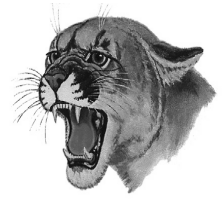




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Dear Old Colony Community,

We hope that your summer has been filled with opportunities for rest and relaxation. As we prepare for the return of students and faculty to school, it is with great pride that we share information pertaining to the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Whether you are new to our community or returning for another year, we look forward to collaborating as we prepare students for life beyond our walls. We will open our doors for new students on August 22nd and August 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. New students are required to attend orientation on both days. Parents and guardians are asked to attend on Day 2 of the orientation. Our doors will open for all students on Wednesday, August 30th. Classes begin promptly at 7:40 a.m. and the school day ends at 2:21 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone and would like to share a few housekeeping items with families. Please note the following:

- Bus routes will be posted later this month to our web site at www.oldcolony.us.
- Students will receive their schedules and supply lists on the first day of school.
- Please login to FamilyID at the following [link](#) to sign off on the [Student Handbook](#) by August 29, 2023.
- Old Colony has expanded our Advanced Placement course offerings. Please contact guidance for a full roster of offerings and to learn about our Early College Programming and articulated coursework for students interested in earning college credit.
- Last year we piloted a hat policy. The pilot has ended. Hats are no longer permitted in school unless they are part of a required uniform for a vocational area.
- Updates have been made to our Cell Phone Policy. Please reference our handbook online for an overview of the updated policy.

As part of our effort to extend opportunities for families of Old Colony, we invite you to participate in the following activities:

- Our first PTO Meeting of the year will take place Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. in our Cafeteria.
- Join Superintendent Polansky and Principal Parker for coffee talk on Tuesday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby. If we have large numbers, we will move to the cafeteria. We look forward to conversation about the future of Old Colony and would like to hear your thoughts and new ideas as we begin work on a District Improvement Plan and continue our journey as part of the MSBA Grant Program.
- Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for October 16-20 and will include activity on our new lighted field.
- Our Annual Night to Remember will take place at The Century House in Acushnet on December 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Please save the date and join us as we celebrate Old Colony and raise money for a worthy cause.

Thank you for your partnership in the educational process. We look forward to you becoming an integral part of our Old Colony family. We take great pride in the education of your student and look forward to a wonderful school year ahead. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OldColonyRVTHS> for the latest news.

Old Colony welcomes a number of new faculty members this 2023-2024 school year.
Officer Catherine Connolly (School Resource Officer)

Ms. Victoria Asiaf (Business Technology)
Ms. Jennifer Hardy (Architecture and Engineering Technology)
Ms. Shelly Hartwig (Special Education)
Mr. Jake Jason (Paraprofessional)
Ms. Stacy Hackett (Special Education)
Ms. Jessica Lawrence (Graphic Communication & Design)
Ms. Brienne Riccio (English Language Arts)
Mr. Jesse Ruiz (Business Technology Instructor)
Mr. Andy Weigel (Automotive Technology)

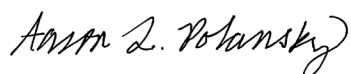
Calendar and Important Upcoming Dates

August 18, 2023	Football (start date) – Link for Fall Athletics Information
August 21, 2023	Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, & Golf (start date) – Link for Fall Athletics Information
August 22 & 23, 2023	New Student Orientation
August 28, 2023	First Day for Staff
August 30, 2023	First Day for Students
September 1, 2023	No School
September 4, 2023	No School
September 21, 2023	PTO Meeting in Library at 6:00 p.m.
September 25, 2023	Open House
September 27, 2023	Early Release for Students, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
October 9, 2023	No School
October 14, 2023	PSATs (Please contact guidance for information re: offsite location)
October 14, 2023	Fall Family Festival
October 16-20, 2023	Homecoming Week
October 25, 2023	Early Release for Students, 12:15
October 29, 2023	Open House for Prospective 7 th and 8 th Grade Families

It is our pleasure to serve the Old Colony Community. We are committed to building healthy relationships, continuous improvement, high standards, and delivery of a rigorous education. We are dedicated to creating an environment where you and your student feel connected and valued. Each of us has the ability to change the world for the better through the smallest of actions.

We look forward to working with you and your student(s) this upcoming school year and hope that you will be visible with us as we take on the charge to ensure high expectations result in better lives for all who are associated with our Old Colony family.

With Gratitude,



Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director



J. Michael Parker, Principal