

# Royle Blast

## Calendar

### September

- 5** Labor Day - No School
- 8** Back-to-School Open House
- 9** New Family Welcome Coffee
- 9** Registration starts for Darien After School Programs
- 18** Back to School Family Picnic & 5th Grade Bake Sale
- 20** PTO Kickoff Meeting/ALL PTO
- 22** Class Pictures
- 26** Rosh Hashana - No School
- 30** Fall Fundraiser - Walk-a-thon

## From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle Knights,

I hope everyone had a great first week of school! We loved seeing all the new and returning faces at the Parade of Learners on Monday. Thank you to the Encouragement and Welcome Committees for hosting some fun welcome events for staff and newest Knights and starting our year off strong. We appreciate all you do!

We have another exciting week coming up with Back to School night on Thursday and our New Family Coffee on Friday. And don't forget to register for Darien After School beginning on Tuesday, 9/6!

Be on the lookout for more info about the Royle Back to School Picnic on 9/18 and the Walkathon on 9/30. These are great community building events where the kids get to be stars.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Sincerely,

[Dawn MacDonald](#) and [Amy Reid](#)

## Royle Info

### Royle School String Program!

It's not too late to sign up for the **Royle School String Program!**

If your child is in third grade and would like to learn the violin, viola, or cello for the first time, please take a moment to view the virtual [Introduction to Strings presentation](#). Once you and your child have chosen an instrument, you can complete the interest forms [HERE](#) to be added to the list.

**The online Registration Form is due Monday, September 5th.**

If your child is in fourth or fifth grade and would like to learn a string instrument or continue playing as part of the Royle Orchestra, please complete the interest form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Minnis at [JMinnis@darienps.org](mailto:JMinnis@darienps.org).

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### Fall Enrichment with Darien After School

Welcome Back to School and Fall Enrichment! One of the many exciting adventures a new school year brings is the opportunity to join *After School Clubs* to Try everything and Be anything.

Join *Darien After School* at Royle for one hour before or after school for a wide variety of classes to inspire a broad span of children's curiosities. Instructors are school staff as well as local art & nature centers, business, coaches, and professionals. *Darien After School* works with Royle school staff to ensure a smooth transition directly from the school day to their *After School Clubs*!

Royle After School registration opens **September 6th at 8pm**. Classes run from September 27th - December 22nd. Don't delay in securing an after school spot!

Fall Class Schedule, Registration and More @

<https://www.darienafterschool.com/Royle.html>

Questions? [info@darienafterschool.com](mailto:info@darienafterschool.com) / 888.212.3837 or [Jessica Bartch](#)

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### Back-to-School Open House

Royle Open House will take place this **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will hold Open House in person this year. We are so excited to welcome you to Royle and see you here on Thursday!

Here are the times:

ELP 5:00-5:30

4 and 5 6:00-6:30

K and 1 6:40-7:10

2 and 3 7:20-7:50

Special Teachers/SRBI/Special Education and Support Services 6:30-7:00

Any questions, please reach out to your classroom teacher or child's support provider.

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## New Family Welcome Coffee

Welcome coffee will take place **Friday, September 9th at 10am** at Jess Newhouse's home. Enjoy some light refreshments and meet other kindergarten parents and/or new parents to Royle.

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## Royle Back-to-School Picnic!

Let's kick off the school year with some FUN, at the Royle Back-to-School Picnic! Join us at the Royle field on **Sunday, September 18th from 4 - 6 pm** for a fun afternoon with food trucks and activities for the kids! Catch up with old friends, meet new Royle families and enjoy delicious treats from our 5th Grade Committee Bakesale!

Tickets are \$15 per person and on sale now at [Payforschoolstuff.com](http://Payforschoolstuff.com)

Please contact Mrs. Torre for financial assistance

If you have any questions please contact [Monica Silverman](#) or [Lindsay Kollar](#)

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## Royle Spirit Wear Sale Dates

Royle merch is here and there's something for everyone! Tees, hoodies, shorts, pj's, hats, cooler bags, water bottles, coozies and more fun surprises. Prices starting at only \$10! Come see us at one of these upcoming events:

9/18 Family Picnic

9/30 Walk-a-thon

Supporting our school never looked so good!

If you have any questions please contact [Kelly Phelps](#)

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## Fall Family Photos

Save the Date! Holiday family photos - check! Fall mini sessions with Royle family-favorite photographer Karen Morneau at Mead Park will be on October 29th. Sign ups will open on September 11th, via the Royle School Blast....spaces are limited! See the [flyer](#) for more info.

## Update Your Child's Lunch Account!

The Darien school lunch program has switched to [MySchoolBucks](#) for online lunch payments and will no longer be using K12PaymentCenter. For information on balance transfers and signups, please click [here](#).

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## The Royle School Directory

For the AtoZ Royle School Directory... please hold tight! Be on the lookout for more information to purchase the directory and verify your information soon! You will be able to purchase the following:

1. Digital Directory
  2. Printed Directory
  3. Digital and Printed Directory
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## Bus Route Sign-Up & Updates Reminder

Bus Routes are posted on the DPS website at [2022-23 School Bus Routes](#)

For information on how to sign up for the bus, click [here](#).

Any questions or concerns, please reach out to [kbarbieri@darienps.org](mailto:kbarbieri@darienps.org)

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## Mabel's Labels

It's important to make sure all of your child's items are labeled as they come back to school! Royle PTO has teamed up with Mabel's Labels for an incredible selection of labels across all price points and free shipping! Best of all, every purchase will help provide Royle PTO the resources needed to support our school. Click [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and enter "**Royle**" in the box when prompted. Thank you!

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# Darien School District

## Upcoming Board Of Education Meetings

Held at 35 Leroy Ave and available to view via Zoom and YouTube. The BOE usually posts links on their website on the day of the meetings.

Tuesday, September 13 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 27 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 11 @ 7:30 PM

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## Chain Of Communication

Questions or suggestions for DPS? Please use this Chain of Communication guide for school-related matters. [DPS Chain of Communication](#)

# Community

## MomsNext Starting October 6th

We know that your job as a mom does not stop when your children head off to school. Though new challenges and struggles arise as you enter the school years with your kids, the need for community, hope and friendship remains. That's why Saint Luke's Parish offers MOMSnext. These groups are specifically designed to meet the needs of moms with school-age children. Please join us every other Thursday for lunch and fellowship beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:30pm. Please invite your friends!

Register here with code: PRK5. [www.mops.org/join/](http://www.mops.org/join/).

Contact Maggie Domont for more information. [maggiedomont@gmail.com](mailto:maggiedomont@gmail.com)

## Royle Cub Scouts

Darien Cub Scouts welcomes BOYS and GIRLS in grades K-5 for the 2022-23 school year! Cub Scouting is a chance to get outside, go camping, play games, try new things, and to help other people. Our first Pack Meetings are an ice cream social and bike day on **Sun, Sept 11th, at 1PM**, a campout at the Wolf Conservatory on **Sept 17-18**, and launching rockets on **Sun, Oct 2nd**! Or stop by our town wide **Intro to Cubs Party and Open House** on **Sun, Sept 25** at **Weed Beach**.



For all info or to join, visit our website - <http://pack56.darienscouts.org>

**Contact info:**

**This address is the best to use for cub scout things**

- [cubmaster.pack56darien@gmail.com](mailto:cubmaster.pack56darien@gmail.com)

## Darien Arts Center

### FALL REGISTRATION OPEN

**DANCE** includes Ballet, Hip Hop, Broadway, Lyrical & Contemporary. Claire Mazza, DAC Dance Director & co-founder of East Coast Contemporary Ballet, has curated a large new selection of over 50 classes.

**VISUAL ARTS** include Cartooning, Digital illustration, Digital iPhone Photography, Drawing/Painting, Mixed Media & Collage and *Caregiver & Me* for toddlers. Colored Pencil Drawing and Sip & Paint for adults!

**MUSIC** lessons include piano, voice, guitar & strings, flute or percussion instruments. Group lessons include ukulele & guitar.

**MARTIAL ARTS** available for Kindergarten and older.

To register, visit [darienarts.org](http://darienarts.org) or call (203) 655-8683.

The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Town Hall.

Previous Issues of **The Blast** are available on the PTO website.

### Connect with us!

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