



# RANCHO MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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To the Parents and Guardians of Rancho Mirage High School Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the eighth year of Rancho Mirage High School. We look forward to you and your student joining the Rattler family. With 1500 students in grades 9 through 12, we encourage students to take ownership in the school, in academic success, and in participation in extra-curricular activities. Each year we work to strengthen our relationship with the community to provide enhanced opportunities for our students. In addition to expanding and improving our academic programs we have also experienced success in other areas including:

- Expansion of our programs through the support and contributions of community members like:
  - Helene Galen pledged \$1.5 million to the RMHS performing arts center and theatre.
  - Newman's Own Foundation with over \$40,000 to support the Culinary Arts program.
  - Dr. Jerry Argovitz Stadium, Jerry Argovitz Sports Institute (JASI), and Video Scoreboard contributions of \$1.25 million.
  - Richard Brooke Foundation grant contribution of over \$40,000 to our Automotive (RACE) academy.
- **The RMHS Performing Arts Department stages a variety of plays, musicals, dance, choir, and band performances throughout the year in the Helene Galen Performing Arts Center <http://www.hgpac.org> and at multiple locations throughout the community.**
- RMHS offers 22 different sports, some having freshmen and JV levels as well as Varsity. The Rattlers compete in the Desert Empire League, the premier high school sports league in the valley. To date, RMHS has amassed 17 league championships, 8 CIF semifinals appearances, 3 CIF finals appearances, and 2 CIF titles, one in Girls' Tennis in 2016 and one in Boys' Water Polo in 2019. There is no better place to be than RMHS Athletics! Visit the athletic webpage for more information at: <http://www.rancho Mirage high school.org/athletics.html> or download our new app: RM Strike
- The CAFÉ, Culinary Arts students have participated in trips to COD, the Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival, and earned invitations to the State and National competition through participation in FCCLA.
- The RACE Automotive Academy sponsors an annual classic car show on campus, and has toured automotive museums and post-secondary opportunities in Michigan for several years. Since the 2019-2020 school year, this academy has offered 3 dual-enrollment courses where students receive both high school credit and college credit through College of the Desert. We are also collaborating with COD for students in this academy to earn a Certification in Brakes and Steering upon high school graduation.



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- Every year, AVID students participate in a variety of college visits including those to University of Redlands, CSU San Bernardino, USC, UCSD, CSU San Marcos, and UCI.

RMHS administrative and counseling staff visit classrooms during the first weeks of school to provide students with information to help them make decisions regarding their future and the core beliefs of RMHS. With clearly communicated school policies and ensuring high levels of learning, RMHS provides the best learning environment for students. Anything that distracts from that purpose is unacceptable.

To assist your student with making sure that he/she is in compliance with all RMHS and district policies and procedures, please review the Student Handbook with your student. The Student Handbook also provides information on the beginning and ending times of each class period on regular days and late start Wednesdays. Punctuality and attendance are key factors in student success in high school. <http://www.ranchoiragehighschool.org/parent--student-information-handbooks.html>

We encourage parent participation in committees and extracurricular activity support throughout the year. Please visit our website often to learn of opportunities for parent participation such as School Site Council and the English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC).

We look forward to working with you and your student as members of our collaborative community. Welcome to Rancho Mirage High School.

Sincerely,

*Teresa Haga*

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Rancho Mirage High School Principal