



## Raymond School District Community Newsletter

# The Green Gazette

December 2019

### Fourth Grade to Move to IHGMS



Fourth grade students will soon have the opportunity to attend Iber Holmes Gove! The District has carefully examined the use of classrooms across the District to make sure our learning spaces are being utilized to the maximum advantage of our students. Due to slowly declining enrollments and changes in the way students use technology, there is now ample space at IHGMS for the entire 4th grade to be comfortably educated. The classrooms available for use by students and staff at

IHGMS are spacious and filled with natural light. Classrooms for students in grades 4 and 5 will be on a different floor of the school than sixth through eighth graders, and their schedules and course offerings will differ. Much detailed planning and preparation is now underway. Our teachers, administrators and custodians will be working hard to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible. Our students deserve the best learning environments we have to offer; it's a very exciting time for the entire Raymond school community!

### School Board Approves Several Warrant Articles

The School Board approved several warrant articles to move forward to the Budget Committee and to the voters, including: appropriations to Capital Reserve Funds, a lease agreement for energy efficiency measures throughout the district, the placement of funds from the Town for the water pipe to a capital reserve fund, and the acceptance of one-time revenue as part of the State's adequacy aid to the District. These warrant articles will be presented to the Budget Committee on December 3rd. (See below.)



### Presentation to Budget Committee on December 3rd



The School Board has finalized a proposed 2020-2021 operating budget of \$26,002,674. This budget, along with the other separate and special warrant articles, will be presented to the Budget Committee on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in the RHS Media Center.

All information provided to the Budget Committee for this presentation can be found on the **Voter Information** page of our website at [www.sau33.com/voterinformation](http://www.sau33.com/voterinformation). We'll continue to update this page as we continue through the budget and voting season.

## Ready for Winter

The Facilities Department is busy getting ready for winter. We have many tasks to complete before the season starts to ensure we are ready to operate once the weather changes. The heat was turned on in all the buildings in early November. We are still operating the heating systems the same as we have done in the past, utilizing night setbacks and tight schedules to ensure the most efficient use of our resources. We use a combination of sand, salt and ice melt to treat the parking lots and walking surfaces throughout the winter.



We do ask that all building users be aware of our efforts to conserve energy and do not open windows or prop doors open allowing the cold air in.

*We are ready for whatever this winter has to throw at us.*

## Cyber Safety this Season



In the Spirit of the Holidays, here are three tips to keep you safe while shopping on Cyber Monday!

1. Make sure your browser is up to date.

Always update to the most current version of your browser. By doing this, the vulnerabilities that may have been found in previous versions are likely to have been identified and patched.

2. Look for HTTPS.

Before entering a credit card number, or any confidential information, make sure that the URL in your browser address bar turns green or begins with HTTPS and not HTTP. These are indicators that your session is secure and that the site is using encryption to protect your personal data. This protocol is known as SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) encryption, and it helps protect online transactions by keeping data in transit confidential through encryption. In other words, your information is encoded and not visible to hackers.

3. Learn to spot phishing attempts and questionable deals.

During the holiday season you could receive emails advertising unbelievably great deals. Beware because these could be phishing attempts, and the email's links could direct you to a bogus website built to capture personal information.

Have your guard up for emails and text messages advertising holiday deals that seem too good to be true — most likely, they are. Although spam emails can seem harmless, avoid clicking on the links and downloading files from any unknown sources. Phishing emails and websites often contain typos or spelling and grammatical mistakes. If you receive an email requesting to “verify” your confidential information, don't respond.

## LRES Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

Each year, our Kindergarten students have an opportunity to invite their families in for a Thanksgiving Feast. It traditionally happens the



Thursday before Thanksgiving. The turkey lunch is served in the cafeteria. We always love this day each year, as LRES administrators get the opportunity to help serve the feast to our students and families alongside the cafeteria staff!

Students made "I am Thankful For" turkey hats that they wore during this special lunch. Approximately 75 families joined us for the event. Thank you to all of the families that could join us and the cafeteria staff and teachers for planning such a wonderful experience.



## Book Reports Aren't What They Used to Be!



**From our IHGMS Principal:** One of the great pleasures of being a building administrator is walking the building and observing our students learning. There is a lot more to see and hear related to student learning as we transition to competency based education. Competencies are all about what we want our students to know and be able to do at the end of a course. Unlike traditional test that most of us took as part of our formal education, we are asking our students to demonstrate to us what they have learned in a number of different ways.

Recently when visiting Mrs. Wallace's fifth grade classrooms I came across her students sharing their book reports with the whole class. They talked about their book, what they liked, what they learned and how they applied the fifth grade reading standards of key ideas and details to their books. I was so impressed with their work I invited Mrs. Wallace and her students to share with our school board. If you would like to hear them speak about their books you can watch the [RCTV recording of the school board on Nov. 20, 2019](#) and go to the 10 min. 45 sec. mark of the meeting

Along with these very impressive book reports, Mrs Wallace created another innovative way to increase her students' interest in reading a variety of different books: A pop up restaurant! Her first book tasting was a huge success! Students got the feel of eating a four course meal in a restaurant while "tasting" good books! They read a page or two, discussed covers, highlights and genre and then rated the books. Every child came out of the experience excited about new books! To see more about this unique learning activity go to the [IHGMS Facebook page](#) and scroll down to the Nov. 15, 2019 postings.



## RHS National Honor Society Inducts 14 New Members



Raymond High School held its annual National Honor Society Ceremony on November 15. We are happy to announce that 14 new members were inducted into the Twin Oaks Chapter of the NHS. This brings our current membership to 36. The following students were inducted: Sara Amovic, Lexis Boles, Kaden Brackett, Abby Brown, Madison Brown, Colin Carta, Mackenzie Ferm, Madison Garduno, Richard Gibby, Erika Greenman, Molly Harmon, Mason Lord, Emma Marini, and Brooke Vaughn. Congratulations to all of our National Honor Society members.

## SST - Careers in Education Program

Year II Careers in Education Raymond High School Senior, Abby Saunders has job shadowed at Raymond Elementary School and will continue to throughout the year. She will begin her internship at the Wright Start Preschool after Thanksgiving break. Abby will be in charge of running the preschool under the guidance of our preschool teacher, Stacey Jordan, during this experience. Abby is interested in working with kindergarten or older elementary grade level students. Once she completes the Careers in Education Program with SST, Abby will have earned nine college credits. She plans on attending Great Bay Community College for two years and taking advantage of their transfer program agreement with Plymouth State. Pictured is Raymond High, Careers in Education student, Abby Saunders working in the Wright Start Preschool at Seacoast School of Technology.



Careers in Education Year I students have been busy researching a career path of interest, interviewing a professional in the field and presenting what they've learned to classmates. Students have begun working on their professional portfolios which include a cover letter, resume, references, and goal statements.

## Candray Pet Care Joins RHS for an Extended Learning Opportunity



Senior Karlyn Berry, is looking forward to pursuing a second semester internship with Candray Pet Care Center in Candia. She has applied to the University of Connecticut to study Animal Science. Following her education, Karlyn's passion is to become a large animal Veterinarian. Candray is looking forward to sharing their knowledge and exposing Karlyn to real world experiences that will prepare her towards her post secondary career goals.

## Reach High Scholars

As the last of the colorful leaves fall and crunch beneath our feet, RHS students are being reminded of the numerous facets of high school life and the changes ahead. Reach High Scholars continue to be active in their clubs and activities, several competed in playoffs, others are busy preparing for the fall play and they all continue to do the best they can in their academic pursuits.

The fall PSAT and SAT test prep courses, sponsored by the Reach High Scholars Program led into the PSAT test for sophomores and juniors in October and SAT tests in November and December for seniors.

In recent weeks, many RHSP members have attended presentations by representatives of highly competitive colleges, organized by the RHS Guidance Office. Top colleges visiting RHS in recent years have included Hamilton, Hobart & William Smith, Holy Cross, Mt. Holyoke, St. Lawrence, Skidmore, Tufts, Washington & Lee, Wesleyan, Wheaton, and University of Rochester. Visits by these colleges is unusual for a school the size of RHS, but they have been drawn by their awareness of the rigorous initiatives of RHSP, the impressive applications they have received from our students and the number of RHSP members who have attended their colleges.



The Reach High Scholars seniors are busy completing their college applications; drafting persuasive essays, requesting recommendation letters and filing financial aid forms.

Juniors and sophomores are starting to go on college trips organized by RHSP. There have been trips recently to Wheaton, Holy Cross, Bowdoin, Tufts, Saint Anselm and UNH, with several more planned for the next few months.

Reach High Scholars also are exploring summer boarding enrichment programs at Phillips Exeter, St. Paul's and Brown, with applications due for those programs over the next several weeks.

It is time for juniors to focus on the SAT test, which is an important component of the college admission process. RHSP will be sponsoring an SAT Boot Camp open to all RHS students, to occur in RAM Time starting in late January and leading into the NH Mandatory SAT test on April 14, 2020.

For those students who are not current members of RHSP but wish to be; applications have been sent out and an induction ceremony will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about the Reach High Scholars Program, please contact Program Director Ashley Close at [aclose@reachhighscholars.org](mailto:aclose@reachhighscholars.org). We are excited to welcome new members to our program as we continue our mission of helping students reach higher in their educational pursuits.

## State Assessment Results

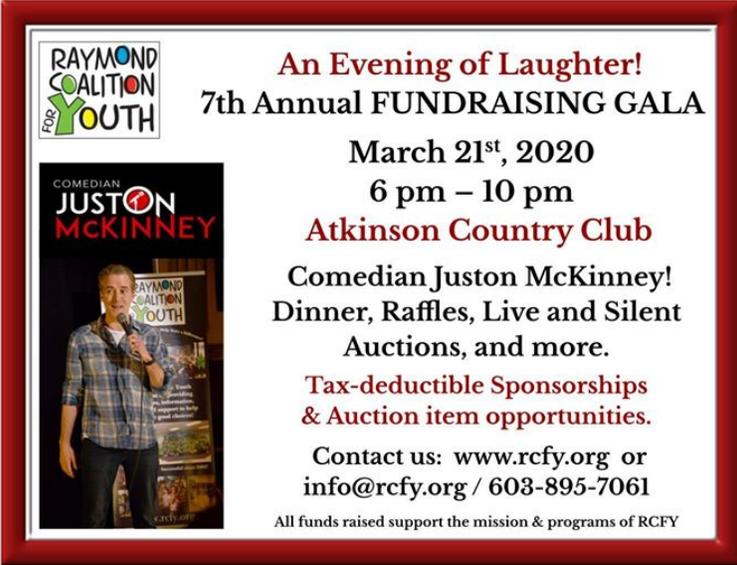


We've analyzed our student's results from last year's State Assessment System and the SAT (two of our assessments of student achievement) and we'll be presenting an update of this information to the School Board at their December 4th meeting. You can see the presentations, which include in-depth analysis of math, English, and science scores as well as SAT comparison data, [here](#) and [here](#) (for additional detailed info).

## Microwave Magic and Floor Hockey, with Special Thanks to RCFY

Session 2 has begun at LEAP! We have a lot of exciting offerings for all of our students. At LRES we are learning about Science Through Painting, the Appreciation and Creation of Music, STEM with Ms. Samsel, "Microwave Magic", and even fitting some floor hockey in as well! At IHGMS we have been very fortunate to have Ms. Kebler and Ms. Boucher join our team to offer great enrichment programs such as baking, movement activities like yoga and Zumba, and STEM challenges. We also have a great group of volunteers teaching our members about mindfulness and financial responsibility! For information about enrolling in LEAP, contact Pat Arsenault, at 895-3394 ext. 4308 or email [p.arsenault@sau33.com](mailto:p.arsenault@sau33.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to give a shout out to our partner, Raymond Coalition For Youth. Many of our enrichment leaders at LRES are there because of our partnership with RCFY. As a non-profit, they heavily rely on donations and fundraisers to keep their doors open. Their biggest fundraiser is coming up on March 21st. Tickets to a fun night out for a good cause would make a great Christmas gift! See below...



**RAYMOND COALITION FOR YOUTH**

**An Evening of Laughter!**  
**7th Annual FUNDRAISING GALA**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**6 pm – 10 pm**  
**Atkinson Country Club**

**Comedian Juston McKinney!**  
**Dinner, Raffles, Live and Silent Auctions, and more.**

**Tax-deductible Sponsorships & Auction item opportunities.**

Contact us: [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org) or [info@rcfy.org](mailto:info@rcfy.org) / 603-895-7061

All funds raised support the mission & programs of RCFY

## Help Wanted: Substitutes!



Come join our team at the Raymond School District as a substitute!

So far this school year we have hired 21 new substitutes and we want to keep this rolling! Looking for part-time rewarding work helping out your local school district? The Raymond School District is in need of substitutes in all categories. You can choose your own schedules!

We are always looking to hire substitutes in several areas:

- Certified Teacher Substitute- \$85 per diem
- Non-Certified Teacher Substitute - \$75 per diem
- Para-educator Substitute - \$75 per diem
- Nurse Substitute - \$100 per diem
- Custodian Substitute - \$10.00 per hour
- Food Service Substitute - \$10.00 per hour

If you or someone you know is looking to gain rewarding employment that helps out the local community, please apply online at [www.sau33.com/jobs](http://www.sau33.com/jobs).

## Harvest Feast and all the Fixin's

The Nutrition Services department welcomed the start of the holiday season with its annual Harvest Feast. Held on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in all 3 schools, this annual tradition is a sort of warmup for Thanksgiving. The delicious feast features Roast Turkey and all the "fixins". It's a good deal of extra work, but always a joyful task.



We were delighted to have 70 parents or grandparents join the kindergartners at LRES for an extra special celebration. When the day was done, we were grateful to have fed 6000 students and 138 adults. That's a lot of Turkey!

## Home of the Lambs!

In the fall of 2020 our preschool program will be at Raymond High School! We are making plans now to renovate a small corner of RHS to prepare for the move. The classrooms will be more roomy and bright, and there will be a designated playground just for our smallest students. This will be a win-win for preschool and high school students alike. Preschoolers will have better facilities, and our high school students will have more chances to engage in Extended Learning Opportunities related to child development.



## Winter Sports



Winter sports are up and running! At IHGMS; the girls A2, boys A & A2 basketball teams have posted their first wins! At RHS; seasons are just getting underway with tryouts and preseason.

Sports schedules can be found at: [raymondathletics.bigteams.com](http://raymondathletics.bigteams.com)

## Connections

**Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Raymond Food Pantry:** On December 5th, from 5:00 to 7:00, prior to The Raymond High School Winter Band Concert, the high school will host an **Empty Bowls Event and Craft Table**. The project is an international movement to fight hunger at the community level.



Hand-made bowls, crafted by our students and faculty, are served with hearty soups and bread at a public gathering in the FCS Room 109 and cafeteria. In exchange for a donation, the bowl is kept as a constant reminder of those who don't have enough to eat. Assorted crafts are also for sale. All proceeds go to the Raymond Food Pantry.



**Vaping?  
Think Twice**

**47** Deaths  
As of 11/20/2019

**2,290** vaping related hospitalizations  
As of 11/20/2019

If you or a loved one want to stop please visit our [rcfy.org](http://rcfy.org) for resources to help with quitting.

For more resources, visit: [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org)



## Raymond Coalition for Youth

**Vaping Information:** It is all over the news and adults and kids alike are talking about it. People are dying and ending up in the hospital with unknown lung illnesses so we wanted to provide some information. Please take a few minutes to listen to Laurie of NH Poison Control on our RCFY YouTube channel, who came in and spoke to our Raymond High School students to help them better understand the dangers associated with vaping so they can use this to make decisions when considering this dangerous trend.

For more information, or options for quitting or accessing help, please visit [www.rcfy.org/resources/tobacco](http://www.rcfy.org/resources/tobacco)

**RCFY monthly networking and learning meeting** – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 10:30 am, down stairs in the Raymond Baptist Church community room. This month's guest will be Danielle from Aware Recovery. **14,000 NH children** are impacted by the Opioid crisis. We need to help our community to understand that how adults talk about this is important. A child who has a parent struggling with addiction or in recovery knows how important this is. We need the adults that the child interacts with to understand this too. Please join us for this discussion and more on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We have free coffee and muffins too thank you to Hannaford! [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org).

**Join our RCFY E-newsletter!** Your email is never shared with anyone. Newsletters are sent out once or twice a month and have local resources, events and information regarding youth, families and community. You can also check us out on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Linked. RCFY is about people working together to support our youth.



Upcoming Events						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Events are subject to change. Please check our Events Calendars at [www.sau33.com](http://www.sau33.com).

**School District Budget and Warrant Articles Presentation to Budget Committee**  
 Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**School Board Meeting**  
 Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**Empty Bowls Event and Craft Table**

Thursday, December 5, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, RHS Room 109

**RHS Winter Instrumental Concert**

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 PM, RHS Gymnasium

**LRES PTO's Santa Secret Store & Reindeer Cafe**

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, LRES

**RHS Winter Choral Concert**

Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM, Raymond Baptist Church

**Reach High Scholars Induction Ceremony**

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 PM, RHS

**LRES Building Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM, LRES Media Center

**LRES Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, December 12, 9:15 AM, LRES

**LRES Parent Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, December 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**RHS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Monday, December 16, 10:00 AM, RHS

**LRES Holiday Concert**

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 PM, LRES

**School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, December 19, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

**IHGMS Holiday/Band Chorus Concert**

Friday, December 20, 6:00 PM, IHGMS

**School Closed - Holiday Break**

December 23 - January 1



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