



May 25, 2020

Greetings Students and Families in Raymond and Neighboring Towns:

The Reach High Scholars Program recently surveyed several parents and students for their interest in participating this summer in a “Virtual Harkness” version of Raymond Roundtables. The response was sufficiently encouraging that we have decided to offer a program that will allow students to participate from home in this unique educational opportunity.

Please take a few minutes to learn more about Reach High Scholars: www.reachhighscholars.org, and Raymond Roundtables: http://www.reachhighscholars.org/summer_enrichment.html.

Raymond Roundtables this Summer

It is not practical to conduct RR this summer around our beloved Harkness tables. Instead, we will use Google Classroom to offer online classes as a “Virtual Harkness” experience. We have PEA instructors who have been teaching spring classes in this format and other Raymond area teachers with Harkness experience.

The Raymond School District has agreed that our classes can be conducted using its Google Classroom platform. All Raymond students are currently registered to use Google Classrooms and the same arrangements will be made for students from other towns.

There will be courses in Language Arts, Mathematics and Social Studies.

Language Arts involves reading and discussing novels, short stories and poetry and contains a significant writing component.

In **Math** classes, students will work together, pooling their mathematical knowledge, to find creative ways of approaching and solving problems that they may not have seen before. Depending on the grade level of the students, the problems could include pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, statistics, and logic. The goal will be to make learning math a fun, collaborative and creative process.

Social Studies will analyze the historical forces shaping our world with a focus on geopolitics, human and environment interaction, and technology. By reading and discussing written and verbal classical arguments, we will seek to understand opposing viewpoints and develop skills to influence the future as engaged and informed citizens.

We are expanding RR this year to include students entering the 11th and 12th grades, some of whom have had plans to attend summer boarding enrichment programs disrupted by the virus problems.

Raymond Roundtables 2020 will take place on weekday mornings during Thursday, July 9th through Friday, July 24th. Each of the classes will be for 50 minutes and they will take place between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Many students take more than one course. Accepted students will receive a detailed class schedule. There will be a virtual graduation ceremony on the evening of July 24th.

The fees for will be: one course: \$160; two courses: \$300; three courses: \$375 (a saving of \$105; with greater reductions for families receiving financial aid). Application Forms are attached.

Who makes a good candidate for Roundtables? A student who wants to be there! A student who might enjoy a book club, a student who likes puzzles, a student looking for challenges and reaching high in their academic pursuits. More than 300 students have participated in Raymond Roundtables.

We anticipate holding one or more Virtual Information Sessions soon. Watch your email and Facebook for more information.

If you are not on our email list and would like to be added, please reply to my email address, below.

Best regards,

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**Reach High Scholars Program
Raymond Roundtables 2020 Application**

Please include all information on both pages and print clearly.

Applicant Information:

Name:

	First	Middle	Last	Preferred
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Grade in School (in May 2020): _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Home Address:

Street Address	Apt. Number	Town/ZIP
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Mailing Address (if different):

Phone:

Home	Mobile
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Email:

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Father/Stepfather/Guardian's Name:

	Last	First	MI
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Home Address (if different from applicant's):

Phone:

Home	Mobile
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Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian's Name:

	Last	First	MI
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Home Address (if different from applicant's):

Phone:

Home	Mobile
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Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Who has legal custody of the applicant:

Please check the desired course(s): Lang Arts Math Social Studies
In what level math class are you currently enrolled? _____

Essay: Write an essay of not more than one page (double-spaced) about why you want to participate in Raymond Roundtables. Please attach to this application.

Fees: The fees for Raymond Roundtables are as follows: 1 course: \$160; 2 courses: \$300; 3 courses: \$375 (a saving of \$120!).

Financial Aid: Reduced prices are available, based on household income. For applicants desiring financial aid, please indicate:

- (i) your total annual household income for 2019 (before deduction for taxes, Social Security, insurance or other items): \$ _____;
- (ii) the number of persons in your household: _____.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Max. Ann. Income</u>	
1	\$23,107	\$16,237
2	\$31,284	\$21,983
3	\$39,461	\$27,279
4	\$47,638	\$33,475
5	\$55,815	\$39,221
6	\$63,992	\$44,967
7	\$72,169	\$50,713
8	\$80,346	\$56,459
Each additional	\$8,177	\$5,746

<u>Fee per Course:</u>	One Course:	\$90	\$25
	Two Courses:	\$160	\$45
	Three Courses:	\$210	\$60

Please complete this form and the essay and return them with a copy of your transcript by Monday, June 15th, by PDF email attachment, to aclose@reachhighscholars.org, or, by mail to RHSP, P.O. Box 982, Raymond 03077. You agree that, if requested by the Reach High Scholars Program, the school can provide a transcript of the Applicant's grades to assess the Applicant's suitability for Raymond Roundtables.

Once accepted, payment is due by June 22nd. Checks should be made payable to Reach High Scholars Program and mailed to: RHSP, P.O. Box 982, Raymond 03077.

Signature: Please sign below to complete your application.

(parent's signature) (date) (student's signature) (date)