



## Robert H. Goddard Middle School 202

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Dear Families:

Let me begin by welcoming everyone back! As a parent and educator, I know how difficult the past two years have been. I for one, am excited about getting this school year started. My priority as your child's principal, is to reassure you in the work we are undertaking to create a safe and welcoming environment for both staff and students. Below is current and useful information to get everyone started for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

- School begins at 8:00 am daily. Breakfast will be grab and go beginning at 7:30. Students can eat breakfast in their homerooms if they choose to. All students will be dismissed daily at 2:20 pm.
- 6th & 7th grade students enter and exit in the back school yard. 8th graders enter and exit the front of the building. Please do not double park cars to pick up children. This creates a safety risk for everyone. Additionally, road repairs around the school are taking place next week. I anticipate congestion and delays with pick up. Please walk to school if you can or park blocks away from the building.
- All next week, we will have support staff located around the building to help direct students to their homerooms. Additionally, sometime today, we will post all student names and assigned homerooms (and room numbers) on our school website (<https://www.ms202q.org/>). Visit our website regularly to find announcements and other important updates.
- Prior to school arrival, students must complete the Health Screening every morning before entering the building. I've provided the link for your convenience. <https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/>.
- All staff and students will be required to wear masks inside school regardless of vaccination status. Students are permitted to remove masks when eating or drinking. Students will not face each other in the cafeteria to assure safety when eating. Washing hands and the use of hand sanitizers will be encouraged throughout the day. We will have extra/available PPE equipment on the school premises daily.
- Students will be 3 feet apart in classrooms and during passing.

- Our school will host a Vaccination Pop-Up Site September 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 5 pm. Students age 12 and older and all staff are eligible for COVID vaccinations. Students must have parent consent to receive the vaccination. More information can be found at the link below: [schools.nyc.gov/covid19](https://schools.nyc.gov/covid19). **Parent consent forms will be posted on our website.**

Next week, I will host virtual parent meetings for all three grades. Here I will unpack our safety and health procedures a bit further. During this time, I will explain procedures when staff or students test positive for COVID 19. I will also invite members of our custodial team to discuss with families the daily cleaning procedures and daily work they perform to promote health and safety. You will receive an email invite shortly via your email account. Prior to next week's meeting, if you need to ask questions or voice a concern, feel free to contact Mrs. Judy Rea, our Parent Coordinator or visit our school website for the full staff directory and email any of our support staff or administration.

I look forward to a safe and healthy school year. As always we appreciate and welcome your support!

Respectfully,

William M. Fitzgerald  
Principal