



FIRE UPDATE from Dorothy Porteus, Principal

Tuesday March 2, 2010 UPDATE

Please note that classes will be in session for all students tomorrow, Wednesday March 3, 2010. All classes (grades K-6) will be held at the St. John's school building located at 546 St. John's Place in Riverhead. We plan to be in this building until the damage on our campus is repaired, most likely through the end of this school year.

Parents who normally drive students to school should use the parking lot in the back of the building (cemetery side) and walk students to main entrance which is the side door facing the church rectory. Please sign students in at the office located to the right as you enter the main entrance. You may pick up students at the end of the day using the same procedures.

Monday, March 1, 2010 UPDATE

Please note that classes will be in session for all students tomorrow, Tuesday, March 2 at the following locations (same as today):

- Classes for Grades 3-6 will be held in the North Building on the RCS Campus.
- Classes for grades K-2 will be held at the North Shore Christian Church.

The North Shore Christian Church is located at 120 Kroemer Avenue Riverhead.

Phone: (631) 208-0123

Good News! The lease was signed with St. John's Church late this afternoon. St John's is located in Riverhead at 546 St. John's Place. We plan to work around the clock for the next day and a half and hope to have our students all together in this new location on Wednesday. Please continue to check the website for updates. We appreciate your patience and support.

Sunday Morning, February 28, 2010 UPDATE

- School will be open tomorrow and classes will be in session for all students.
- Classes for Grades 3-6 will be held in the North Building on the RCS Campus.
- Classes for grades K-2 will be held at the North Shore Christian Church.
- The North Shore Christian Church is located at 120 Kroemer Avenue Riverhead.
Phone: (631) 208-0123
- Transportation Companies have been notified.
- Classroom teachers will be contacting parents.

This split campus is a temporary arrangement until the lease on the alternative site is fully executed. Please continue to check the website for updates. We appreciate your patience and support.

Saturday, February 27, 2010 UPDATE

Crews began cleaning and packing up the South building this morning. As of 1pm, the landlord has not signed the lease or delivered the key. We are committed to ensuring the continuation of instruction for our students. We are exploring our backup location options as a contingency in case this delay continues with the landlord. At this time, we are still expecting to have classes in session for our students on Monday. We will continue to update the website with new information as the weekend unfolds.

Friday, February 26, 2010 UPDATE

SNOW DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS & STAFF

The Fire Marshal inspected the new location this morning. School officials and attorneys worked throughout the day to finalize a lease agreement that is acceptable to all parties (RCS, Insurance Company and Landlord). RCS officials have signed the lease agreement and delivered it to the Landlord for signature. As of this evening, we are awaiting the Landlord's signature and release of the key on Saturday. Crews have been readied and are standing by to prepare the new location for the move. We expect crews to work through the weekend so that school may open for classes in the new location on Monday. (We can not release the name of the new location until the lease is fully executed).

Thursday February 25, 2010 UPDATE

We have identified an alternative site to hold classes and are negotiating a lease. The Principal will be holding Parent Information Meetings tonight, February 25 at 6pm and 7pm in the Administration Building to share information and brief parents on the events of the past few days and the plan to ensure the continuation of instruction for our students. A conference call session will be available for parents unable to attend these on site meetings.

Parent Conference Call - February 25, 2010, 7:30pm sharp

(first come first serve, limited to 50 participants)

Teachers are contacting parents with dial in information

Wednesday February 24, 2010 UPDATE

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the fire in the south building last night. Please be assured that plans are underway to ensure the continuation of instruction for our students. We have begun to identify alternative classroom sites and hope to have classes back in session by Monday. We will continue to keep you updated with new information as it becomes available. I want to thank all the parents, community members and other charter schools who have called to offer their support and assistance. I also thank the members of the fire company that responded to the call on Tuesday evening.