



The Green Gazette

October 2020

A Note from the Superintendent

“a diamond is a chunk
of coal that did well
under pressure”
-henry kissinger

I am pleased to report that during the first month of school there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our students or employees. This is a strong testament to the sense of community and cooperation that exists in our district and the Town of Raymond. The multiple layers of protection that are in place to protect students and employees (and the families they return to) are working well. While it is not possible to know what the future holds, the District is prepared to respond quickly and effectively if any COVID-19 case, exposure or potential exposure occurs in our school community.

I'd like to sincerely thank all who continue to support our schools and our educators as we, along with you, grapple with new challenges. By offering both a fully remote and a hybrid option for students, the District has taken a path that is difficult but allows appropriate choices for students while still keeping health and safety a priority. We will continue to look for ways to improve the experiences of every student and family as we move forward, and your feedback will help us do that. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have concerns or ideas to share; every suggestion helps the District improve.



Raymond High School graduation has been set for Friday, the 11th of June 2021. Mark your calendars and spread the word! Our seniors are working hard under very unusual circumstances to earn their diplomas, and we are looking forward to their special celebration! **GO GREEN!**



The Superintendent's Coffee Hour will be held on October 13th at 10 AM. **School finance** will be the theme, and key administrators will be available to discuss the budget process, school funding, grants and more. Please join in the discussion by emailing invite@sau33.com to request an invitation to this virtual event!

On the evening of October 7th the School Board will review the District's 2020 Reopening Plan to determine if adjustments are warranted at this time. This is a planned 30 day review. A copy of the current plan can be found [here](#). Please plan to participate and share your suggestions on October 7th at 6 PM.

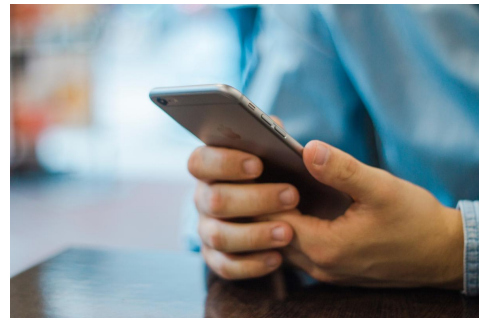


Be Prepared to Receive Important Notifications! - Test Call October 2

It's that 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.

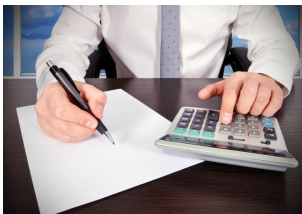
Parents/guardians should expect to receive a test message on the evening of October 2nd.

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!

School Board 2021-2022 Budget Preparation



The School Board will meet regarding 2021-2022 budget preparation this month with individual budget presentations from each school department. These presentations to the School Board will take place on October 20th and 22nd. The School Board will also be meeting on October 28th regarding budget preparation. These meetings are in addition to their regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Wednesday

of the month. More information can always be found at www.sau33.com/agenda as we get closer to each meeting date.

Safety and Facilities Department Update

The Facilities Department has had a great start to the year after a very busy summer. We were able to complete many projects over the summer, including moving the fourth grade, moving all classrooms back into the main building at the elementary school and rearranging classrooms at the high school to accept the preschool program. Other projects that were completed include the removal of the leased portables at the elementary school, replacing the fire suppression pump at the high school, and installing preschool bathrooms at the high school as well. The buildings did receive their normal summer deep cleaning along with all of the moves.



We also spent time over the summer prepping for the return of staff and students. All of the Facilities staff attended a disinfection worker certification course on COVID-19 to ensure we were ready to effectively disinfect the buildings per guidelines. We were able to stock up on all the supplies we needed not only for cleaning but also for district personal protective equipment, such as masks, gowns, and gloves. Other essential items like hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes were also purchased to ensure we had plenty to support the demand. We will continue to ensure we have all of these items on hand to help ensure the safety of everyone in the buildings. I would like to thank everyone for doing their part to help keep everyone safe.

PowerSchool Parent Dashboard

There have been some changes to the Parent Dashboard in PowerSchool. Our IT Department put together this video to help parents with some basic navigation of the new version!



Eagle Scout Project Completed at LRES

Mid-year last school year, our LRES Principal Laura Yacek met with Trey Love, an Eagle Scout, who approached her with an idea for his Eagle Scout Project. He wanted to paint the US Map on the LRES basketball court.

He spent a lot of time during the spring and early summer researching and preparing for the project. On Sunday, August 16th, Trey notified us that the project was complete! Trey painted the wonderful map that you see below, on the basketball court, located on our playground. So impressive!

Trey also shared an activity packet to share with our staff, in the hopes that they would do the activities with the students during the day.

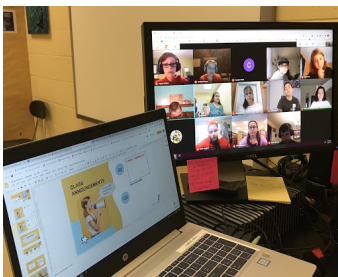
We are sure that our staff and students will benefit greatly from this wonderful piece of artwork. We're so honored that Trey chose Lamprey River Elementary School for his Eagle Scout Project: beautifying our school one project at a time!



Teaching and Learning at IHGMS Certainly Looks Different This Year!

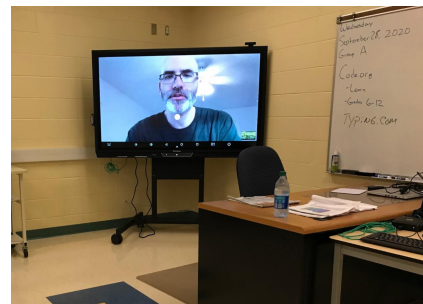
Like almost everything else in our society today, we are experiencing a new “normal” as a result of the world wide Covid-19 Pandemic. Our students and staff all are wearing face coverings, we all are staying at least three feet apart and we can only have half of our student body in our school at any given time.

About 20% of our students school wide are in full remote learning. That means that they are at home and most of their teachers and classmates are in school. Our full remote students are following a school schedule very similar to their classmates that are attending school in our hybrid model. Our hybrid students attend classes two days per week and are engaged in classwork the other three days per week at home. About 40% of our students attend on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other 40% on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All the students are remote on Fridays.



Our days begin by everyone going through a health screening before entering the building. Students go to their classrooms where their work spaces are all at least six feet apart. But when it comes to teaching and learning, there aren't any better teachers than the ones we have here at IHGMS! They are creating rigorous and engaging lessons that have been adjusted to our new normal.

Along with our hybrid students attending school two days per week, our full remote students have class from home while their teachers are in school, for the most part. The majority of our teachers have at least one remote class each day and a few teach all of their classes to remote students. The teachers have two screens; one that they use for the lesson that they are teaching and the other so that they can see their students who are in class with them.



We also have some of our teachers who are teaching from home while their students are in school. There are several different reasons for this, but again it is just another example of our new normal for this current school year here at IHGMS!

RHS Update: Welcome Preschool! & Upcoming Events



It was an exciting launch to the year and we are thankful to be back, even if things look a little different. We are fully operational under our new normal with preschool and athletics beginning last week. The students have been awesome following our new rules and procedures and ensuring that we are all safe.

Raymond High School is now 'Home of the Rams and the Lambs!' It has been a pleasure having the preschoolers in the building and the high schoolers are enjoying having them as well. I look forward to watching both RHS and preschool benefit from this new relationship!

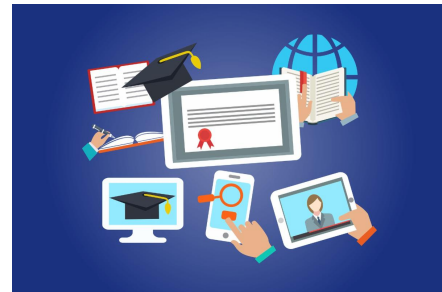
We continue to work to expand the number of classes that we are offering remotely. We will be contacting remote students so that they can join in the classes that their hybrid peers are currently taking.

The RHS Open House will be on Wednesday, October 7, and will be held via Google Meets. We will send out a list of times that teachers will be meeting with specific classes, as well as a link to the Google Meet. October 7 is also the date of Q1 progress reports, so please make sure to check your child's grade.

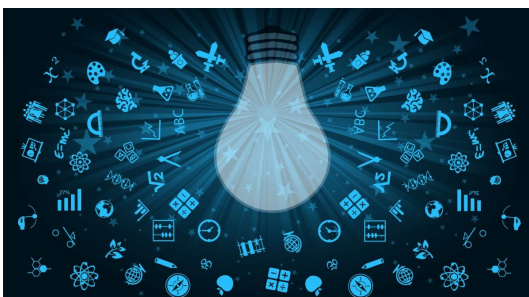
Teachers and students have done a wonderful job adjusting to the hybrid model and we will continue to refine it throughout the year. On behalf of the faculty and staff of RHS, welcome back!

RHS Students at SST

The Seacoast School of Technology has been open for a few weeks at full capacity. Raymond High School students who attend SST are provided with transportation from RHS to SST daily. We are very glad that our students can continue to access the programs at SST, which is the only school in SAU 16 which is fully open for in-person learning. Dr. McCoy and Principal Wilson are in close contact when needed to keep abreast of news or developments.



New Workforce to Learn Development Program



We are excited to inform you of a grant that Raymond High School recently received! The Career Pathways Partnership Grant, established by the NH Charitable Foundation, will open up more options for students to explore work-based experiences.

In addition to Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), the Workforce Development Program will engage students in career exploration opportunities and skill development, offering monetary incentive for successful completion of the program. The Workforce to Learn Program is a collaboration

between Raymond High School and business sectors in and around the Raymond Community. Students will have the chance to explore a field of interest, learn skills of the trade and experience a real world learning environment, at no cost to the student. The grant funds will provide transportation and or mileage reimbursement, a small work stipend and a scholarship towards trade school, or college pursuit.

This year, we are very excited to collaborate with Palmer and Sicard Inc. "Palmer and Sicard provide expertise in plumbing, pipefitting, HVAC, sheet metal, fabrication of piping and sheet metal systems, mechanical design and service."(<https://palmerandsicard.com/>).

Palmer and Sicard requirements:

- OSHA 10 website training (no cost to students).
- Safety Course through Palmer and Sicard.
- 17 year olds (will have the opportunity to choose): build plumbing prefab, air duct fixtures or HVAC ride along observations.
- 18 year olds: will be able to work in the field, all trades-Plumbing, Pipefitting, HVAC and Sheet Metal.

What are the benefits of the program?

- Gain knowledge of the profession, learn skills, and train for work ready experiences.
- Become OSHA 10 certified.
- Small stipend, transportation (if needed) and mileage reimbursement provided as well as a post secondary scholarship to a trade school or college, pending completion of the program.
- Clothing/boots/work supplies will be provided, if needed, at no cost to the student.
- Individualized learning opportunity.
- Students can apply experiences towards ELO credit.
- Resume builder.
- Potential employment with the business, following graduation.

Who can participate, How do I get involved?

- Students entering 11th or 12th grade can apply.
- Program is limited to 4-5 students for the first year, day/time to be discussed. The goal is to increase the number of participants each year.
- Required site participation, January-June.
- Students must be in good standing with their academic classes.

Please reach out to Mrs. Londo with any questions and for the application.
h.londo@sau33.com. Applications are due Friday, October 23rd.

College Admissions in the COVID Era



As stressful as it always is for students applying to college, this year presents additional challenges for them as well as for admissions officials trying to decide which students to admit. The way many of the colleges are adapting can work to the advantage of Reach High Scholars members.

[Click here](#) to see the full letter from Reach High Scholars about the college admission process during the COVID era.

Curriculum - Upcoming Assessments



This has been a start to the school year like no other, and we could not be prouder to be a part of this resilient group of teachers and learners. Our teachers have been leveraging both in-person and virtual learning environments to safely and effectively educate our Raymond students.

Due to COVID our State and Local Benchmarking spring assessments SAS and STAR360 respectively, were suspended due to remote learning considerations. This fall all New Hampshire School districts will be administering the State Assessment Systems Interim Assessments. Students in grades 4-8 will engage in English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. The window for these assessments will take place between October 1 and October 31.

The Interim Assessments are:

- Computer adaptive
- Approximately 30 items per test (shorter than Summative test)
- Unlimited test opportunities/can be administered unlimited number of times
- 100% machine-scored
- Reported in the CAI Reporting System as soon as student submits test
- Tests mimic the NH SAS Summative tests and developed under same conditions, protocols and review procedures
- Test items are secure; like the items on the summative
- Aligned to New Hampshire's Content Standards
- Can be administered remotely or in the classroom (NH Department of Education, 2020)

Students will be assessed on their previous grade level standards to assist schools in determining learning gaps from last spring. The anticipated 2021 Spring SAS will focus on current grade level standards. The information provided by these assessments will allow local school leaders, parents, state leaders and communities to prioritize resources and supports, while ensuring that all students have equitable access to instruction and educational opportunities.

In addition to the NH Interim SAS Assessments Raymond High School Seniors will be taking the SAT on October 14. This assessment will focus on English Language Arts and Mathematics. While the Interim SAS and SAT are mandatory the district will also be conducting the PSAT for Juniors and STAR 360 for students K-12. These assessments assist in identifying students who may need additional Tier 2 and 3 supports as well as general differentiated instruction within content areas.

We thank you for being a supportive and caring community that allows our students to achieve, be productive citizens, and ready for anything!

LEAP at LRES and IHGMS

LEAP has kicked off our 10th year at LRES and IHGMS! We are very excited and grateful that we have been given this opportunity to operate in person among all of the changes we are facing this school year.

Our program follows the same guidelines as the school day in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (pictured is our socially distanced homework lab at IHGMS). We are utilizing the outdoors as much as the weather allows us so students can take their masks off after a long day in the building.



Our hours remain the same with a closing time of 5:00 at both sites as of this writing, but we still have room at both sites on both A and B days. In an effort to gauge what our enrollment would be like if we were open our traditional hours, please feel free to email Pat Arsenault to let us know if you are interested in LEAP but 5:00 is too early for you to pick up your students. You can reach him at p.arsenault@sau33.com or call 895-3394 ext 4308 with any questions you may have.

Job Openings - Join Our Team!

The Raymond School District has several positions open at all three schools. A great opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the educational field. There are Para-educator positions open working 6.5 parent-friendly hours per day. Full benefits! No nights or weekends and school vacations and summers off! Also open are 2nd shift full-time custodian positions with full benefits, including a New Hampshire Retirement pension benefit. For more information on the salary and benefits please see the Collective Bargaining Agreement at www.sau33.com or click [here](#).

If you are looking for a part-time position with a flexible schedule and seek to help out your school community, 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

This is the theme for National School Lunch Week October 12- 16, 2020. It seems very fitting, now that we are indeed back in the schools feeding our kids. And we couldn't be happier!

Certainly, it does look different. Breakfast at both the Elementary and Middle Schools is a one choice, grab and go bag. At LRES, it is served from 2 carts traveling to the classrooms. At IHGMS, the cart is right off of the main lobby for kids to pick up as they head to their homeroom. At RHS, with limited mingling precautions, only students who are actually purchasing breakfast items may come to the cafeteria. But they do come, and in all three schools, our numbers are growing.



The best part of the day is lunch time, when they all come to the cafeteria in each school. The Hybrid schedule enables the tables to be strategically set up for the 6" distancing. Once seated, the masks can come off. At either meal it is great to see the students, converse with them and rekindle old friendships in person!

Currently, we are fortunate to be operating under a waiver from the USDA so that one breakfast and one lunch meal each day can be offered free of charge to each student. This waiver is in effect through December, or until federal funds run out, whichever comes first.

This waiver also covers our Remote Meals as well. While it is in effect, we are able to offer the free meals to any child living in Raymond under the age of 18. Households with questions regarding this opportunity should contact Nutrition Service Director Judy DiNatale @ 895-6616 x2345.



Our Remote Meal program makes meals available to both our Fully Remote students and our Hybrid students on their day at home days. All meals must be pre-ordered on line by 7:00 am on the last school day of the week. Parents must choose either Monday or Tuesday of the following week for pick up between 11:00 AM and noon at Raymond High School. Meals are available as either 3 day packages for Hybrid learners (3 Breakfasts and 3 Lunches) or 5 day packages for Fully Remote learners. (5 Breakfasts and 5 Lunches) *It is important that meals are only ordered when people will be coming to pick them up.* We can neither claim nor receive reimbursement for meals that are ordered but not served when folks don't come get them. This creates great waste and added expense for the district.

The link for our online order system is:

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZH52ZHKK082DN_ZZ2N0LD8US7PIEO

While Breakfast and Lunch are currently being served at no charge, it is still extremely important that families send in their applications for Free & Reduced price Meals. Each household must apply annually to maintain eligibility. This year's grace period recognizing the Free or Reduced status from last June expires in mid-October. Also, during this time when so many households have experienced a downshift in income, taking the opportunity to apply now might also be beneficial.

We do not know exactly when our waiver will end. If a household does not apply or reapply, they will become responsible for any meal charges that occur as meals once again must be paid for. It is best to be as ready as possible!

New this year, we have an online application for Free & Reduced Price Meals which may be accessed at:

https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/DistrictRedirect/RAYMOND_NH?langid=1

This is in addition to the paper copy that was provided to each student at the start of school, and the link on the District website where applications can be downloaded for printing. Anyone with questions should contact the Nutrition Services office. We are glad to guide you through this process.

Raymond School District Community Leadership Team

Through Project AWARE Raymond has begun the initial process of implementing the Multi Tiered System of Supports for Student Behavioral Health Wellness (MTSS-B). This five year SAMHSA funded project will support the district and each school in developing a framework to provide:

- Universal support to all students
- Prevention and early intervention for students identified as at risk
- Intensive intervention for our students at highest risk for behavioral health needs



MTSS-B is a framework for changing and coordinating the systems that serve students' wellness needs. Reliant on building sustainable structures, strong community partnerships and strategic communication avenues, the Raymond School District Community Leadership Team (DCLT) is a driver in the overall implementation process. This team will meet regularly for the purpose of district wide planning and implementation. The team promotes systems integration, changes in policy and practice, infrastructure development

and increased access to evidenced based services and supports for all students.

The DCLT represents a variety of school and community stakeholders that work with Raymond youth and their families. The team heavily values youth and family voice and is soliciting student and family membership. If you would like more information regarding this project or wish to participate on the DCLT please contact Jessica Caron, Director of Student Behavioral Health j.caron@sau33.com.

Child Check - Ages 3 - 6 Years

As part of the CHILD FIND services, the Raymond School District offers a free developmental screening for all preschool children residing in our Raymond Community. This screening is available to children between three and five years of age, who are not already enrolled in our school system, and is designed to identify preschoolers with special needs which may result in an educational disability as defined by the New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities. *Please note this screening only applies to children whose parents have some concerns about their child's growth and development.*



CHILDFIND is designed for children whose developmental status is of concern at this time. It is not related to kindergarten admission. If parents have any concerns regarding the appropriateness of this screening for their child, it may be helpful to check with their pediatrician or preschool teachers.

If you suspect your child has a disability and may need special education services or if you would like additional information, call the Raymond School District at 603.895.4299 and speak to Linda Mahoney, Student Services Secretary. Preschool screenings will be held on November 20, 2020, January 22, 2021, April 9, 2021, and June 4, 2021.

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School Nurses Partner with Students, their Families and Staff to Keep our Buildings Healthy



Nurses continue to work closely with students, their families and school staff on a daily basis to protect the health of all involved. Each nurse appreciates the partnership to maintain this health through adherence of our school guidelines. Schools have been impressed with the ways students have adjusted to this new routine each morning. Thank you students and families for your continued support.

As we approach the cold and flu season, school nurses ask for increased diligence towards our screening processes. In order to continue this success and maintain a healthy place for our students to be educated in person, they ask that families review the following:

Please do not send your student should they have *any symptoms* noted on the screening checklist.

If your student has a chronic medical condition that will prompt them to fail the screening, please reach out to your school nurse and provide documentation from their doctor.

To further assist our healthy communities, Nurses also remind families of the approaching deadlines:

October 1, 2020: Immunizations for students must be up to date, or there must be evidence of an appointment scheduled.

December 1, 2020: Annual physicals must be up to date, or there must be evidence of an appointment scheduled.


Please contact your school nurse should you have any questions or concerns with the information provided above.



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week!
October 23 - 31




An opportunity to have a conversation about the dangers and risks of drugs and alcohol. Thank you for supporting and promoting positive, healthy, Drug-Free choices. Learn more, www.rcfy.org



October 24, 2020
Walgreens in Raymond

Please bring your expired or no longer needed medication for safe, free disposal.

Thank you for keeping our
Youth, Pets and Community Safe!



October is Substance Abuse Prevention Month From RCFY:

- Please join the Raymond Coalition For Youth to support our youth. October 8th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am, Community Prevention meeting, contact cclark@rcfy.org for the zoom link to join in. We would love to have you.
- Join RCFY Youth Action. Do you know a young person who wants to make a difference in the community. Youth Action is starting the first week in October. [Please share this registration form](#) and encourage them to sign up. All are welcome.
- Please join us as a community to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. RCFY will be ordering t-shirts and jerseys to match those being provided to students with a Live Drug Free message. If you would like to support our students and community please contact cbostaph@rcfy.org to order one. Only \$10.
- It is important to practice medication safety for our youth, pets and communities safety. Keeping medicine in a safe place, out of reach and sight is very important. Please do not flush or throw medications in the trash. Join us for our free

event at Walgreens in Raymond.

- We are looking for parents who might be interested in learning more about RCFY, sharing their voices and concerns and maybe helping with events like Red Ribbon Week.. If this is something that might be of interest please contact our office. info@rcfy.org.



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

IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 1, 9:00 AM, Virtual

IHGMS Virtual Open House

Thursday, October 1, 6:00 PM, Virtual

LRES Virtual Open House

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 PM, Virtual

RHS Virtual Open House

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM, Virtual

School Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center and Virtual

LRES Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Friday, October 9, 9:00 AM, Virtual

Superintendent's Virtual Coffee Hour re: School Finance

Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 AM, Virtual

IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 15, 9:00 AM, Virtual

RHS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Monday, October 19, 10:00 AM, Virtual

School Board Meeting re: Department Budget Presentations

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

School Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

School Board Meeting re: Department Budget Presentations

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

School Board Meeting re: Budget

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 29, 9:00 AM, Virtual



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