

August 6, 2024



Message from Ms. Polanco,

It was great to meet so many of you at our community event this past Saturday! It has been a busy summer here preparing for the new school year and we are almost ready to welcome back nearly 2000 students on August 19. I wanted to share general information with you and tell you that I will send another more detailed letter before school starts.

#### **How to stay connected with URHS:**

- **Weekly LIONS' ROAR:** This will include the latest updates with pertinent information for the upcoming week and will be emailed to students and families every Sunday. This information will also be posted on our school website.
- **URHS website:** This will be updated more frequently so that we can share the most up to date information with you. In fact, [click here to view our school website](#).
- **School Status:** This is our messaging system, and it allows staff to send text messages, emails, or make phone calls to families. When an email comes to your inbox with this system, the sender will be listed as School Status or Teacher name. A text message will include the staff member's full name in the message but will be a random number. This system allows the recipient to respond directly to a message.
- **The PRIDE Newsletter:** This is a monthly newsletter where we celebrate and highlight the incredible accomplishments of our students, staff, and community at Unity Reed High School. Each month, we will showcase achievements, events, and milestones that make our school proud. Stay tuned for inspiring stories, academic successes, athletic triumphs, and much more. All this information will also be available on our school website for easy access and sharing.

#### **UR "One of Us" - New Student Orientation:**

We are excited to invite all new students and families to our "One of Us" New Student Orientation on Thursday August 15th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. This event is an opportunity for our new students and families receive a tour of the school from upperclassmen, receive their schedule, get to meet their administrators and counselors, and learn about clubs, sports and more at our school! Pizza will be provided.

Express bus stops will be available to new students only, should families be unable to attend or provide transportation. More information on bus transportation will be forthcoming.

**School Counselor & Administrator Assignments:** All students are assigned a school counselor, and an administrator based on their grade-level and last name.

- **School Administrator:**

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Dr. Brooks</b> Last Names A-L  <b>Ms. Drouin</b> Last Names M-Z	<b>Mr. Gillespie</b> Last Names A-L  <b>Ms. Mathison</b> Last Names M-Z	<b>Mr. Hintosh</b> Last Names A-Z	<b>Ms. Nash</b> Last Names A-Z

- **School Counselor (By last name):**

A-Cal <b>Mr. Carroll</b>	Cam-Esci <b>Mr. Lindenberg</b>	Esco-Hero <b>Ms. Marchetti</b>	Herr-Medl <b>Ms. Jefferson</b>
Medo-Per <b>Mr. Taylor</b>	Pes-Sanc <b>Ms. Goodman</b>	Sand-Z <b>Ms. Lewis</b>	

**Back-to-School Packets:**

The Back to School Packet, where parents/guardians can review emergency cards, update contact information, and complete annual policy reviews and acknowledgements, is now available in [ParentVUE](#). All families should complete the Back to School Packet as soon as possible. The information you provide will allow school staff to ensure the safety of your student this school year. To access the Back to School Packet:

- Login to your [ParentVUE](#) account and go to “Online Records” in the top right corner.
- [Written Instructions](#) for completing the Back to School Packet
- If a parent/guardian needs to make changes to information once they submit the Back to School Packet, they can resubmit anytime by following the same instructions provided above.
- If you need assistance, or do not have an active ParentVUE account, please contact our Parent Liaisons or join us for one of our in-person help sessions listed in the important dates section below.
  - Dr. Livia Perez: [perezl@pwcs.edu](mailto:perezl@pwcs.edu), 703-365-2900
  - Ingrid McNealy: [mcnealij@pwcs.edu](mailto:mcnealij@pwcs.edu), 703-365-2900

**Immunization Information Immunization information is available in ParentVUE.**

Students must have required immunizations to attend school in PWCS. Check with your school or in [ParentVUE](#) to make sure your students are not missing any required [immunizations](#). If required immunization documentation is not provided, the student will NOT be permitted to start school on Monday, August 19, 2024.

**Important Save-the-Dates:**

<b>August 15</b>	"One of Us" New Student Orientation 9am-11:30am, ParentVUE assistance available
<b>August 16</b>	Open House--Come Walk your schedule! 1-3pm, ParentVUE assistance available
<b>August 19</b>	<b><u>First Day of School</u></b>
<b>August 22</b>	Back to School Night 6-8pm, ParentVUE assistance available
<b>August 23</b>	Senior Sunrise at 6:00am at the Lions' Stadium

Have a wonderful week and please reach out throughout the school year with any questions, concerns, or to share general feedback, and thank you for being part of our school community, as our ***STRENGTH is IN UNITY!***

Sincerely,

Milagros Polanco

Principal, Unity Reed High School