Dear Royal Oak Families:

What a winter this has been!

Those of you with children attending our schools have received numerous communications from me as weather conditions have necessitated cancelling school. The decision to close school is one that I never like to make. Because every day of instruction is important for students, the decision to cancel a day of school is made very deliberately and carefully.

Students, parents, teachers, principals – everyone in our school community makes critical decisions that impact students and their learning each and every day. In our district, we have a clearly articulated vision and mission statement which serve as guideposts for decision making:

**Vision: A Community of Excellence**

**Mission:** Royal Oak Schools will create a world-class system for learning by building active partnerships among students, educators, families, and community to prepare all students to participate in an ever-changing world as responsible lifelong learners.

This fall, we took the next step in framing our commitments as a district by articulating district goals. Our four district goals, as adopted by the Royal Oak Board of Education, are:

1. **Student Achievement:** Student Achievement for Royal Oak students will exceed national, state, and county norms.
2. **Student Growth:** Each individual student will achieve at least one year’s worth of growth for every year’s worth of instruction.
3. **Community:** School and community success are inter-related and active school-community partnerships are essential to both, therefore we will work to strengthen and increase school and community partnerships.
4. **System:** Royal Oak Schools will responsibly optimize the use of resources for improving student learning.

A working document that identifies metrics to track progress toward these goals as well as the strategies we will use to achieve them is posted on our website, [www.royaloakschools.org](http://www.royaloakschools.org). Each day, students, parents, teachers, principals, and countless others in our community make decisions about students and student learning in Royal Oak. With the direction provided by a clearly articulated vision, mission statement, and goals, we are committed to making the critically important decisions that will best serve our students and their learning.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Superintendent
Royal Oak High School Expands Advanced Placement Program

The number of AP courses available at Royal Oak High School (ROHS) will increase to 13 next year with the addition of three new AP courses. These new AP offerings will be available to ROHS students beginning in the Fall of 2014.

AP Microeconomics will be offered for the first time. For many years, Royal Oak has offered AP American Government and Politics, a one semester course targeted for enrollment by 10th grade students. The addition of AP Econ will be an ideal complement, as a one-semester course, for students already exposed to the high expectations and rigor of AP Government and Politics. “We are very excited about expanding Advanced Placement opportunities for our students,” said ROHS Social Studies Department Leader Alec Snyder. “Our school is committed to increasing the number of students who are ‘college-ready’, and our AP course offerings help us accomplish this goal.”

Royal Oak is also re-aligning its AP Physics offerings. The high school will now offer AP Physics 1 and 2, a two-year sequence, which typically follows a student’s completion of Biology and Chemistry. The College Board, which establishes standards for AP courses, has redesigned the current AP Physics course, AP Physics B, to become this two-year program. These changes encourage high school juniors to select AP Physics 1. They can then proceed to take AP Physics 2 during their senior year.

All AP courses are offered on-site at Royal Oak High School, where students have access to the many activities and advantages of a comprehensive community-based high school. AP exams, taken each spring, qualify students to receive post-secondary academic credit. “On a regular basis, ROHS graduates enter college and university programs with second year academic status because of the opportunities afforded them in high school,” said Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin.

2014-2015 ROHS Enrollment For New Students

Students who reside in the Royal Oak School District, but are not currently enrolled in a Royal Oak School, should contact Principal Mike Van Camp to schedule a tour of ROHS at 248-435-8500, ext. 1127, or vancampm@royaloakschools.org.

How to Enroll

For students not currently attending Royal Oak Schools, enrollment at ROHS takes place at the district enrollment office located at 1123 Lexington. For information about the district enrollment process, click on the enrollment tab at www.royaloakschools.org or call Barbara Sparks at 248-435-8400, ext. 1260.

The website provides step-by-step instructions and all the necessary forms required to complete your new student enrollment. You may complete the student pre-enrollment form online or download and print.

For additional information, see the article on Enrollment/Registration Required Documents (page 3).

After district enrollment paper work is completed, students will meet with a ROHS counselor, who will review their academic progress and work with the student and his or her family on course selection. For additional information regarding ROHS, contact Mr. Van Camp at 248-435-8500, ext. 1127, or vancampm@royaloakschools.com.
Enrollment Procedures

Enrollment/Registration Required

Documents

- **2 Proofs of Residency**
  - Lease Agreement (plus page with landlord and tenant signatures)
  - Mortgage Statement (within last month)
  - City Assessor’s Tax Statement (current year)
  - Current Utility Bill or Cable Bill (within last month)
  - Notarized Shared Housing Affidavit if living in someone else’s home/apartment
  - This person’s driver’s license and two proofs of their residency

- **Driver’s License** (of parent or guardian)

- **Birth Certificate** (original or certified copy with raised seal)

- **Immunization Records**

- **Vision Screening Required for Kindergarteners**

- **Court Documents, if applicable** (guardianship, foster care, etc.)

- **Enrollment packet paperwork must be completely filled out.** It can be downloaded at www.royaloakschools.org, click “Enrollment”, or it is available at the district Enrollment Office or any school building.

- **Please bring:** Emergency contact names/phone numbers, physician’s name/phone number, and previous school name/address/phone and fax numbers.

Parents may enroll students at our centralized location. Pre-enrollment paperwork may be completed online.

District Enrollment Office

1123 Lexington Boulevard, Royal Oak

Hours: Monday - Thursday (Closed Friday)

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Sparks, Enrollment Coordinator

(248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260

Fax: (248) 280-2591

Young Oaks Latchkey Program

Royal Oak Schools offers fee-based before and after school child care for school-aged children at each of the six elementary schools. The Young Oaks Latchkey Program emphasizes a comfortable, supervised atmosphere that includes activities that will enhance the child’s physical, social and academic growth.

The program is fully licensed by the State of Michigan and follows all of its guidelines. The staff is fully trained in CPR and first aid and receives additional appropriate in-service training throughout the year.

We offer care before and after school, as well as on most vacation days. In addition, summer camp is available during the entire summer break. For a nominal additional fee, parents can purchase “inclement weather” coverage in the event that schools are closed for an unpredictable reason.

For more information regarding the fee structure of the Young Oaks Latchkey Program, call Nancy Soik at (248) 288-3220, Ext. 3561.

Royal Oak Schools 2014-2015

Schools of Choice Applications Available March 3

Royal Oak Schools will begin accepting Schools of Choice applications March 3 for the 2014-2015 school year. The district will accept Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade eligible applicants, on a per building space available basis. Eligible students must reside in Oakland County. Once a student is enrolled as a Schools of Choice student in the district he/she may continue to attend through high school, provided the enrollment is continuous.

Applications will be available March 3 through August 15 on the district website, www.royaloakschools.org, and at the district Enrollment Office, 1123 Lexington Boulevard, Royal Oak.

For further information, call Barbara Sparks at (248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260.

Royal Oak Schools

A Community of Excellence

- Early Childhood Special Education Program & Services
- Young Oaks Before and After School Age Child Care
- 3 Day Preschool Programs for 4 & 5 Year Olds
- 2 Day Preschool Programs for 3 Year Olds
- Child Care Program: Full or Part-time for 2 1/2 to 5 Year Olds
- Great Start Readiness Program: 4 Day Full-time Program

Addams Early Childhood Center

2222 West Webster
Royal Oak, Michigan

For more information, visit us at www.royaloakschools.org or call 248-288-3220
Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education Continues its Tradition of Giving and Support for Royal Oak Schools

The Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education recently released its 2013 Annual Report, highlighting a successful year of fundraising and a program of continued giving and support for Royal Oak Schools.

In 2013 the Foundation raised over $20,000 from its 20th annual golf outing at Red Run Golf Club under the leadership of Patrick Wolynski and 2nd annual Taste of Michigan event held at Holiday Market in February.

The Foundation sponsors four major programs in the district:
• Comcast/Royal Oak Schools Internet Essentials
• Jump Start Music Program
• PTA Council Parent U
• Dan Champagne College Scholarship

To enhance families’ access to technology for student learning, the Foundation awarded nearly $8,000 to fund the Comcast/Royal Oak Schools Internet Essentials program. The purpose of this partnership is to provide technology and internet access for up to 100 socio-economically disadvantaged students in Royal Oak. An annual donation of $5,000 continues to support the Jump Start music program. This is an instrumental music program for 5th grade students interested in playing in band or orchestra. The program provides instrument fitting, clinics, and financial assistance with private lessons and instrument rental.

The Foundation partnered with Royal Oak’s PTA Council with a donation of $3,250 for the Council’s Parent U at Royal Oak High School in November, 2013.

The Foundation continues to fund an annual and renewable $1,000 college scholarship in the name of former School Board member, Dan Champagne. This scholarship is awarded to a high school student in Royal Oak who demonstrates strong community service and enrolls as a full-time student at Oakland Community College.

Foundation President Christine Hartwig announced plans for 2014 including a major donation to one of Royal Oak Schools’ primary performing arts venues, Royal Oak Middle School’s Dondero Auditorium. The donation is targeted for enhancements and improvements to the audio and video at this venue to provide a premier performing arts center for student and community use.

State of the Schools Address

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Royal Oak Middle School Gathering Place
709 S. Washington, Royal Oak

Parents, students, staff and members of the community are invited to attend the annual State of the Schools Address.

Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin will provide an overview of Royal Oak Schools past successes, current challenges, and future plans. He will be speaking about student achievement in the district as well as instructional improvement initiatives. He will also share information regarding capital improvement projects the district is undertaking, thanks to the community support provided through approval of the sinking fund millage.

For more information call 248.435.8400 ext. 1228
School-to-Career Opportunities

Each year, the School District of the City of Royal Oak offers Career and Technical Education programs for high school students. These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors, and cooperative education coordinators. The following is a list of programs currently being offered:

- Health Sciences
- Graphic Communications
- Drafting/Design Technology
- Marketing Sales and Services
- Finance & Financial Management Services
- Business Administration Management and Operations
- Radio and TV Broadcasting Technology

All career and technical education programs follow the district's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all programs, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English Language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation.

For general information about these programs, contact:
Patrick Wolsynski
Director of Continuing Education
707 Girard
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 588-5050

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies and equal opportunity for the handicapped should be directed to:
Cheryl Goodgine
Executive Director, Administrative Services
1123 Lexington Blvd.
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 435-8400, Ext. 1206

Keyboarding Instructional Resource Programs for Students

As a district, Royal Oak Schools is working to align our curriculum and instruction to the Common Core Curriculum Standards. This will insure a high level of learning for all students and high levels of success when students are assessed using the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

The Smarter Balance Assessments, which will replace MEAP tests in the 2014-2015 school year, are administered on-line. They require students to use a keyboard and mouse to respond to prompts.

As a part of preparing students for success on these assessments, the district is exploring new keyboarding programs for student use, both in school and at home. Through collaborative work with other districts across Michigan, three exemplary keyboarding programs have been identified: www.typingclub.com, www.typingweb.com, and www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing.

“We encourage families to explore these programs at home,” said Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin. “Feedback on your experiences with these programs may be shared with Sarah Olson, Director of Instructional Services, at olsons@royaloakschools.org.”
ROHS Girls Basketball Team Hosts 5th Annual Pink Game Benefitting the American Cancer Society

The Royal Oak High School Varsity Girls Basketball team hosted their 5th annual Pink Game for the benefit of the American Cancer Society on Thursday, January 30. Royal Oak was victorious over Berkley High School 34-31.

This year’s event raised over $2,000. Pink shirts were sold by the players for $10, with $5 going to the American Cancer Society. Varsity players also collected donations at local businesses. This year’s supporters were Northwood Market and National Coney Island in Royal Oak, and New York Bagel in Ferndale. Players also conducted a bake sale the day of the game to raise money.

This was the 5th annual Pink Game. More than $8,500 has been raised since the first game in 2010.

“The event has always held a special place in our hearts,” said Head Coach Brian Sopata. “Mary Jo Banyai, mother of former player Anne Banyai passed away from cancer on February 1, 2010, just days before our first Pink Game. Mary Jo was a huge supporter of our program, helping organize our first three Royal Oak Girls Basketball banquets. Each year the funds raised are donated to the American Cancer Society in her name,” he said.

Girls basketball is just one of several Royal Oak High School teams to participate in game fund raisers. Similar efforts by the boys football and soccer teams have raised over $9,000 school-wide for the Beaumont Children’s Miracle Network and the University of Michigan Children’s Hospital “Gracie’s Fund” for leukemia research. The boys swimming team holds a swimming meet benefitting Toys for Tots.
2014 District Calendar
March - June 2014

2014
March 6  ROHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
March 12, 19, 26  Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
April 1, 2, 3  Elementary School Open Houses
April 2  ROMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
April 2  Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
April 7-11  Spring Recess
April 18  Good Friday – No School for Students
April 23, 30  Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
May 7, 14  Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
May 19-20  ROHS Senior Finals
May 26  Memorial Day – No School
June 4  Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
June 10-12  ROHS Exams (1/2 Day for ROHS Students)
June 12  Last Day of School

Activity Gold Card Available for Seniors
The Royal Oak School District presents its Senior Activity Gold Card, a complimentary pass for Royal Oak residents ages 60 and over. This complimentary pass will be renewable every three years.

Benefits
The Gold Card includes free admission to:
• Athletic Events (except state sponsored tournaments)
• Drama Programs & Dance Shows
• Vocal & Instrumental Music Concerts
• Evening Recreational Swim at Royal Oak Middle School

Applications are available at the Churchill Community Education Center, 707 Girard, Royal Oak. For additional information, please call (248) 588-5050.

Instructional Swim Program
Boys/Girls Competitive Swim, Ages 7-17
Boys/Girls, Ages 6-14
Tiny Tots, Ages 3-5 without Parents
Tiny Tots, Ages 1-5 with Parent
Private Lessons & Adaptive Swim

Class Dates:
Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 26,
May 3, 10, 17, 2014
Royal Oak High School

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
Class Dates:
Thursdays, March 20 & 27, April 3, 17 & 24,
May 1, 8, 22 & 29, June 5
Royal Oak High School

Registration:
For information, contact
Royal Oak Schools Athletic Department
(248) 435-8500, Ext. 1148

Open Swim Program
Schedule:
Royal Oak Middle School
Monday Evenings:
7:00-8:15 p.m. Children & Adults
8:15-9:30 p.m. Adults Only
Tuesday Evenings:
7:00-8:15 p.m. Children & Adults
8:15-9:30 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)
Thursday Evenings:
6:30-7:45 p.m. Children & Adults
7:45-9:00 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Fee:
$5.00 for everyone over 5 years of age.
Seniors are free with school district Senior Citizen Gold Card (available at Churchill Continuing Education Center).

Discount Cards are available at Open Swim locations for $40 (10 visits).

Pool is closed April 7-11, May 26 and whenever school is not in session due to inclement weather or other emergency.
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