Strategic Planning / Meet the Administrative Team Meetings
The Ricks Administrative team would like to thank the parents who attended Thursday’s workshop for their high level of engagement and positive contributions! If you would like to meet the team and spend time processing the strategic plan with fellow parents, please join us right before Back to School Night for a repeat of the session.

Sept 8 from 5:00-6:00 (Back to School Night will begin at 6:30). RSVP here.

If you would like to read the strategic plan prior to the event, you can find it on the Ricks website here.

Back to School Night
Please join us for Back to School Night on Thursday September 8th. This is a great chance to meet your teachers and learn more about what your child(ren) will be learning this school year. We will run two duplicate sessions in the classrooms in order to accommodate parents with multiple children in the school. Parents who only have one child at Ricks can choose to attend either session. Additionally, specialist teachers and student support teachers will be available throughout the evening in the school gym.

Session 1, 6:30-7:00, in classrooms
Session 2, 7:00-7:30 (repeat of session 1), in classrooms
Specialists and student support available 6:30-7:30 in the gym

Calendar, Marketing and Outreach updates
The website calendar has now been updated with events through the end of 2016. Please check back often as events are often added or changed. http://www.du.edu/ricks/my-ricks/calendar.html#/?i=4

This summer we were honored to be nominated as a Top 5 Family Favorite Private School by Colorado Parent Readers. Watch for us all over 5280 this fall. We are part of the Independent Schools Handbook, we will be at the 5280 School Fair on October 8th and in the November Education in Denver Issue. Stay tuned for exciting new marketing efforts this fall including our partnership with Channel 7/Scripts media and a new video which will premier on the new DU News Channel.

Picture Day is coming!
Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 14. Individual and sibling portraits will be taken, as well as class photos. Order forms come after the pictures are taken and proofs come in. Please make sure your child is dressed nicely that day. Ask your child’s teacher for information regarding the time of the photos. Sibling photos will take place between 9 and 9:30am. Classes will have photos taken in 15 minute increments from 9:30-1pm.
Welcome to Craig Harrer, Graduate Fellow of Administration
We are very lucky to have Craig joining our staff in a part time role this year! Craig has been a Middle School Principal and leadership coach. One of Craig's first projects will be supporting the eight grade students and their parents as they work through the high school placement process.

Reminder: Registration for Enhancements Closes on September 9th!
There are some fabulous offerings for Enhancements, including: Young Rembrandt, Tai Chi for Peace, Boss Readers, Results Learning and more! To register, see email from the Ricks Front Desk, sent yesterday, or pick up a form on the counter by the Front Desk. If a student is attending an enhancement at 3:30 and the student is dismissed at 3:00 or 3:15, there is a discount of $3.00 fee per day in addition to the cost of the enhancement.

DU Crimson Classic 5K/1.5 Mile Walk
Please join our Ricks Community for the Crimson Classic 5k & 1.5 mile walk on Wednesday, Sept 14th at 3pm.

- The race will start and finish on Campus Green (between Sturm Hall and the Law School) and for those participating from Ricks we will meet at Ricks and walk over together at 2:30pm.

- Here is a link to each of the course maps: [5K Route](#) and [1.5Mile Walk Route](#)

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- We understand that it may be hard for working parents to participate since the race is at 3pm. We are using this year as a learning year and we hope to have more ways to support participation next year.

If you plan to join us for this fun event, please do the following TWO things before Sept 12th:

1) **Register** via the race website BY September 12th. Registration is free for all students, faculty and staff, as well as family and friends!
   - The race coordinator will be opening up the registration for the 1.5mile walk to kids UNDER 8 years old over the next couple days. Since the 5k run and 1.5 mile walk are on the SAME course, they just ask that walkers stay to the side so runners completing their second lap can have a great race! Also strollers are NOT allowed at the race for the same reason.

2) Let us know you are participating via this [Sign-up Genius](#) by Sept 12th.
Starting next week Mr. Jason will display a shoe wall above the MPR door with names of all the students and their families as well as staff who are participating. Let’s make this a fun event!

Special offer for Crimson Classic participants

Boulder Running Company is excited to offer a VIP weekend Sept. 9–11 to DU Crimson Classic 5K participants at the Cherry Creek location. Participants can receive discounts for shoes, accessories, clothes and nutrition items for race day. Vendors will be in-store with raffles to win goodies. Please bring your DU ID card.