

Welcome to Resurrection!

Freshman Information Letter 2019



Resurrection

COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Caritate et Veritate

We hope the information in this letter and the enclosed flyer will aid in preparing your family for the start of the 2019 - 2020 school year.

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**+Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr +
5.June.2019**

Dear Resurrection Community,

I hope that your summer is off to a great and relaxing start! We have important information that we wish to share with you as we prepare to welcome you and your family to the 2019-2020 school year. Each new academic year brings the same mixture of ideas: hope in a fresh start, renewal of established commitments, and confidence in the possibility of the future.

In my twenty-plus years in Catholic education, from my days in high school to my current experience as a PhD and principal, I have seen the transformative power of the Gospel in all aspects of life, especially when it takes hold in the community. Catholic schools are a community and at Res, our focus is on the holistic development of the God-given talents of our young women. In a world that is often chaotic, broken, and seemingly directionless, our refuge is in Christ and in His presence among us in the various relationships that we experience. It is from that platform that we must operate.

As parents, our Church teaches us that you are the first and primary teachers of your daughters. As your principal, I am honored and humbled that you entrust that education to us, and I assure you that the responsibility that comes with your trust is paramount in all of the decisions made by my office, administrators, and faculty. I eagerly look forward to working together to help our girls to be all that God has created them to be. I ask that you continue to hold our community in prayer as we undertake the collective vocation of Catholic education! I look forward to meeting each of you in a variety of ways available to us in the upcoming weeks and months.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of forms, please contact Ms. Mary Kaye Ulczak, Registrar at Mulczak@reshs.org. For questions related to summer reading or general academics, please contact Mr. Joe Lascon, Assistant Principal for Instruction, Technology & Assessment at Jlascon@reshs.org. For all other questions, please contact the main office, 773.775.6616.

We look forward to our partnership in the education and formation of your daughter! Have a safe and joyful summer and we look forward to meeting you and your daughter in August.

In Charity and Truth, I remain yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick Piwowarski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Piwowarski" clearly distinguishable.

**Dr. Rick Piwowarski
Principal**

Freshman Orientation and Retreat

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 - 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dress: School uniform

Lunch: Pizza, sandwiches, and beverages will be available for sale in the cafeteria or students can bring a sack lunch from home. Please bring cash to purchase items.

What freshmen need to know about the day:

- Freshmen will report to the Main Office at 7:30 a.m.
- Activities scheduled throughout the day will include having the ID picture taken, touring the building, meeting classmates and Freshman Mentors, receiving a Seminar classroom activity, being assigned a locker and Chromebook training.
- Freshmen should **NOT** bring their textbooks/notebooks with them on August 14th because they will not be assigned a locker until late in the day.

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dress: School uniform

Lunch: Pizza, sandwiches, and beverages will be available for sale in the cafeteria or students can bring a sack lunch from home. Please bring cash to purchase items.

What freshmen need to know about the day:

- Freshmen will report to the Main Office at 7:30 a.m.
- Activities scheduled throughout the day will include learning how to find their classrooms, understanding the block schedule, meeting their teachers, and training for their Chromebooks.

Friday, August 16, 2019 - 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. (school doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

Dress: Class of '23 shirt (which freshmen will receive as a gift on Aug. 15) and a pair of sweats, jeans, capri or yoga pants.

Lunch: Provided by Campus Ministry

Led by the campus minister, students will be experiencing their first retreat as Resurrection students!

Freshmen Student Family Social

Friday, August 16, 2019 - 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming you to the Resurrection family! Drop your daughter off for the mixer and stop by to meet a number of other families and Resurrection leadership while enjoying a few light refreshments.

Freshman Mixer

Friday, August 16, 2019 - 7 to 10 p.m.

Attend the Class of '23's first dance in the Resurrection Cafeteria. Free. ID needed for admission.

New Parent Information Session/Curriculum Night

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Little Theater

Please join us for our Resurrection New Parent Information Session! During this meeting parents will receive information about the following topics:

- Services of the general counselor and college counselor
- Passwords and directions for using Parent Connect and Schoology for monitoring their daughter's progress and grades
- General contact information
- Campus Ministry Service Program

2019/2020 Student Schedule

Enclosed in this mailing, you will find your schedule for the 2019/2020 school year. Every effort was taken this year to place your daughter in courses that initially selected or alternates that were provided. Please be aware of a few items as you examine your daughter's schedule:

- Band and Chamber Ensemble meet before school (0 Period) each day
- Yearbook meets after school (Period 9)
- Periods are indicated by the number inside the parenthesis
- Course numbers are printed next to the course name and can be used for textbook purchasing purposes

Over the summer we will continue to work to improve overall scheduling and that may lead to some changes in what period a student has a particular course. **A student will not be added or removed from a course without being contacted first.** If you did not receive a schedule or you have questions regarding the schedule, please contact Mr. Lascon (jlason@reshs.org).

Additional Information

This document will also be available on our website. If accessing this document online, you can click on the heading for each section to be taken directly to the required documents and/or information.

[Medical Information](#)

A [Physical Examination/Immunization Records Form](#) is included in this mailing (or by clicking on the link above). Please fill in dates of all of your daughter's immunizations - giving the day, month and year

of each immunization. Your physician's signature on the immunization section indicates your daughter's immunizations are up to date.

Please fill out the Health History section and sign and date it. Your physician will fill out the rest of the exam portion of the form and indicate if your daughter is able to participate in Physical Education and Interscholastic Sports.

If your daughter will be using an inhaler, epipen or medication during the school day, please download the three [Self Medication Forms](#) from our website (www.reshs.org - [2019-2020 forms](#)). Please return the completed forms with your daughter's Physical Examination/Immunization Form.

Your daughter's **Physical Examination/Immunization Record** and **Self Medication Forms**, if necessary, should be sent to the Resurrection College Prep Records Office by **Wednesday July 24, 2019**. By state law, a student may not participate in Physical Education classes, Dance classes, sports, or extracurricular activities if she does not have a completed physical/immunization record on file in the high school. A return envelope has been included for your convenience.

[Summer Reading](#)

A required summer reading assignment for your daughter's English class is listed on our website. The English Department's [Summer Reading 2019](#) tab will provide information about the summer reading program and identify the required selection for your daughter based on the five digit course number of her English course. This number can be found on her schedule.

[Emergency Forms](#)

Completed [Emergency forms](#) are due in the Records Office by **Monday, July 8, 2019..**

[Fall Sports Tryouts](#)

Fall tryouts begin **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** and pre-registration is required for tryouts. A complete schedule of tryout dates and information concerning tryouts for fall can be found on our website (www.reshs.org). Please visit our website and download a copy of the IHSA participation paperwork that is required to be completed by each student athlete participating in our athletic program.

School Supplies

All students will need a **Texas Instrument model TI 84 Plus graphing calculator** for their math class. Additionally, when your daughter meets her teachers, they will let her know of any special materials needed for their classes. Students are free to purchase notebooks, markers, etc. of their choice.

Student planners with the school calendar and space for writing homework assignments may be pre-ordered [HERE](#). The planner is a 7 x 9 spiral-bound planner that includes Red & White days, school vacations and other school events. The bell schedule, uniform code and important school numbers are also included. The cost is \$6 and **orders need to be placed by Friday, June 21**. A limited number of student planners will also be available for purchase outside the cafeteria beginning August 19, 2019.

Purchasing Books and eBooks

Follett is the official textbook provider for Resurrection. You can purchase new or used texts as well as rent selected titles. Some eBooks and digital platforms are also available. You may begin purchasing books online on July 9, 2019. It is very important that students begin the year with the texts and/or digital resources required for class.

Follett Virtual Backpack

We're excited to announce the Follett Virtual Backpack as the new home for your daughter's digital content for the 2019-2020 school year! The Virtual Backpack provides faster and easier access to eBook credentials for digital materials purchased from your school's online bookstore. **All Resurrection students are required to purchase the Virtual Backpack** (Note: A small digital fee will be applied per student, per school year upon the first purchase of digital content for the school year). **Incoming freshmen need to utilize the Resurrection, school issued personal email address that is printed on this document so that they can readily access their Follett Virtual Backpack when school starts.**

Regarding the book list, in some cases, when purchasing a digital license from Follett, you may find that a book is listed as "Optional" for purchase. This option is for families that would like their daughter to have a physical copy of the digital text in addition to the required digital platform.

Additional information can be obtained on the website www.reshs.bkstr.com. Book lists for each grade level are available in the office and on the school website. If you have a question about textbooks, please contact Dr. Trina Vallone at TVallone@reshs.org. If you have questions about the Follett Digital Backpack please contact Joe Lascon at JLascon@reshs.org.

Parent Communications

Email & electronic newsletters

Email is a primary method of communication used by the school about news and events. You can expect to receive regular emails from Resurrection, including:

Res Reminders – on Sundays, when school is in session, you can expect to receive an email from resnews@reshs.org that contains reminders and information about the week ahead.

ResConnection – at the beginning of each month you will also receive a monthly parent e-newsletter, The ResConnection. The ResConnection is not sent out in July.

Special Announcements about school events, weather or school closing information, information pertaining to your daughter's grade level, schedule changes or other announcements.

What if you are NOT receiving emails from us?

1. Please make sure that we have your current email address.

2. Please add the e-mail resnews@reshs.org to your email contacts so that your e-mail provider does not direct our messages to your spam or junk file.

3. If you use a gmail address, your email from Resurrection may land in your “Promotions” tab.

4. If you choose not to receive e-mail by opting-out of our emails or not sharing your email address, please make a point to regularly visit the Resurrection website at **www.reshs.org**. The website is continually updated with news for parents and students, including calendar information, forms and news. The monthly ResConnection and weekly Res Reminders can be found on the website.

If you are not receiving emails, please contact Resurrection Director of Communications Kathleen Heneghan at kheneghan@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 125 or Resurrection Registrar Mary Kaye Ulczak at mulczak@reshs.org or 773.775.6616 Ext 127.

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