



# DeRuyter Central School

*Home of the Rockets*

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Dear Families,

I am writing this letter after our amazing two-day opening. So much excitement and pride are filled in this writing. The opening was a huge success and it is our hope it will continue throughout the next weeks and months. I want to thank you for your continued understanding and adherence to the regulations that have been put upon us. Here are some important updates I thought it prudent to share at the end of our first week. And remember, I am always a phone call or email away if you have any questions.

- We are still waiting for our small note pads that you can attest that your child does not have a temperature that needs to be signed and sent in every day. Until we get them, we will continue to take your child's temperature on their bus or as they walk into the building if they are walkers. As a reminder, if your child does have a temperature above 100°, they will not be allowed on the bus or in the building.
- Also as a reminder, the State and County Health Departments do not allow a child back into the school system after they are home with a fever until they have a doctor's note AND a negative COVID test. This is not a DeRuyter Central School decision, but a State and County decision that we have to follow. When and if it changes I will let you know immediately.
- We are part of the Community Eligibility Grant Program which allows us to feed breakfast and lunch to every student without cost to our families. When they walk in the building, we have a bagged breakfast prepared for them on a "grab and go process". In addition to this, we will continue to provide a bagged breakfast and lunch to our high school students on their way out of the building for the following day when they are remote. If you have any questions about food service, please reach out to our Cook Manager, Brenda Scutt, at [scutt@deruytercentral.org](mailto:scutt@deruytercentral.org) or 315-852-3400 x. 7146.
- We are so excited to see the amazing work on our construction project including our new athletic site. I must remind you that it is not ready for anyone and we have been told several community members have been walking the new Track. There is still much more to be done to the track and soccer field and we implore upon you to not access the area until it is deemed ready. I would hate to see it damaged because people walked on it too early.
- Also in that regard, the campus is still closed until further notice due to COVID-19. I have to remind students not to skateboard around the parking lots and honestly, it is not safe for them with cars, utility vehicles, and construction workers. Please remind your children not to play in the school area for their own safety.

I would like to close this letter with a shout out to all first responders in our community. For civil servants, firefighters, police officers, military personnel, and all who dedicate their lives to protect our liberties, and freedoms, we are grateful every day and especially today on September 11<sup>th</sup>!

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