



**Edition 2: August 2023**

## Quabbin Regional School District Offers Another Year of Meals at No Cost for Students

QRSD will be offering another year of meals at no cost to students. However, families should still complete the Meal Benefit Application which will provide data for key funding for academic resources and may connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this program. More information may be found [HERE](#).

### Summer Internships for Students

- QRSD hosted 17 student interns in our STEM Camps, technology department, and for a collaborative WayFinding Project
- New Braintree Fire Department offered an IT internship
- Flexcon in Spencer offered multiple internships in a range of departments

All of these summer internships were paid through state funding with MassHire.

→ If you can offer an internship opportunity to one of our students, please contact Mr. Greg Devine-Director of Guidance for External Partnerships at [gdevine@qrsd.org](mailto:gdevine@qrsd.org)

→ If your student is seeking an internship, you may also reach out to Mr. Devine.

### Back to School is Here! Students Return August 30th.

*The thought of returning to school can be both exciting and unsettling for our students. Here are a few tips to help your student adjust back to the routines and expectations of school.*

- Visit the your child's school campus as often as possible over the summer
- Begin back to school routines now
- Keep consistent meal and snack times
- Implement bedtime routines and rituals on the same schedule as when school is in session
- Schedule a time for your child to see their school friends prior to the start of school
- Talk it up! Let your children know how excited you are for them to go to school and learn
- If your child expresses anxiety, reassure them there are lots of adults to support them at school
- Practice school procedures and routines - packing and unpacking backpacks, combination locks, morning routines, how to record homework and assignments
- With your child, set up their homework and reading space at home
- Establish calendars with deadlines for college applications, after school activities, special events

### Transportation Routes for SY 23-24

Preliminary bus routes have been published on our website ([www.qrsd.org](http://www.qrsd.org)) and will be updated weekly.

Final routes will be published on Monday, August 28th. These routes will

### School Safety Planning and Partnerships with our Local Fire and Police Departments

- **QRSD has recently undergone a safety audit. We anticipate hearing our results and recommendations within the next few weeks.**
- **Security camera projects at QRMHS and Central Office have been completed this summer.**
- **Collaborative meetings with QRSD and local police and fire officials from all 5 towns were conducted in August and will be ongoing. The goal of**

be in place for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 30th.

If your child needs an alternative stop or you have moved over the summer, please email [transportation@qrsd.org](mailto:transportation@qrsd.org) as soon as possible. Please be sure to include your child's first & last name in your email and/or your new address if applicable.

**this work is to have a comprehensive plan ensuring that we are working together with consistency.**

- **QRSD will continue to implement ALICE training protocols and fire and safety drills throughout the school year.**
- **Several of our students from QRMHS had the opportunity to attend a week-long "police academy" sponsored by the Barre Police Dept. The students enjoyed a wonderful hands-on learning experience.**
- **QRSD and our local fire departments are researching opportunities to provide firefighter and EMT training for our students in the future.**
- **Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our recent National Night Out. What fun for our families!**

## Events and Happenings!

### Welcome to K!

Save the date for upcoming Kindergarten orientations & Meet and Greet Events:

***Hardwick Elementary School:***

August 23rd 10 am

***Hubbardston Center School:***

August 25th 10am -11 am

***Oakham Center School:***

August 23rd 9am - 10am

***Ruggles Lane School:***

August 28th 5pm

### Middle School Open House

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

- 6th grade - 5:00 - 6:30
- 7th & 8th grade - 6:30 - 8:00

Detailed information on Middle School Open House was emailed to parents on Friday, August 11th. If you did not receive the email, please reach out.

[Grade 6 Supply List](#)

[Grade 7 Supply List](#)

### High School Open House

Monday, September 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

More info to follow!

### Meet the new Hubbardston Center School Principal!

Join Principal Erin Cook for Popsicles with the Principal at HCS on August 24th from 5:30-6:30pm.

### Middle-High School New Student Orientation

Orientation for students who are new to the district will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 in the Auditorium as follows:

Newly enrolled MS students: 9:00 a.m.  
Newly enrolled HS students: 11:00 am.

### Fall Athletic Registration Deadline!

Fall athletic registration deadline is Wednesday, August 16th.

Fall sports and information on team participation and tryouts was included in an email to parents on Friday, August 11th.

More information can be found on our [ATHLETICS PAGE](#)

*Back to School can also be exciting and stressful for parents and families. Celebrate your child's accomplishments and independence and remember we are here for you. Should you have any questions, concerns, or challenges along the way-*

*reach out at any time. Do not wait. You know your child best and if something is worrying them or you, it is ideal for us to be able to offer support early on. We have been working hard throughout the summer to ensure that we are creating conditions for learning that will allow your child to thrive!*