuesday, September 3.

SUMMER READING

If your child has not started a summer read yet, now is the time to get started. All ARIS students are to complete one of the summer reading selections for their respective grade. There are a variety of choices available across a range of reading levels and genres. Visit the ARIS website for complete details or click [HERE](#).

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS

Once you access your child's schedule, be sure to check the supply lists identified by your child's teachers. A link will be provided as we get closer to August 23rd.

PLANNERS

Although ARIS encourages the use of online organizational tools such as Google Calendar, we have found that some students benefit from having a traditional (paper based) planner for organization. The purchase of a planner is optional because students will predominantly use their chromebook to keep track of assignments and due dates. Should you wish to purchase a planner for your child, following are two examples to consider: [Matrix Style](#) & [Basic Style](#).

BUS INFORMATION

Student Bus Information should be available on the *Genesis Parent Portal* during the last week of August. Please be sure to contact the Transportation Department (908-431-6600, prompt #6) if your child's bus information is not posted by Friday, August 30.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our before and after school care program is provided by Catholic Charities. For hours, prices, and programming details, please call: 732-324-8200. You can also visit their website by clicking: [HERE](#)

CHROMEBOOKS

All students in grades 5-12 will be issued an [Acer Chromebook Spin 11 r751](#). The device will come with a protective case. Students will also need a set of earphones or earbuds. It is recommended to have a spare pair beyond what the student may already own. The Acer Spin 11 has touch screen technology and a touchpad. Some students may still like the use of a mouse and you may consider adding a notebook-sized wireless mouse as an accessory.

Chromebook Distribution will take place at Hillsborough Middle School from Monday, 8/26 through Thursday, 8/29. You will be able to sign up for an appointment beginning on Thursday, 8/15. Details and directions for signing up for an appointment slot will be sent out from the district when the registration system opens.

BACKPACKS & DRAWSTRING BAGS

Although students are encouraged to have a backpack to help transport school materials to and from school, ARIS follows a “no backpack” rule (which also includes “mini” backpacks) during the school day. Students are, however, allowed to use a drawstring bag (cinch sack) to secure small items that otherwise may be difficult to maintain throughout the day (i.e. water bottle, pencil case, earbuds, snack, choice reading book, computer mouse, eyeglasses. Please note that a drawstring bag is defined as flexible container with a single opening and a tie consisting of a cord that goes through a seam around an opening. Drawstring bags should not be larger than the standard 14” x 18” size (width and height).

In addition to a drawstring bag, students also have the option to secure and transport their chromebook during the school day using a carrying case. A case for a chromebook should not exceed the overall size of the chromebook by more than a couple of inches all around. In other words, in order to adhere to our “no backpack” practice, a “chromebook case” should not be much larger than: 1” thickness x 12” width x 8” length.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FEE

Recently, the district sent out information regarding an “Activity Participation Fee” that will be in effect this school year for students in grades 5 - 12. More information will be shared in late August / early September as it pertains to Auten Road. Until that time, it is recommended that you do not make any online payments that may appear on the Parent Portal regarding an “Activity Fee,” except for Chromebook Insurance.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our main office if you have a question or concern. For your planning, the first day of school is Thursday, September 5. More details about the first day of school will be shared during the last week of August. During the time leading up to our *Open House*, our custodians and maintenance crew will be working to complete their summer clean-up of classrooms and hallways. If you need to stop in to our office prior to August 28th we ask that you use caution and not tour the building as it may be unsafe for visitors.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,



Christopher Carey, Principal