



## Superintendent

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### Talented Raymond Students Display Art at Deerfield Fair!



Students from all three of our schools displayed their works of art last week at the Deerfield Fair. The creative abilities of Raymond youth are truly noteworthy. I'd like to thank our art teachers Michelle Munson, Mary Ann Lessard and Kathy Mutch for the phenomenal job they do to develop the artistic talent of all of our students.

This year Lamprey River Elementary School won 3rd place overall for its art display at the Deerfield Fair! **Congratulations** to all who contributed!

### Be Prepared to Receive Important Notifications

It's already the time of year when we test our emergency notification system to make sure that messages are reaching all those who need to know about school closures, delays, unanticipated early releases or other emergency situations.

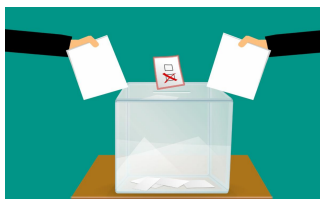
Parents/guardians should expect to receive the test message on the evening of October 7th. Those who do not receive the message should first check to be sure that the required annual student registration was fully completed and that accurate contact information is in that system. If the registration is complete and accurate, but the message was not received, parents/guardians should call the school where the child attends to report the problem. This will allow us to make sure our system is working smoothly so that all will receive important notifications when needed. Thanks for helping us test our system!



*Tina H. McCoy, Ed.D. - Superintendent of Schools*

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### Stay Up-to-Date with School Board Voter Information



We've already started updating our [Voter Information page](#) on our website with some important dates to keep in mind as we move forward in the budget and voting season. Please continue to check in to the page for updated information throughout these next few months.

## Business

The State budget impasse ended on September 24th, and New Hampshire now has a budget for the next two years. This is excellent news for our District. While we have not yet received formal documentation of anticipated revenues from the Department of Education, we expect State revenue to rise to a level similar to years past - before notable cuts were made.

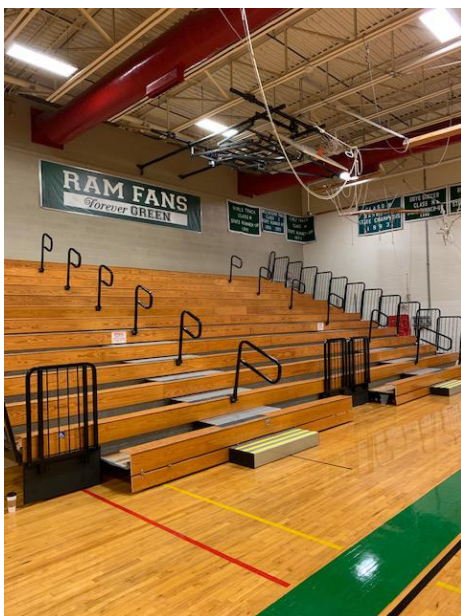


We have already begun the fiscal year 2021 budgeting process. The first round of public draft budget presentations will take place on October 21st and 23rd, so please plan to attend and participate!

*Marjorie Whitmore, Business Administrator*

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## Summer Projects and Upgrades



Bleachers at both RHS and IHGMS received accessible cutouts for wheelchair seating, as well as steps and handrails for a safer path to the seats. Many other important projects were completed as well. Our Facilities Department had a very busy summer completing contracted projects, in house projects and deep cleaning all of the buildings. At the high school, through the capital reserve fund we were able to complete two major projects. The fire alarm system was upgraded to an addressable system which included all of the devices. We were able to complete some HVAC work which affected the nurses room, main offices, and guidance office. The original design for the air control in those rooms was not efficient and lacked control for regulation of those spaces. The new setup is working well and...

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## Website Updates!

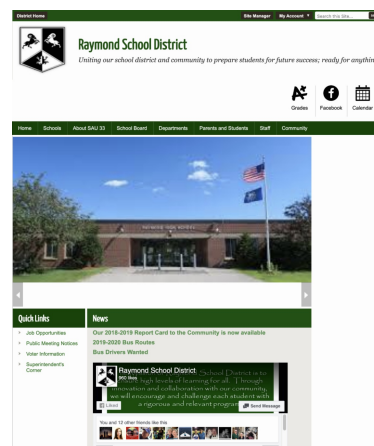
The Raymond technology department is constantly working to keep all of our systems secure and up to date. Our website is one of those systems.

Over the next month the Technology team, working with Administration will be updating the template that we use for our site. This will give us updated security, more stability, and will allow us to continue to be ADA compliant.

Get ready for a new look and feel with the same great information!

*Kevin Federico, Technology Director*

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## LRES Road to Learning

Here at LRES, we are excited to share a new project



that we worked on over the summer. We call this our Road To Learning-a sensory path.

At the elementary level, research tells us that movement helps children to be more focused and better able to maintain attention for learning. Some children need more movement than what is available to them during their classroom time. The sensory path offers opportunities for students to move. The goal of the path is for students to recognize when they need to take a break from learning and use the Road to Learning as a tool for regulation and refocus, so they can have a successful day. Teachers have taken the time to bring their classes down to explain the purpose of the path and model how it is used.

Thank you to our Occupational Therapist Sharon O'Brien and our Art teacher Michelle Munson, for painting the path. It has been a successful project. Staff and parents alike are impressed with the positive impact it has on students.

*Laura Yacek, LRES Principal*

## Blue Ribbon & Gold Circle Recognition of the IHGMS Parent Core Group



The New Hampshire Partners in Education (NHPIE) is recognizing IHGMS and our Parent Core Group for their volunteer work in supporting our students. This is the second consecutive year that the PCG has been awarded a "Blue Ribbon" and the first for the Gold Circle Awards.

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## RHS Homecoming

We have had a wonderful first few weeks at Raymond High School. Teachers and students are hitting their stride and excited to be back.

RHS Homecoming Week was launched with the help of Mr. Brazeau and the RHS Student Council with a pep rally for students. Our teams were introduced to the school and the grades had a cheer contest that was won by the sophomores. Student Council President Tim Berard addressed the students and reviewed the weeks activities, which included football, soccer, and volleyball games, a Homecoming Parade, dance, barbecue, and bonfire. **Go Rams!**



*Steve Woodward, RHS Principal*

## SST - Our Partner in Career and Technical Education

Mark your calendar for our **College and Career Fair** taking place on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Students and their family are encouraged to attend





and meet with representatives from Colleges, Universities, Trade Schools, Military Branches and Businesses looking to hire. Fair Hours are 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM. Visit [www.seacoasttech.com](http://www.seacoasttech.com) for more information. Seacoast School of...

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## Reach High Scholars

Many Reach High Scholars are busy preparing for standardized testing this fall. These tests are an important part of the application process and can help a student's chance of admission. They are a national common denominator that enables Raymond students to show that they are just as good, or better, than the next student.

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## District Seeking Curriculum Committee Volunteers

If you are interested in curriculum work, and would like to be part of the district's ad hoc curriculum committee to review and vet district curriculum documents, please get in touch with Curriculum Coordinator Mike Whaland, at [m.whaland@sau33.com](mailto:m.whaland@sau33.com) or 895-4922 ext.1102. **The District is looking for a cross section of stakeholder volunteers to serve in this capacity!**



Entitlement grants are important sources of revenue for our District. Related to curriculum, instruction and assessment are three major grants with the following allocations...

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## LEAP Before and After School Programs

I'd like to give a 'shout out' this month to our partners **Mrs. Wynne and the Dudley Tucker Library!** They have been offering our 3rd and 4th graders the opportunity to visit the library for many years to engage in academic enrichment. Pictured are some of our students getting a hands-on lesson about three dimensional shapes! (from left to right: Tanner Garrant, Lydon Vallee, Macie McMullin).

LEAP is back for our 8th year of ...

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## Job Opportunities

The Raymond School District has several positions open at all three schools. It's a great opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the educational field.

There are Para-educator positions and an LPN position open working 6.5 parent-friendly hours per day.. with full benefits! Just think: No nights or weekends and school vacations and summers off! Also open is a second shift full-time custodian position with full...



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## Nutrition Services

Of special note in Nutrition Services this year is a new State benefit. As of August 2019, all reduced price eligible students will receive their breakfast for free, just as Free eligible students do. The State legislature voted to provide additional reimbursement to cover the \$.30 per Reduced Breakfast served. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity, and hope that all eligible families will take full advantage of it!

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## Helping Staff Meet Compliance Requirements in Special Education

How can 'forms' help improve educational outcomes of students with educational disabilities? By properly framing and guiding the decisions of IEP teams! Decisions about services for students are based on the unique needs of each individual in the context of important laws and regulations. These requirements can sometimes be tough to manage, but thanks to the work of key leaders in our District, all special education teachers and teams have consistent forms for every type of special education meeting that could take place. The new forms have these requirements 'built in', to facilitate effective collaboration and thorough documentation. Professional training is ongoing, but this is a great step forward for the special education departments in all of our schools.



*Scott Riddell - Director of Student Services*

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## Extended Learning Opportunities - RHS Working with Local Businesses

This month, Joshua Riley (senior) began a full year Independent Study at Planet Fitness, for elective credit. Joshua's goal is to increase the amount of weight he can lift over the course of the year and the impact his nutrition will have on the outcome. "I am interested in taking a different route to my learning. You can learn about training and nutrition without an ELO, but I want to



do it first hand by trying to improve my overall fitness.”

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## Fall Sports Off to a Great Start!

Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer is off and running in the Tri County League. Both teams have shown great improvement from day 1 and are representing IHGMS in the Tri County League quite well. Team Pictures are scheduled for October 7th with their season coming to an end in mid-October.



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## Staying Connected...



You can easily stay up-to-date on Raymond School District News! Visit our news site at [raymondschoolnews.com](http://raymondschoolnews.com) to see all of our articles and press releases. You can even subscribe to have new articles sent directly to your email. Just scroll all the way down until you see 'subscribe for email updates', then enter your email address. You'll then be sent a confirmation email which you will need to respond to in order to verify your desire to receive news directly. New articles will also be posted on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, so there are many ways to stay informed.

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

**School Board Meeting - Bus Stop Site Visit**  
Wednesday, October 2, 5:15 PM

**School Board Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**School Board Meeting - Non-Public Session**

Thursday, October 3, IHGMS Room 192

**School District CIP Presentation to CIP Committee**

Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**LRES Building Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 PM, LRES Media Center

**Schools Closed - Staff In-Service Day**

Friday, October 11

**Schools Closed - Columbus Day**

Monday, October 14

**School Board Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, October 17, 9:00 AM

**LRES Principal's Coffee Hour**

Friday, October 18, 9:15 AM

**Conversation with the Superintendent: RSD Grant Funding**

Monday, October 21, Noon at the SAU

**RHS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Monday, October 21, 10:00 AM

**School Board Meeting - Department Budget Presentations**

Monday, October 21, 6:00 PM, RHS Room 109

**School Board Meeting - Department Budget Presentations**

Wednesday, October 23, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**RHS Financial Aid Night**

Wednesday, October 23, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, RHS Room 209



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