

# RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL

*"Home of the Rams"*

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Dear Raymond High School Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Sununu has announced that all schools will be closed until at least May 4 due to the COVID-19 virus. While the Raymond School District has made a quick and successful transition to remote instruction, we are currently looking at ways to improve the experience for all involved.

Recently we received a collaborative letter from the NH School Boards Association, the NH School Administrators Association, the National Educator Association - NH, the NH Association of School Principals, the NH Career and Technical Education, and the NH Association of Special Educators Association providing schools with guidance during this time of remote instruction. One of the recommendations from these associations was that "school districts should provide continuous learning opportunities for students through remote learning 4 days per week. Teachers should be given/allowed one flex day per week to work on outreach, planning, preparation or attend to other needs as they arise in a remote instruction and learning environment. Further, it is responsive to parent and student feedback respecting the new demands on families and the related worry and anxiety." It is important that educators and students have time away from screens and for students to work at their own pace and not ours, as the situation is different in each household. We believe that by implementing this recommendation, teachers will have the appropriate time to learn new methods of instruction.

RHS will be returning to its original schedule on Monday, April 6, with one small exception, we are changing our Monday schedule to Ram Day. This will provide consistency in our schedule as we have been receiving feedback that the current schedule is confusing to some of our students. The schedule will now look like this:

Ram Day - Monday	Bell Times	Green Day - Tuesday	White Day - Wednesday	Green Day - Thursday	White Day - Friday
	7:25-7:30	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell
	7:30-8:59	Block 1	Block 5	Block 1	Block 5
	8:59-9:03	Passing	Passing	Passing	Passing
	9:03-10:32	Block 2	Block 8	Block 2	Block 8
	10:32-10:36	Passing	Passing	Passing	Passing
	10:36-11:04	1st Lunch	1st Lunch	1st Lunch	1st Lunch
	11:06-12:07	Block 3	Block 6	Block 3	Block 6
	12:09-12:37	2nd Lunch	2 Lunch	2 Lunch	2 Lunch
	12:37-12:41	Passing	Passing	Passing	Passing
	12:41-2:10	Block 4	Block 7	Block 4	Block 7

Ram Day will be used by students to reach out to teachers when they have questions or just need a little extra help. Students should also be using this time to complete quality work for their classes. Teachers will be using this day to increase their skill set in this digital environment as well as preparing for classes. They will also be working on reaching out to parents and students where appropriate.

Again, students should start each class period from Tuesday to Friday by reviewing their teacher's Google Classroom to see what activities have been assigned. If a student does not have access to their teacher's Google Classroom, they will need to email their teacher(s) to get the code. Many teachers will choose to hold a "live event" at the beginning of the time associated with the period for their class (see above). This will be done using Google Meet. Others may post a pre-recorded message or even email instructions. Although the introductory videos *may* be available after class time, it is expected that students will view/participate in those live classes to the greatest extent possible. Following that, students will likely move at their own pace to complete daily, short-term assignments. Students may also be expected to complete and submit larger online activities/assignments by the beginning of the next class meeting for that particular course. Teachers will be available by email for office hours during the assigned times noted above.

Additionally, we have just learned that the Seacoast School of Technology will be in session the traditional week of April vacation, but closed Wednesday, April 8th - Friday, April 10th. While this differs from our calendar at the moment, they have assured us that they will be flexible and accommodating for students.

As our understanding and skills grow regarding remote instruction, we will communicate out any changes or tweaks we make to the process. While we would prefer that the students be in the building, we want remote instruction to be meaningful and beneficial for our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have ideas, concerns, questions, or anything else that comes to mind.

Sincerely,

Steve Woodward, Principal