



Raymond School District Community Newsletter

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Superintendent



Thanks to the parents and community members who came to our informational coffee hours or our public forum to learn about the warrant articles that will be on the ballot in March. Your questions and insights were appreciated!

If your schedule didn't allow you to attend, you can still get the same important information by watching the forum at your convenience on Raymond Community Television! Click [here](#) to watch that video.

Also note: The school calendar for the 2020-21 school year has already been finalized! Click [here](#) to review or print it!

School District Deliberative Session February 8th

Raymond School District First Deliberative Session
Saturday, February 8th, 2020, 10:00 AM, RHS Cafeteria
Childcare will be available courtesy of the RHS Interact Club!

All citizens are invited to attend the School District Deliberative Session on Saturday the 8th of February at 10:00 AM. This *first session* will consist of explanations, discussions and deliberations of the warrant articles numbered 2 through 9. At this session, the wording of some warrant articles may be amended (as permitted by law). All citizens are urged to attend this important meeting to debate these articles. Please come and participate in this important process on February 8th at the Raymond High School Cafetorium.



The articles as amended (or not) at the Deliberative Session will be placed on the official ballot and voted on at the Second (Voting) Session. **Be sure to mark your calendar and come to vote in our Town Election on March 10th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School.**

Visit our [Voter Information Page](#) for more info!

Thanks to All from our Finance Department

Currently we are getting ready for the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10 AM. It's been another amazing Budget Season working with the dedicated School Board, committed Budget Committee and all of the amazing staff at the



Raymond School District. We could never do this without everyone's help. Thank you all!

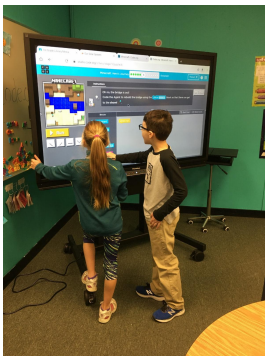
Elementary School Building Needs Assessment

The School Board has accepted Barker Architects bid to complete a full needs assessment of the Lamprey River Elementary School. The needs assessment is being conducted as part of the Building Committee's charge to develop a plan for the Lamprey River Elementary School that will provide students with a safe, healthy, and efficient school building. The assessment will be conducted in conjunction with school staff over the next few months.



LRES Connecting with Families

LRES continues to look for ways to connect with families in and outside of school. One way we connect with families outside of school, is by hosting a "Bowling for Books" event the second Wednesday of every month. Families and LRES staff meet at the local bowling alley in Raymond to bowl together. Students who bowl a strike or spare get a free book! Another way we connect with families is by hosting family events at Lamprey River Elementary School.



Just this month, we had a Family Night of Code where our school media specialist Ms. Samsel created stations where families could come in and experiment with a variety of coding activities. This was an opportunity for families to experience some of the lessons and activities that classes participated in during our week of code at LRES.

Focus on Improving Student Academic Performance at IHGMS

The Raymond School District Strategic Plan has an academic goal of having 80% of our students in each grade mastering grade level standards in English and math by the spring of 2023.

At IHGMS we are tracking student performance through our three year plan to achieve the district goal. Each spring all of our students are required to take the State Assessment System (SAS) assessment in ELA and math and our fifth and eighth graders are also required to take the SAS science assessment.



From the spring assessment results, we set grade level goals for mid-year and the end of the year. In the third week of January, we had our students take the SAS interim assessments. We are pleased to report that in some areas we have exceeded our mid-year goals and in at least one grade, exceeded the end of the year goal! Our eighth graders who qualified for algebra this year have all already mastered the eighth grade math standards!

Our teachers spent part of their last in-service day reviewing the data from the interim assessments and creating action plans of adjustments that they need to make in curriculum and instruction to help ensure that all of our students will have the opportunity to reach our end of the year student achievement goals.

Raymond High School Update

The first week of the new semester ended with a lot of excitement at Raymond High School. Report cards were issued on Friday, January 31.

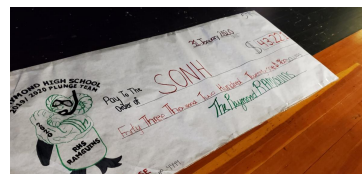
On Friday, 35 students from RHS participated in the Connect Suicide Prevention Training, sponsored by the Raymond Coalition for Youth. This new program called Connect is being presented at Raymond High School to provide students information about preventing youth suicide and to encourage them to involve adults if they think someone is at risk.



We had two school-wide assemblies on Friday as well. The first was from Deo Mwano. Deo is a public speaker who specializes in team building. Deo and his friends shared song and dance with the student body and spoke about the importance of building meaningful relationships as well as listen skills and being in the moment. Deo will be returning to RHS to facilitate some smaller group work.

Deo is an inspirational, engaging, and relatable presenter who ignites diverse audiences with his work. His talents have been recognized both nationally and internationally.

WMUR and the Special Olympics of NH also joined us on Friday afternoon to send our Penguin Plunge team off in style. We were joined by Kevin Skarupa and other WMUR personnel. RHS raised over \$41,000 for the Special Olympics and for the second year in a row raised more than any other school in the state! RHS will have 150 student and adults taking the plunge on Saturday, February 1st at Hampton Beach.



SST Student Spotlight



Queen of the Castle: Abigail Saunders is a senior at Raymond High School and SST. She finds it difficult to pick something she likes about the Careers in Education program because she loves it all. She particularly loves the flexibility of being able to work offsite at an internship part of the week and spend the others at SST in the Wright Start Pre-School. Students excitedly cluster around her and it's apparent this is a mutual admiration society. She's recently started coaching younger students in cheerleading and she hopes to continue that as it fuses two of her passions. Abigail intends to pursue a career as either a kindergarten or first grade teacher and we certainly hope she returns to work in SAU 16 or 33.

Our ELO Program is Branching Out into the Community

Our students are looking forward to many new and continued work based learning experiences made possible by our community partners. Thank you to the following businesses for providing students the opportunity to pursue an Extended Learning Opportunity:

Boisvert Electric
Candray Pet Care Center
Excel Physical Therapy
Iber Holmes Gove Middle School
Lamprey River Elementary School
Little Friends Early Learning Center
Little Friends Early Learning Center
Planet Fitness
Portsmouth Hospital
Raymond Police Department
Raymond School Board
Windhaven Farms



Reach High Scholars Update



In December, the Reach High Scholars program welcomed 13 very talented and academically motivated members into our program. We had a wonderful induction ceremony attended by students and their families, Superintendent Dr. McCoy, Principal Woodward, RHS Chairman, John McDaniels, RHS Program Director, Ashley Close, RHS Board Member, Mark Dupuis and RHSP parent Bonnie Duffaut.

It is time for juniors to focus on the SAT test, which is an important component of the college admission process. The winter SATBoot Camp, sponsored by the Reach High Scholars Program and provided by Academic Approach, is just getting underway. In addition to diagnostic tests and score review sessions, we have reformatted the program to provide more individualized instruction through one-on-one tutoring sessions. This is open to all RHS juniors and leads into the NH Mandatory SAT test on April 14, 2020.

The Reach High Scholars seniors are busy receiving admissions decisions, following up with the colleges they have applied to, waiting for responses and completing and filing financial aid forms.

Juniors and sophomores have started to go on college visits organized by RHSP. There have been trips recently to Wheaton, Holy Cross, Bowdoin, Tufts, UNH and Dartmouth with several more planned for February vacation.

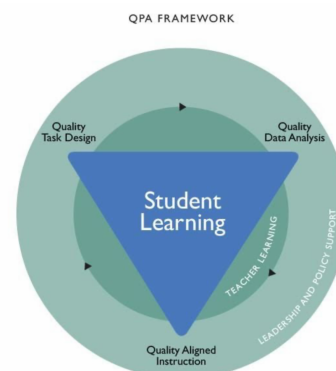
Reach High Scholars are also submitting applications to summer boarding academic enrichment programs at Phillips Exeter, St. Paul's and Brown, all of which provide significant financial aid to our students. Decisions for those programs will be coming in the next couple of months.

Reach High Scholars has helped dozens of students attend top colleges where they have received great educations and significant need-based financial aid, with an average of less than \$30,000 of debt at graduation. We are excited to welcome new members to our program as we continue our mission of helping students reach higher in their educational pursuits.

If you have any questions about the Reach High Scholars Program, please contact Program Director Ashley Close at aclose@reachhighscholars.org

Quality Performance Assessments

Creating and increasing authentic learning opportunities in Raymond has been a goal for the 2019-2020 school year. Our educators have been working diligently throughout the school year to provide their students with challenging assessments that have direct application to real world problems. Raymond High School, Iber Holmes Middle School and Lamprey River Elementary School educators are designing performance assessments that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiency of content and higher order thinking skills in multiple ways. Teachers are building new or retrofitting previous assessments that are directly tied to Raymond competencies and performance indicators.

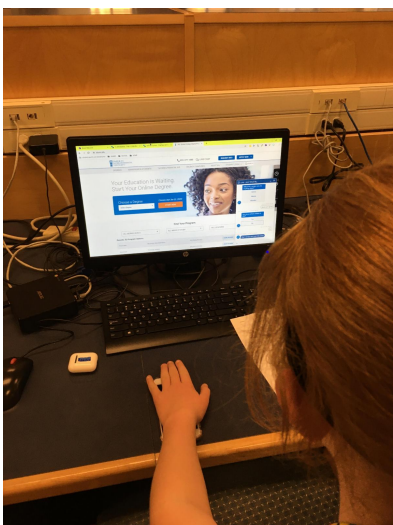


We have dedicated the remaining professional development days (February 11 and March 10th) to this important work, partnering with the Center for Collaborative Education (CCE). If you are interested in learning more about Quality Performance Assessments (QPAs) please take some time to view this link: <https://www.cce.org/>

Financial Fitness Class at IHGMS LEAP

LEAP has started its third session of the 2019-2020 school year! As always we have some brand new offerings for all of our students and are looking forward to getting back into the gym at IHGMS for some much needed physical activity after a long basketball season.

While new sessions bring new opportunities, we'd like to highlight an ongoing program we have offered at IHGMS since the beginning of the school year: **Financial Fitness**. This program is designed to get students to start thinking about what they want to do



with their lives and what it will take to achieve their goals. They start the year by thinking about entering the workforce. They research entry level jobs, conduct practice job interviews, and finally "design their own business". From there, our participants research salaries and responsible budgeting. They plan meals, car purchases, and vacations based on a fixed income. Finally, they research what level of education it will take to make them qualified for their desired careers. Whether it's college or trade, they receive the lessons they need to motivate them to take all of the steps to get them where they want to be.

Pictured is one of our students researching a college that could set her on the path she wants. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our program. If you have any questions about LEAP, you can contact Pat

at p.arsenault@sau33.com

Work in Raymond School District as a Substitute!

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! No working nights, weekends or school vacations!

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.

Nutrition Services Update

January has earned its spot as a transition month for the Nutrition Service Department. We started off by installing Linda St. Pierre as our new Manager at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School. She has been very busy and dedicated to settling in, already making connections within the building to coordinate our efforts with the school's plans.

We also welcomed Diane Steele as our new deli person at Raymond High School, following Linda's move to IHGMS. Diane started during mid-term exam week, and is now enjoying the opportunity to develop her own rhythm at made-to-order sandwiches and salads.

At Lamprey River Elementary we are preparing for the departure of a well-loved Lunch Lady. Carmie Liggiero will be retiring as of February break. We will miss her, and wish her much Happiness!

Even though this has been a mild winter so far, we still plan for hearty cold weather meals that the students enjoy. February's menus are already out, and that month will go by in a flurry!



Parental Consent Forms Sent Out

There has been a lot going on with Medicaid and how schools can get reimbursed for services that they provide to students. We have sent out consent forms to specific parents in order to allow us to partner with their child's primary care physician or a physician that is partnered with our school district. With this consent we will then be able to bill Medicaid for the services and receive revenue for the school year. Thank you for returning those forms!



Raymond Athletics



IHGMS winter season has ended. Three of our basketball teams advanced to the Tri County Tournament with the Girls A2 basketball team playing in the Championship! The season was a huge success for all coaches, players & fans.

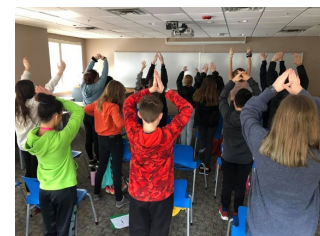
RHS winter season is in the home stretch with teams gearing up for their NHIAA tournament. In February, we will be recognizing our senior members of the teams at the following home events:: February 8: bowling; February 14: girls basketball & track; February 18: Unified Basketball; February 20: cheer & boys basketball.

Connections

From Raymond Coalition for Youth

Raymond Coalition For Youth 16th Annual Project Safeguard, a day of prevention and inspiration, for Iber Holmes Gove Middle School 7th graders, was held at Southern NH University on January 10th was a complete success.

Students participated in classes teaching internet safety, mindfulness, yoga, personal stories of addiction and recovery, among other topics. Students and adults alike had many interesting questions for our opening and closing speakers, who spoke about their own personal stories of overcoming difficulties in life.



Join the Raymond Coalition For Youth, Youth Action groups! Open to youth in the IHGMS on Wednesdays after school, 2:35 – 3:45, Raymond High School, Tuesdays, 2:15 – 3:15. Students participated in Sticker Shock this Tuesday, before Super bowl. Sunday, reminding adults that it is against the law to provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.



Monthly RCFY meetings open to all adults who want to learn more about working together to support our youth are on the second Thursday of the month, 9:00 am – 10:30 am, in the downstairs community room of the Raymond Baptist Church. February our guest is from the NH Department of Health and Human Services to talk about **Vaping Prevention Resources**. Upcoming meeting dates are February 13, March 12, April 9, May

14, June 11.

Resources for talking about prevention with your child, Treatment options for a loved one dealing with addiction and support services for individuals and families who are in recovery, as well as a lot more information are on our website www.rcfy.org and there is also an email newsletter you can sign up for, send your email to info@rcfy.org.

Upcoming Events						
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Events are subject to change. Please check our Events Calendars at www.sau33.com.

8th Grade Open House at RHS

Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 PM, RHS

Raymond School Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

Valentine's Day Social 5th & 6th Grade

Friday, February 7, 3:00 PM, IHGMS

Valentine's Day Dance 7th & 8th Grade

Friday, February 7, 7:00 PM, IHGMS

School District Deliberative Session

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 AM, RHS Cafeteria

Schools Closed - Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, February 11

LRES Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 PM, LRES Media Center

LRES Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, February 13, 9:15 AM, LRES

RHS Principal's Coffee Hour

Monday, February 17, 10:00 AM, RHS Main Office Conference Room

Raymond School Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, February 20, 9:00 AM, IHGMS Conference Room

Schools Closed - Winter Break
February 24 - February 28



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