



## The Green Gazette

November 2020

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### From the Superintendent

The recent rise in COVID-19 cases in our region has presented many challenges above and beyond the difficult situation we were already in together. However, the support and cooperation of all members of our educational community have helped us keep students and employees safe. Your assistance is appreciated!

Please remember to be very vigilant as time goes by! Even outside of the school environment, keep up the safety protocols such as social distancing and mask use. Stay in communication with the district if you learn of any positive case, exposure, or possible exposure.

**It takes all of us to keep COVID-19 away from our schools.**

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As we move into the winter weather months, please be aware that 'snow days', as we have traditionally known them, will no longer exist. Inclement weather or unexpected events that would have prompted school closures or delayed openings in the past will now necessitate 'remote learning days'. Going forward, you can expect more announcements the evening before remote learning days, and fewer early morning decisions.



The Superintendent's Coffee Hour will be held on November 10th at 10 AM. **School Health & Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic** will be the theme. Our school nurses and key administrators will be available to informally discuss our practices and challenges, and talk about concerns. Please join in the discussion by emailing [invite@sau33.com](mailto:invite@sau33.com) to request an invitation to this virtual event!

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**Consideration of Remote Learning Centers:  
A Letter from the Town Manager**



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October 30, 2020

Evaluating the Demand for a Recreation Department Led Remote Learning Center

Dear Raymond,

The Town, SAU and Community Leaders have partnered together to determine the need and feasibility of establishing **Remote Learning Centers** for community children during SAU Remote Learning Days.

This program would be an extension of the **Town's Recreation Program** and would provide a safe, supervised location for identified children to participate in remote learning.

The program's primary goals are threefold:

- 1) **A Public Safety Initiative:** To help mitigate safety risk to community children due to lack of adequate supervision during Remote Learning Days.
- 2) **Extension of Community Social Service Efforts:** To facilitate the delivery of SAU food services to community children who are food insecure during Remote Learning Days.
- 3) **Community-Based Economic Stimulus Initiative:** A grass roots effort to help mitigate family financial impacts due to loss of employment or reduced income levels associated with remote learning.

The program's secondary goals are to:

- 1) **Support Community Educational Efforts:** Help facilitate the success of SAU Remote Learning, through a safe, connected and supported learning environment.
- 2) **Employment for impacted families:** Provide economic opportunities to families who have already had reduced income or loss of employment through job opportunities as a **Remote Learning Center Counselor**.

Due to potential capacity constraints, if this program were to go into effect, participation would be provided on priority basis focused on the following criteria:

- 1) Children age 10 and below who are without supervision during the scheduled remote school day

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[Click here](#) to continue reading this letter from Raymond Town Manager Joseph Ilsley.

## Budget Preparation

This past month we have been busy presenting the 2019-20 end-of-year financial reports to the Budget Committee and responding to follow-up questions. We have also started working on the FY 2021-2022 budget, including individual department budget presentations to the School Board. Currently, we are working on finishing up a 2021-2022 budget to present to the Budget Committee on December 1st. Please plan to watch and participate in this important process.



## Safety and Facilities



As we continue to work to keep the buildings as clean and safe as possible from the spread of COVID-19, we are also completing other measures to ensure building users are safe and compliant. All three buildings have had their annual inspection by the local fire department. This inspection is mainly focused on life safety issues that range from fire protection to classroom setup and organization. The fire department does a thorough job and any issues found are promptly dealt with. We also sub contract out some required inspections for items such as sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and alarm systems.

Along with all of the inspections we are continuing to train both staff and students for emergency situations. The schools have completed their required fire evacuation drills for the first couple of months of school. Due to the hybrid model we are following for students, these drills need to happen for both A day and B day students. We are also continuing to train staff and students for violent critical incidents using the ALICE program. We will continue these training sessions as well as others as we move through the year to ensure all building users are prepared for uncertain events.

## Redesigned Website Launch

After several months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to announce the launch of our newly





redesigned website on November 20th. We wanted to make the new website faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly.

Our goal with this new website is to provide our community an easier way to learn about the District and to browse information based on their own choice.

Amongst the new features the site will contain are integrated social media buttons for Facebook and Twitter to foster improved communication within the

community. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information and District announcements.

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## LRES Partners with the Local Community

Recently, LRES partnered with the local community for lessons in safety. During the month of October, Lamprey River Elementary School acknowledged Fire Prevention Month and Red Ribbon Week! Students participated in Fire Prevention lessons, facilitated by the Raymond Fire Department. The firemen came to the school and presented a lesson about fire safety that included teaching about the dangers of fire, the importance of knowing about smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, as well as the importance of having a family plan including a meeting place if there ever was a fire at their homes.



Lamprey River Elementary School also participated in a district-wide Red Ribbon Week. The Raymond Coalition for Youth provided red t-shirts for all students and staff. Staff and students participated in a week of activities where videos and coloring pages were shared with students for remote learning days as well as days in school where students and staff wore their red RCFY t-shirts and pajamas (to support students following their dreams).

Whether students attend school following our hybrid schedule, or attend fully remote, all students had opportunities to participate in both of these school-wide events. A huge thank you to Jason and Tim from the Raymond Fire Department, Ms. Aldous our school social worker, and the RCFY! Staff and students know the importance of community involvement in our students' education and look forward to these educational opportunities each year.



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## IHGMS Champions!

The IHGMS boys soccer team is the Tri-County Division II Boy Soccer Champions! They won the championship game 1-0 over Hopkinton middle / High School on Monday, October 26.

It has not been confirmed, but this may be the first Raymond middle school boys soccer championship season since 1976!





The members of the team are, in alphabetical order: Eric Barnett, Noah Brisson, Tyler Brooks, Caden Claytor, Clayton Cramer, Evan Doyon, Drezell Duffaut, Vinnie Festa, Thomas Hubbard, Dom Lambert, Aidan Lord, Evan Ortega, Jordan Pasterczyk, Brody Phillips, Andrew Wood, and Aidan York. The team is coached by Mike Brazeau.



Our girls are champions too! Tri-County Division III Girls Soccer Champions! They won the championship game 3-1 over Hopkinton Middle / High School on Monday, October 27



The members of the team are, in alphabetical order: Makenna Brackett, Ellie Brewitt, Ellie Bronson, Madelyn Donohue, Lucille Donohue, Alani Duffaut, Gianna Gott, Brooke Hollis, Sophie Huynh, Sophia Jolie, Gabriella Ledoux, Dinkenesh Levesque, Mollee Messenger, Claire Michalak, Bridget Mitchell, Chloe Mitchell, Meadow Mitchell, Ella Sabato, Ariana Tremblay, Megan Ward, Sara Wilkins, and Abigail Yockel. The team is coached by Deb Papamichael, Sean Messenger, and Todd Ledoux.

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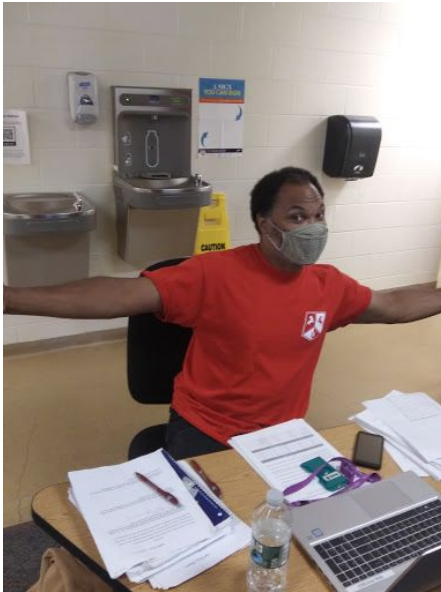
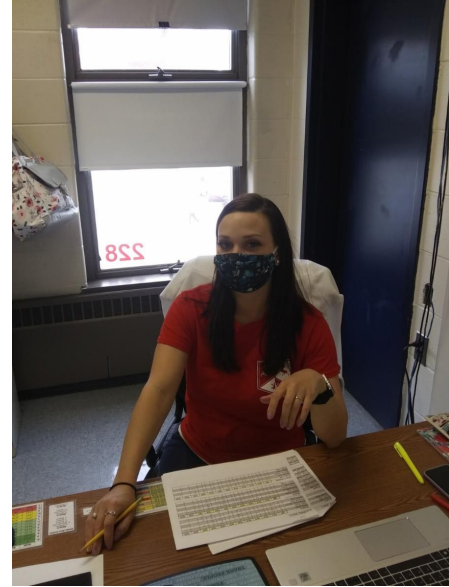
### From RHS Principal

Dear Ram Nation,

Despite the pandemic and significant modifications to what school looks like, there has been a lot of activity going on this fall. We have been operating as close to normal, given restrictions and guidelines. The end of the first quarter is ending on November 6. Classes that were previously semester classes last year will end on that date.



This week we are celebrating Red Ribbon week with the help of the Raymond Coalition for Youth. RRW began after the kidnapping, torture, & murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena in 1985. RRW is an alcohol, tobacco, & drug and violence prevention awareness campaign. Please support our students involved in RCFY as they promote Red Ribbon Week and make sure you see the section from the RHS School Counselors Office.



This week Raymond High school staff and students have embraced a message of living drug free and encouraging recovery efforts. Many of the staff and students have participated in a dress theme of the day these have included:

**Monday:** "Put drugs to sleep" wearing PJs to school.

**Tuesday:** Red Ribbon T shirts.

**Wednesday:** "Team up to end drug use" wearing your favorite team jersey.

**Thursday:** "Friends don't let friends use drugs". Dress up as your twin.

School staff in cooperation with the Rockingham County Coalition for Youth will also be holding a Question and Answer presentation for students and parents on Thursday night from 7 to 8pm. [Follow this link](#) to join the meeting.

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## During COVID-19, There's No Such Thing as a Cold

Raymond Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership to protect the health of our school community. In recent weeks there has been a significant rise of COVID-19 in NH. We want to remind you of our protocols in regards to returning to school for students who present with ANY symptom on the [COVID-19 symptom checklist](#). Please review these protocols in the [Reopening Plan- Response to Illness](#) on pages 22-23 .

*We understand that students are being asked to stay home, or are being sent home for symptoms that may seem like the common cold. This is not easy or convenient for families. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we follow the recommendations of the NH Division of Public Health. During this pandemic, there is no such thing as the common cold. All of our efforts are to keep schools safe and open for in-person learning. So far, our partnership has allowed us to limit and avoid exposure.*

Your school nurses are working hard to keep up to date on this guidance and implement these very challenging public health guidelines, with the ultimate goal of safety and learning for all of our students and families. We are always available to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have. Please feel free to reach out.





and Student Assistance Program (SAP) Counselor roles to ensure there is the manpower and resources needed to fulfill the MTSS-B Framework including the ability to respond immediately to youth in need. There are now two full time Social Workers, and dedicated SAP counselors for Iber Holmes Gove Middle School and Raymond High School.

At the start of this year behavioral health staff further defined their roles to best understand how they can streamline resources and collaborate in the context of this expansion. Please see the role description of our expanded Student Assistance Program Counselor and School Social Worker roles:

### ***Student Assistance Program (SAP) Counselor***

[SAP counselors](#) provide prevention efforts in their buildings and in the community as it relates to substance use and suicide risk.

*SAP also works with students individually and in groups that are identified as at risk for substance use or mental health diagnoses.*

### ***School Social Worker***

[The School Social Worker](#) helps students and their families resolve the identified personal, emotional and social problems that interfere with a student's adjustments to school and their capacity to enjoy the fullest benefit in the education offered.

*The social worker will collaborate with the school and family to address social determinants of health that may present as barriers.*

During the month of November, the school district will also pilot a school culture and climate survey in collaboration with the Department of Education and Panorama Education. This survey will help us better understand the perspectives of both staff and families across a variety of important topics. This survey will occur during the month of November. Expecting the results in December/January, this survey will highlight results related to:

- School perception from staff and families across and variety of topics
- Identify current dynamics between staff and their families
- Strengths and areas to prioritize in school planning

We understand that in this current pandemic staff and families are overloaded and time is a rare commodity. These surveys aim to support staff and families and should not take more than 15 minutes.

If you have any questions regarding Project AWARE, our expansion of behavioral health or our upcoming survey please contact [Jessica Caron](#), LICSW Director of Student Behavioral Health.

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## **Reach High Scholars Program: College Essays That Work**

Most, if not all, colleges have waived the requirement for standardized test scores in recognition of the pandemic reality that testing has been difficult or impossible to achieve for many applicants. While admissions offices have always used a holistic process to evaluate applications, student writing and teacher recommendations will play a larger role than ever this year. As you go through the process of writing and revising your application essays, it is helpful to try to understand what colleges are looking for. Admissions officers do actually read each one—yours may be read and discussed by multiple people. With that in mind, what can you do to make it stand out?



[Click here to read more](#) from Reach High Scholars about writing college essays and how to make yours stand out!

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## Assessment Data Update



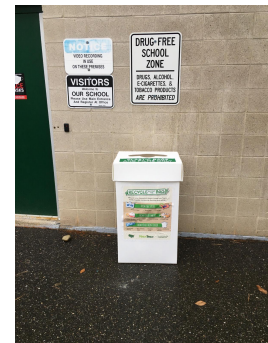
Typically during this time of year the district is reporting out on student achievement data. However due to New Hampshire pivoting to remote instruction last spring the state did not implement the Statewide Assessment System (SAS). This fall the state required all NH public schools to implement the SAS Interim assessment in English and Mathematics in grades 4-8, as well as high school seniors to take part in the SAT School Day with Essay. This information along with our internal benchmarking will be used to help us evaluate our remote instruction and prepare our students to take the full SAS Assessment this Spring.

Students have completed all state required testing to include SAS and SAT. Our internal benchmarking will be completed by the second week in November. These assessments assist our educators refine and differentiate instruction. Once results are released and compiled, aggregate and cohort data will be shared at an upcoming school board meeting.

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## Before and After School Program

LEAP is partnering with Trex Recycling Program to earn a bench for the LRES playground! We have white recycling bins placed in front of and by the gym doors at LRES. We are accepting soft plastic recyclables (plastic shopping bags, bubble wrap, soft mailers, etc.). If we collect 500 pounds by May, Trex will donate a bench! Please consider bringing these types of recyclable to our bins and please clean or disinfect them before dropping them off to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.



LEAP is open our normal hours! As of 10/19, we have been operating under our traditional closing times of 5:45 at IHGMS and 6:00 at LRES. There are still spots available and we will be starting our second session at each site on 11/9 so now is the perfect time to enroll! You can find registration information for each site here:

LRES - <https://www.sau33.com/domain/230>

IHGMS - <https://www.sau33.com/domain/171>

If you have any questions, you can contact Pat Arsenault at [p.arsenault@sau33.com](mailto:p.arsenault@sau33.com) or call 895-3394 ext. 4308

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## Substitutes Needed!

If you love working with children, we welcome you to join our substitute teacher team today! There is excellent job flexibility. You can choose to work at one school or all schools, once a week or a few times a month. As we undergo this unique school year, the Raymond School District is in need of substitutes in all categories.

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 gives back to the local community, please apply online at [www.sau33.com/jobs](http://www.sau33.com/jobs). Can't sub but want to help? Simply share this with someone you know who may be interested. We look forward to hearing from you!



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### **Nutrition Services Update (including change to remote meal pickup schedule in November)**



We are pleased to announce that a free breakfast and a free lunch will continue to be available to students throughout the school year. An extension of the federal waiver granted this summer is making this possible. This applies to both our in-school and remote options. Remotely learning charter school and home school students who live in Raymond are also eligible under the waiver.

All remote meals must be preordered on line by 7:00 AM on the last school day of the week for pick up at Raymond High School on the following Monday or Tuesday. It is important that meals are picked up during the 11:00 AM- Noon time slot on the day that the parent chose when ordering. We are also serving our in-school students lunches on these days, so this pick up window is strategically scheduled between the two high school lunches.

The district cannot receive funding for meals that are not picked up, so parents who order meals are requested to contact the School Nutrition Service office at 895-6616 x2345 if they will be unable to come get their meals. To order meals online, please visit: [https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH52ZHKK082DN\\_ZZ2N0LD8US7PIEO](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH52ZHKK082DN_ZZ2N0LD8US7PIEO)

**Also noteworthy regarding remote meals is the slightly adjusted schedule surrounding holidays in November.** Pick up the first week of the month is Monday and Wednesday, due to there being no school on Tuesday 11/3. The week of Thanksgiving itself, Monday 11/23 will be the only pick up day. Likewise, online orders for the week after Thanksgiving (11/30-12/4) must be placed by 7:00 AM on Friday 11/20 to enable pre-production to begin. All of these adaptations are noted and in place on both the Remote Menus and on the online order site itself. To view both the Remote Breakfast and Remote Lunch Menus, please visit: <https://www.sau33.com/Page/75>

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

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# INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH



## IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

*You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

### Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference.
  - \* If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

*If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.*



Local Liaison

Michael Hatfield

State Coordinator

Katherine Adams

If you need further assistance with your educational needs,  
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 • [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org) • <http://nche.ed.gov>

## Raymond Coalition for Youth Recognition by the White House

Raymond Coalition For Youth recognized by the White House for prevention efforts in Raymond NH. October is substance misuse prevention month and to kick it off Director James Carol of the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House visited NH to have a round table discussion with members of the Raymond Coalition For Youth and Youth Action students. Prevention takes our entire community working together to be effective and make a difference.





In addition, First Lady of the United States of America tweeted about our Youth Action members' efforts to make a difference.

To learn more about RCFY visit [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org) or check us out on social media.



## Upcoming Events

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



**School Board Meeting Non-Public Session**  
Monday, November 2, 7:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**School Closed - Staff In-Service Day**  
Tuesday, November 3

**Regular School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**Superintendent's Virtual Coffee Hour**

Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 AM

**IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour**

Thursday, November 12, 9:00 AM

**LRES Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour**

Friday, November 13, 6:00 AM

**RHS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour**

Monday, November 16, 10:00 AM

**Regular School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 PM

**School Closed - Thanksgiving Break**

November 25-27



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