

January 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

Happy New Year! We hit the ground running for spring semester! Report cards were mailed home January 13th so you should receive your student's grades from fall semester this week. If your student received a No Credit (NC) in a class required for graduation, he/she must attend summer school to earn a passing grade. Summer school will be held from June 19 – July 14, 2017 at Whitney High School. We will have summer school applications available in April.

All sophomores should have 120 credits (5 per class per semester). If your student is below 100 credits, I would encourage them to make an appointment with me to set up a plan of action for graduation.

If your student is struggling with a subject, remember teachers are available outside of class time before or after school for additional support. We also have free tutoring in the College and Career Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 3:30 p.m.

This week the counselors will hold their Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. You should have received an email last week from RHS informing you of this meeting. Hopefully the rain will hold off otherwise, bring an umbrella! You might also bring a flashlight as I don't want anyone getting lost on campus!

The sophomore parents will be meeting in the library. My plan is to review information regarding the following:

- Graduation requirements and planning junior/senior year
- College requirements
- Naviance and career exploration
- CTE course options for junior/senior year
- New online registration process
- Workshops for sophomores regarding planning for college

The counselors will be going out to the World History classes to start the online registration process for the 2017-18 school year on February 7 & 8. These are very important dates for your sophomore to learn how to register for junior classes. **Please make every effort to have your sophomore be present for these instructions.** The students will need to login and get started in their WH class on these dates. We will have technical support when we go into the World History classes and will help all students get started on their course selection.

The sophomores will be able to come home to complete the process with you. This is a great time for students to start speaking with their current teachers in order to research courses for junior year! The Advanced, honors and AP course request forms will be available beginning February 7 and 8.

The opportunity to select courses for junior year will close at midnight on February 14th. The counselors will send a letter home via your student on February 16 and 17 to confirm your student's course selection. The sophomores must bring this letter with your signature on it to

review their course selection with the counselors during the week of February 27th through their LA classes. Any changes to the initial course selection will need to be indicated on this letter. A separate sheet for Advanced, Honors and AP courses will need a teacher signature to indicate the student has met the pre-requisites. Parents will need to sign this form as well. This form will also be due by the week of February 27th when the sophomores meet with the counselors.

If your student took the PSAT last October, they should have received their results last month (from their LA teacher). Official SAT Practice uses those results to put together personalized SAT practice plans for each student. All your student needs to do is create and connect their Khan Academy and College Board accounts. This means once your student has their College Board account there is an access code, they can use to connect to the Khan Academy link. Please have your student see Ms. Tillery in the College and Career Center if they need help with this process. This is a great resource for preparing for the SAT next year.

Many students need to complete and/or document their community service. Please make sure your sophomore has a plan in place to complete their 25 hours of community service needed for graduation. We will be implementing the requirement for community service to be documented the same year the student does the service. This means no more going back to freshmen year to document community service!

Remember to mark your calendar! Parent Information Night will be held Thursday, January 19th! I will see you then! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. You can reach me at hcarr@rocklin.k12.ca.us or call 916.632-1600 ext. 6111.

Sincerely,
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