



2026-2027 Welcome Letter

On behalf of our entire Reagan Middle School staff, welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope your summer has been filled with opportunities to relax, make memories with family and friends, and enjoy a few adventures along the way. As August approaches, our staff has been hard at work preparing for another incredible year, and we are excited to welcome everyone back into the building.

Whether you are joining the Reagan family for the first time or returning for another year, we want you to know how excited we are to partner with you. Middle school is a time of tremendous growth, new experiences, lasting friendships, and discovering interests that can shape a lifetime. At Reagan, our commitment remains the same: to provide every student with a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where they are challenged academically, encouraged socially, and celebrated for who they are.

As always, our goal is to create a school where every student feels welcomed, challenged, supported, and excited to come to school each day. Every decision we make is centered on providing the very best educational experience for our students and families.

Bring Your Main Character Energy

This year's theme is simple, yet powerful. We encourage every student to discover something new, connect with classmates, teachers, and our school community, and strive each day to become the very best version of themselves.

As we prepare for the first day of school, here are a few important reminders to help your family get ready.

Guided Student Tours

Students who would like to become familiar with the building before school begins are invited to attend our **Guided Student Tours on Thursday, August 6, from 1:00-3:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity to locate classrooms, practice opening lockers, and become comfortable with the building before the excitement of the first day.

Open House

Our annual **Open House** will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, from 4:00-5:00 PM**. Families will have the opportunity to meet teachers, walk student schedules, visit classrooms, and ask questions before the school year begins. We encourage every family to attend. While you're here, be sure to stop by **Room 145** to experience our interactive **Hidden in Plain Sight** display, an educational opportunity designed to help parents recognize items that may be found in a teenager's bedroom but could indicate risky behaviors.

Fall Athletics

We're excited to kick off another outstanding athletic season! Cross Country for students in grades 5-8 begins **Monday, August 3**, with practices held from **9:00-10:30 AM** at the Dixon Bike Path during the first week before transitioning to Reagan Middle School after school once classes begin. Athletes must have a current physical on file before participating.

Volleyball tryouts for students in grades 6-8 will take place on **Thursday, August 13, and Friday, August 14**, with grade-level times shared through our athletic communications. Families are reminded that a **mandatory parent meeting** for all Cross Country and Volleyball athletes will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, from 5:00-6:00 PM** in the Reagan cafeteria immediately following Open House. Athletic registration is completed online, and students must have a current physical (within the last 13 months) along with the required athletic fee before participating in contests.

Get Involved!

One of the best parts of Reagan Middle School is finding a place to belong. We strongly encourage every student to become involved outside of the classroom. Students can participate in clubs such as **Student Council, Builder's Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Royal Review News, Young Authors, Book Club, Fishing Club, Art Club, Broadcasting, STEM, and Spelling Bee**. Our extracurricular opportunities also include **Band, Choir, Musical, Drone Soccer, Scholastic Bowl, Bowling**, and a full lineup of athletic programs including **Volleyball, Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Track**.

There truly is something for everyone at Reagan, and we encourage students to explore new opportunities, build friendships, develop new interests, and create lasting memories.

Picture Days

Please mark your calendars for our school picture dates:

- **Fall Pictures:** Wednesday, September 2
- **Fall Retakes:** Friday, October 16
- **Clubs, Groups & Candid:** Friday, January 15
- **Spring Pictures:** Tuesday, February 16

Athletic team picture dates for each sport will be shared with participating families throughout the school year.

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 12**, and it will be a **half-day of attendance** with dismissal at **11:15 AM**. Breakfast will be available beginning at **7:15 AM**. Students arriving before school should enter through **Door 8**, while students arriving after **7:45 AM** should enter through **Door 1**. Classes begin promptly at **7:45 AM**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Student Cell Phone Expectations

As we begin the school year, we'd like to remind families of our student electronic device expectations. In accordance with **Illinois Senate Bill 2427**, Reagan Middle School will continue implementing our established cell phone procedures that have been an important part of creating the positive learning environment our students deserve.

From **7:40 AM until 2:45 PM**, student cell phones and other personal electronic devices will be powered off and stored in designated grade-level cell phone caddies or approved storage locations. Students will not have access to their devices during the instructional day unless authorized by school staff or required as part of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or emergency.

Over the past year, we've seen tremendous benefits from this approach. By reducing distractions, students are more engaged in learning, build stronger relationships with their classmates and teachers, and are able to be fully present throughout the school day. It has been exciting to watch students interact more, collaborate more often, and simply enjoy being middle school students.

If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please contact the Reagan Middle School office, and we will ensure it is delivered promptly. Likewise, if a student needs to contact home during school hours, our office staff is always available to assist.

Communication between home and school is one of the keys to student success. Throughout the year, we will continue sharing updates through our website, social media, email, text messaging, and our weekly communications so families always know what is happening around Reagan Middle School.

At Reagan Middle School, we believe every student deserves to be known, supported, challenged, and celebrated. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's journey. Together, we look forward to making the 2026-2027 school year one filled with meaningful learning, lasting relationships, and memories that will last a lifetime. We can't wait to welcome our Royals back.

Let's make it a great YEAR and #BePurple!

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