

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the fall semester comes to a close, please be patient with your students. They have about 16 days of quizzes, tests, papers, projects, reports, presentations, etc.! This can be a busy time for you and your student. While what your student learns this semester is vital to passing classes and moving forward, it is also very important to learn some life skills: time management, prioritizing, collaborating, and follow through - all this while enjoying high school and family time together. Please take time to have a conversation with your sophomore to review the work coming up as well as any missing work in their classes. Take out your family calendar and map out the plans for the remainder of this semester. Be sure to schedule in some fun family time or quiet time together.

I hope you will take five minutes to read this. I hope as a school we will learn to not only value the things students produce in all their elective courses, but also what they LEARN. They learn life and career skills that stay with us. What are the 21st-century skills every student needs? See this article below! Great information.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/03/21st-century-skills-future-jobs-students>

This is a good time to go through your closets for any items you would like to donate (new or gently used items) to our Thunder Galleria. For more information about Thunder Galleria please go to the RHS website or have your sophomore speak with Mrs. Tillery in the College and Career Center. Items can be dropped off in the CCC.

There are many activities this month here at RHS. If your sophomore would like to volunteer at Thunder Galleria (a student run evening of helping local children from low socio-economic families for holiday activities), please make sure they sign up to be an “elf” for Monday, December 12th from 6-9p.m.. Sign ups for elves are all this week. Elf training is on Monday December 5th before and after school. Have your sophomore stop by the CCC asap to sign up to be an elf! Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up as well!

Our Dance 4 students along with WHS’ Dance 4 students will have performances this Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3 (with a matinee on Saturday). Also, the VAPA department has holiday performances this month, December 16 and 17 is the Winter Choral! These are always heartwarming and wonderful evening events! Check out the RHS website calendar for more information and activities here at RHS!

A quick reminder December 21 and 22 are minimum days. This means students will be out at 12:25 p.m. on that Wednesday and Thursday. The fall semester ends Thursday, December 22, 2016.

January 9th – 13th (our first week of spring semester) is the Run Away Week (as opposed to Home Coming). The theme is Runaway to Chick-fil-A. This is a lot of fun to celebrate the winter sports here at RHS. Tuesday through Friday there will be a variety of activities for students. A 3x3 basketball tournament that includes students and faculty members will be held each day in the gym during PLUS and lunch.

Dress down days are as follows:

Monday – Polynesian (Hawaiian or tacky tourist day) or dress in black

Tuesday – Classic (anything Chick-fil-A, employee, cow etc.) or dress in white

Wednesday – Buffalo (“zesty” so any neon clothing will work) or dress in orange

Thursday- BBQ (all American or any American sports or BBQing dad attire or “game day” attire) or dress in red

Friday – Rally schedule and Dress down is School spirit day.

Students will have “common court” instead of “royal court” (teachers instead of students); floats will be carts/wagons.

Home basketball game Friday night

Saturday – Casual dance

Teachers will turn in grades for fall semester the week we return in January and they will be mailed home on January 13th. These are the final grades for the fall semester and will appear on the transcripts. Once all of the grades are put onto the transcripts, I will be going out to the sophomore classes with the sophomores’ new transcripts to review their progress toward graduation and future goals. We will be discussing classes for junior and senior years later in the semester after our Parent Information Night. As we get closer to the dates, I will have more specific information out to you.

If I don’t see you before December 22nd, I hope you have the opportunity to relax during the winter break and enjoy the holiday season. I wish you the best for 2017 and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the great students of the Class of 2019!

Sincerely,

Ms. Helene Carr

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