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## Discussion of Potential 4th Grade Move to IHGMS

The District is currently reviewing the overall use of our facilities to determine if all are being used to provide the best physical learning environments available for students at all levels. Due to gradual changes in facilities use over time, there is now room at Iber Holmes Gove to bring the 4th grade to that school. That being the case, the District and the School Board is considering if it would best serve our students to move grade 4 to IHGMS for the fall of 2020. In order to gather stakeholder input prior to any decision, a public forum was held on the evening of Thursday the 24th of October to obtain input from interested individuals regarding the advantages, disadvantages or challenges of such a move. Thanks to Art Wolinsky, of RCTV, a video of the event was created and is now available for public viewing. If you are interested in learning more about this potential move, please watch the [video](#) or participate at upcoming meetings of the Raymond School Board in November.



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## Hound of the Baskervilles



Don't miss the Raymond High School Drama Production The Hound of the Baskervilles at 6 PM on Friday the 22nd of November or Saturday the 23rd of November at RHS!

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## Volunteering at Raymond School District

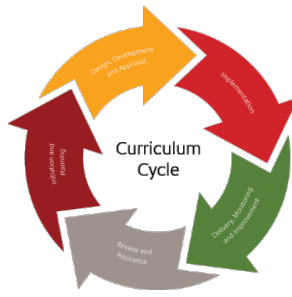


If you are interested in volunteering for our School District it may help to understand how the District processes volunteers. There are two types of volunteers: Event (one day only) and Designated (volunteers on a regular basis). Designated volunteers will need to have a background check done at the Human Resources Department. Once the background check is accomplished, the Designated volunteer can help out at the schools or chaperone on field trips anytime there is a need.

Ask a secretary in the main office of the school you want to volunteer for a volunteer packet. Let the secretary know what activity you are interested in volunteering for. The secretary will help to determine if you will be an Event or Designated volunteer. More information about the volunteer process can be found [on our website](#).

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## Seeking Community Participation



Interested in moving curriculum forward in the Raymond School District? The district is currently seeking two community members to serve on the District Curriculum Committee. Our current charge is to review academic programs and policies, instructional practices, curricula, and make recommendations to the superintendent and/or school board. Tasks may include but are not limited to reviewing courses, implementation of new courses and the Raymond High School course of study. The committee will also aid in providing feedback on district curriculum documents prior to board approval. The committee will meet three times a year, our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for November. If you have any interest or questions please contact Mike Whaland at (603) 895-4299 or [m.whaland@sau33.com](mailto:m.whaland@sau33.com).

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## Student Spotlight at School Board Meetings

Did you know that students are invited to present to the Board at almost all of their regular meetings held throughout the school year? This is a tradition that has been kept up for years. The first business item on each regular agenda is a spotlight of student work and activities. Recently, some high school students spoke with the Board about the Extended Learning Opportunities they're taking advantage as part of their educational experience, middle school students presented some student-made websites that they've been working on, and elementary school students presented the "Road to Learning!"



It is our hope and intent that providing students a venue to in which to showcase work that they're excited about will instill pride in their achievements, provide valuable public speaking experience, and help foster a connection between students, School Board, and community.

(Photo: RHS Student Council members talking with the School Board at a meeting last school year.)

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## Budget Preparation

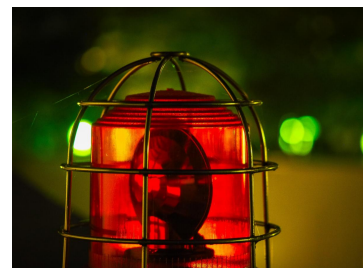


This past month we were busy presenting the end of year financials to the Budget Committee and answering questions that they have. We have also started working on the FY2020-2021 Budget and had the Department Presentations last week. Currently, we are busy wrapping up the budget and we will be presenting to the Budget Committee on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Safety Measures in our Schools

As the school year is well underway so are our safety and emergency management plans. There are many great things happening every day in our schools to ensure the safety of all building users. At the district level we have an Emergency Management Committee that works closely with each school level Emergency Management team. This ensures the district operates under the same guidelines and procedures. We have ongoing trainings for all types of emergencies that may arise. Most notably are our evacuation drills and our lockdown drills. There are also six other response actions we use to train building users. We continue to use the ALICE program as our procedure for



a lockdown in the case of a violent critical incident. We again this year have trained staff and students and reached the level of an ALICE certified district. We continue to make improvements all the time to increase the level of safety for staff and students. We appreciate your understanding of our safety procedures when you come to visit the schools.

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## PowerSchool Has Been Updated

As some of our parents using the PowerSchool mobile app know, there were limitations to the Android version of the app. PowerSchool has recently announced that a new version will be available soon.



### PowerSchool Tech Note

PowerSchool Mobile for Android version 2.1 has been submitted to the Google Play Store and should be [available for download](#) soon.

#### Key Enhancements

- Feedback feature added to contact the PowerSchool Mobile support team
- New attendance and assignments are now clearly visible
- Email Notification setting added for School Announcements

#### Key Fixes

- The feature for students to update their preferred name has been restored
- Parents with multiple students can now consistently switch between their students using the student selector
- Resolved an issue where the Attendance tab would intermittently load
- UI improvements on the Classes screen
- Improved error messaging when no active cellular connection is available

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## Character Traits at LRES



At LRES this school year, we are focusing on character traits throughout the school year. We are choosing one character trait a month to focus on and discuss all month long. This includes defining the character trait, sharing lessons and videos based on the traits, reading a different quote each week focused on the character trait, and then celebrating students at our Whole School Meetings. Our purpose for making this a school-wide focus is to support Social Emotional Learning that will

hopefully have a long-term positive effect on our school culture and how our students socialize and communicate. For the months of September and October, we focused on respect and courage.

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## NHPIE Volunteer of the Year Awarded to Dana Zulager

The NHPIE Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded to outstanding volunteers based on their efforts during the 2018-2019 school year. The award is based on the significance of the work done, their management and leadership skills, unique or creative services and/or programs along with the originality of their contributions and outstanding time commitments.

Dana is truly deserving of this prestigious award and is an

outstanding representative of the Raymond community. As stated in her nomination for this award: "Dana volunteers to do almost anything at our school (IHGMS); she chaperones field trips, supervises students so that teachers can provide specialized instruction, and she helps in our school office at exceptionally busy times. She is the driving force of our Parent Core Group (PCG). Dana is constantly engaged in activities "behind the scenes" to promote public education in Raymond. She has even volunteered during the summer for an enrichment program so that students could have a supervised guided study between their classes. Dana is the organizational leader of the PCG's annual Rafflemania which is the group's major fundraiser. The funds from that event support students and educators throughout the following year for items that are not supported in the local budget. Again, countless hours are spent behind the scenes organizing this event. Dana is also active in the community in many different ways but land conservation is of special interest to her. She is our greatest cheerleader and most selfless volunteer!



Please join us in congratulating Dana Zulager as the 2019 NHPIE Volunteer of the Year Award recipient!

## Congratulations to Raymond High School's Alex Cooney



(picture by RCFY)

From Raymond Coalition for Youth: Congratulations to Raymond High School Alex Cooney. As a member of the Raymond Coalition For Youth Youth Action group Alex received a 2019 Youth Leader and Advocate award from the New England DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) "Alex is an outstanding leader with his peers, and not only is willing to have the conversations that are needed but takes action and is making a positive difference in our community, and our state." Special Agent Jon DeLena of the NE DEA.

## What is an ELO (Extended Learning Opportunity)?



Extended Learning (ELOs): promote student engagement, provide structure and authentic participation in real-world learning and career experiences. ELOs can assist students with decision making regarding post-secondary plans. Why not explore opportunities while in high school to rule out or pursue future interests?

- Available to all students; during the day, after school and on the weekends.
- Earn core or elective credit. Minimum of 3 hrs per week for .5 credit.
- Explore a career or personal interest.
- ELOs are student driven!

Here are some opportunities that are available to students next semester, keep in mind the options go far beyond these as they are student driven.

- Dentistry: Observe Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Office Staff to understand particular roles within the field. Through observation, learn about dental equipment used and patient dental concerns.
- Physical Therapy: Observe Physical Therapists, learn about the different



techniques used on patients and their injuries. Understand the equipment and reasons behind usage.

- Communications: (Raymond Community TV) Tasks may include: preparing for interviews, (create scripts, draft cue cards, practice interviewing), video production, public service announcements, short documentaries, music videos and more. Students can also explore the behind the scenes nuts & bolts technical side of a local cable station.
- Business/Office Support (RHS): Filing, Mail Sorting, Answering Phones and other tasks as needed.
- Technical Support (RHS) Tasks to include: Hardware & Software installation and inventory assistance, perform software configuration, lay cables and wires for network, provide users support and assistance with information technology issues and much much more.
- Education: Intern with an Elementary, Middle or High School Teacher as a teacher's assistant or student interested in pursuing education as a career path.

Encourage your child to find out how they can take part in an ELO. Meet with Ms. Londo in the School Counseling Office before the paperwork deadline~December 6th.

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## Construction Industry Presentation to Students at RHS

Earlier this school year, the owner of Jewett Construction, Craig Jewett and Dan Ray, Manager of Integrated Design, spoke to students about all the realms and roles of the construction business - from the architectural design to the process of developing a commercial building. They emphasized how the construction business has opportunities for so many diverse interests. They even have a professional Drone Operator to map out the locations. Students asked fantastic questions and were very respectful of the guests.



Our goal is to continue to introduce students to careers and opportunities through Extended Learning Opportunities that they may not have otherwise been aware of and how they can follow a particular interest that they may have. Thank you to Craig and Dan for helping us introduce our students to the varied and interesting field of construction.

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## RHS Welding at SST



Walk into the Welding Technologies Program at SST and you will see students busy at work in all different areas of the shop. Each student is focusing on a different project or job of metal fabrication, repair or CNC Plasma cutting. SST Welding Technologies II student, Kathryn Doucette, a junior at Raymond High School, chose this program because "it's a good trade to get into and I enjoy the hands-on learning experiences." Kathryn started the program her sophomore year and will be a completer of the two-year program at the end of her junior year. Her goal is to continue to use her welding skills next year at SST potentially through a work-based learning opportunity in the welding industry. Kathryn would like to work in the high steel industry on skyscraper buildings. She finds this field to be exciting and fun! Pictured is Kathryn operating a forklift to move a pallet.

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## Reach High Scholars Awarded NHEC Grant

The Reach High Scholars Program has received a \$5,000 grant from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation (NHEC). This is the third year that NHEC has supported the RHSP. This year, the funding will support PSAT and SAT Book Camps, Raymond Roundtables, and costs for college visits. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



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## LEAP Partnering with Local Business



We are pleased to announce that the LEAP program is partnering with Pop Culture on Mondays from 4:00-5:00 at IHGMS. They will start out by running a Magic The Gathering club. Once that is established, participants will be able to work with Pop Culture to expand the club to other games they are interested in learning. We hope to plan some in-store events in the near future as well!

Session 2 is about to get underway at LEAP! We have a lot of new and exciting enrichment programs and news coming up at both schools. At LRES, Ms. Samsel is joining our team on Mondays to teach us all about STEM. She will be utilizing a multitude of resources including Estes Rockets, Snap Circuits, and LEGO. We also have other activities planned such as Microwave Magic, Mindfulness, Art & Music clubs, and Floor Hockey. At IHGMS, we welcome Ms. Kebler and Ms. Boucher to our team. They will be offering clubs that include Baking, Movement (Dance, Zumba, etc.), and STEM Challenges.

If you would like information on how to enroll in LEAP, please email Pat Arsenault at [p.arsenault@sau33.com](mailto:p.arsenault@sau33.com).

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## The Fall Season in Food Service

Did you know that November is National Sweet Potato Awareness Month? IHGMS is highlighting this extremely nutritious and versatile vegetable on their menu in familiar forms. There may be a couple of Pop-up salutes as well!

Fall is generally a fun season for Food Service, and this year is no different! Keeping a mix of warm weather favorites moving into cold weather comfort foods on the menus, while working around multiple days off and several holidays creates a hectic, yet enjoyable adventure.



At LRES during November we welcome the return of kindergarten family guests to our Harvest Feast. This is our traditional salute to Thanksgiving. It features a delicious turkey dinner with "all the trimmings" and will be served district wide on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

RHS continues to develop creativity on both lines at lunch. Our Main Line has added a "Flavor Station" so that students can customize menu items to their taste. Seasoning vary according to the items being served on a given day. With several sauces and a wide range of spices from garlic powder and oregano to cumin and cinnamon, and several salt-free or low salt blends, students can add from a pinch or a hearty dose of flavor for themselves. It's interesting and sometimes inspiring to watch the combinations that they create!

## Community-Based Learning Opportunities



On Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 the Connections Program at Raymond High School participated in their first Community-Based Learning Opportunity (CBLO) of the 19-20 school year. They visited the Raymond Fire Department where they spoke with the Raymond firefighters about fire safety, what a day in the life of a firefighter looks like, what to do in an emergency and when to call for help. Additionally, Mrs. Denn has arranged the second CBLO to the Walmart Distribution Center here in Raymond.

The Connections Program is actively seeking out opportunities within our community, so if there are any local business partnerships willing to host our students in a CBLO, please reach out to Mrs. Denn or Ms. Capen at Raymond High School.

The Raymond School District is sending a huge thank you to the Raymond Fire Department and thank you for everything that you do for your community.

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## A Great Start with Fall Sports

IHGMS soccer teams finished up their season's with the boys posting a big win over Academy of Science & Design and the girls making it to the Tri County Play-offs as the 4th seed. The end of season awards were held on October 28th and we are now gearing up for the winter season which starts November 4th.



RHS sports have had an exciting Fall. The boys soccer and volleyball teams pulled up just short of the NHIAA tournament but had great seasons! The future looks bright for both programs. The Cross Country team competed in the State Tournament on October 26th at Derryfield Park. The girls soccer team finished the regular season with a 12-4 record and heads into the DIII State Tournament as the #7 seed. The football team has had the best season on record since its inaugural year of 2008. They finished the regular season at 5-2 and head into the D IV tourney as the #2 seed. Fall Sports Awards will be held on November 17th with Winter Sports starting on November 18th!

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## Red Ribbon Week Thank You



From Raymond Coalition for Youth: A special thank you to the students and staff of the Raymond School District for supporting Red Ribbon Week, an opportunity to talk, and learn, about the importance of substance misuse prevention. The theme was courage- the courage to speak up, the courage to stand out, the courage to make healthy choices, the courage to be a leader, the courage to talk about prevention with the people you care about .For resources on talking with the young people in your life, please check out our [Parent Tool kit](https://www.rcfy.org) at [www.rcfy.org](https://www.rcfy.org).

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## Upcoming Events

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

### **Regular School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

### **Veteran's Day Observed - Schools Closed**

Monday, November 11

### **LRES Building Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM, LRES Media Center

### **Mr. Raymond Pageant**

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 PM, RHS Cafe

### **LRES Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, November 14, 9:15 AM, LRES

### **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony**

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 PM, RHS Cafe

### **RHS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Monday, November 18, 10:00 AM, RHS Main Office Conference Room

### **Regular School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 20, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

### **IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, November 21, 9:00 AM, IHGMS Conference Room

### **RHS Drama: Hound of the Baskervilles**

Friday, November 22, 6:00 PM, RHS Cafe

Saturday, November 23, 6:00 PM, RHS Cafe

### **Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed**

Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29



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