



Francis Parker School No. 23  
170 Barrington Street  
Rochester, NY 14607  
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August 28, 2020

Dear Francis Parker School No. 23 Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year! I hope you all are doing well during these unique times. I am delighted to be serving as your child's Principal and excited that he/she will be attending Francis Parker School No. 23 for this upcoming school year. As you already know, all children of the Rochester City School District (RCSD) will receive 100% virtual instruction for the first 10 weeks of the school year. The Superintendent will review plans at the end of October to determine if and when we will return to live instruction in school. This decision is based on the state's current status with COVID-19 cases and our commitment to the health and safety of students and staff.

***\*The first day of online classes for students is September 14, 2020. School hours are from 9:00am – 3:30pm. The district model is four days of online instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. No online instruction will occur on Wednesdays; however, students will be required to complete some assignments offline. Teachers will be available for two hours during their individual "Virtual Office Hours" on Wednesdays for students to receive online support if needed.\****

While I am excited to begin the new school year, I also understand many are concerned and anxious about what this year may bring with the many changes that are happening due to COVID-19. This year presents unique opportunities and challenges, but we are committed to ensuring that all students receive high quality instruction and the best education possible.

Although students will not be on campus while receiving virtual instruction, we understand the importance of having a nutritious meal. The RCSD and City of Rochester will be providing breakfast and lunch at various sites. Students' schedules will allow time to pick up breakfast and lunch.

### **Chromebook and MiFi Information**

**Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All students in grades Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will receive a Chromebook from the RCSD. You will pick up your child's assigned Chromebook the same day that you pick up their Remote Learning Bin (see dates and times below).

**5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** If your child does not currently have a RCSD Chromebook issued to him/her, you need to request one by either calling the RCSD Hotline at (585) 262-8700 or filling out a Google form located at the top of the Francis Parker School No. 23 main webpage at <https://www.rcsdk12.org/23>.

**MiFi Internet:** If your child is in need of internet service, parents can request a MiFi device by calling the RCSD Hotline at (585) 262-8700 or filling out a Google form located at the top of the Francis Parker School No. 23 main webpage at <https://www.rcsdk12.org/23>.

## **School No. 23 Chromebook and Remote Learning Bin Pick-Up Event**

September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be our “School No. 23 Chromebook and Remote Learning Bin Pick-Up Event.” These Remote Learning Bins will provide all K-6 families with select school supplies and instructional materials to help students be successful learners. Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students will also receive their Chromebooks at this time. We will bring the materials to your vehicle for you.

\*\*Families of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students who requested a Chromebook will receive a phone call from the school once it has arrived to set up a time for pick up.

### **Pick-up Times:**

- September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:30pm in front of the school (Barrington Street)
- September 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:30pm in front of the school (Barrington Street)
- *If it rains on either day, parents should drive through the parking lot at the back of the school, near the gym (Edgerton Street)*

If you are unable to make it to either of these pick-up events, please call the school to arrange an alternate date/time at 585-473-5099 or email the school at [23info@rcsdk12.org](mailto:23info@rcsdk12.org).

### **Documents Included in this Mailing**

Please view the attached documents:

- Class Welcome Letter and Supply List
- Remote Learning Bin Supply List Provided By the School
- Remote Learning Daily Class Schedule
- RCSD Parent and Family Resources
- Student Photo/Video Opt-Out Letter (If opting out, email it to [23info@rcsdk12.org](mailto:23info@rcsdk12.org).)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by calling (585) 473-5099 or email us at [23info@rcsdk12.org](mailto:23info@rcsdk12.org).

Visit our Francis Parker School No. 23 website for regularly updated information at <https://www.rcsdk12.org/23>.

Thank you for all that you do! We are looking forward to a great year!

Warmest regards,

*Kathryn Varlett-Fenti*

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