

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymond, New Hampshire



GREEN GAZETTE NEWSLETTER

October 2022

From the Superintendent

It is already October. I have had the opportunity to visit all the schools and visit some classrooms as well. I have been very impressed with the instruction and student interactions. I also had the opportunity to be part of Homecoming. I want to thank the parent groups for making sure all the schools were represented at the different activities and sporting events. Two of our Open Houses have occurred. It was great to meet parents and have the community come into our buildings.

One issue we continue to have is staffing. We are in need of several teachers at IHGMS. They are Spanish, Health, Technology, Case Manager(s) and a Librarian. We are also need of paraeducators and substitutes throughout the district. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be please contact [Karen Stuart](#) at the SAU.

Terry Leatherman,
Superintendent

Be Prepared to Receive Important Notifications

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 Monday, October 3rd. 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!

Registration Reminder

Attention Parents of Returning Students!

If you have not already completed the Online Returning Student Registration for the 2022-2023 school year, please be sure to do so as soon as possible.

How do I get started?

Please visit PowerSchool at sau33.powerschool.com/public and log into your Account to get started.

From the Parent Dashboard:

1. Select the student you wish to register along the top
2. Scroll down to the bottom, and in the left hand menu select "Returning Student Registration 2022-2023"
3. Follow the directions in Enrollment.

But My Login Credentials don't work!

Please contact Matt Clifton, m.clifton@sau33.com for assistance.

LRES Update



The first month of school at LRES has been a great one. Students have done a wonderful job of learning the routines and expectations throughout the school campus. We introduced the Golden Spatula in our cafe, as a positive incentive for students making safe, respectful, and responsible choices, during their lunch periods. Some of our students joined our administration and food service director at a recent school board meeting to talk about the golden spatula initiative. It is always nice to showcase the great happenings at LRES!

We have already started planning field trips for the school year and our Kindergarteners took their first field trip to the Raymond Police and Fire Department to learn more about our first responders and how they help our local community. Third grade students are looking forward to going to Strawberry Banke next month, to learn more about our local history and the early settlers in NH.

Lastly, we are excited to have our student artwork on display at the Deerfield Fair. Hopefully you had the chance to see the amazing artists we have here at Lamprey River Elementary School.

Until next month, be sure to check out ongoing updates, events, and student activities, by visiting our school website and Facebook page.

Laura Yacek,
LRES Principal



IHGMS Fall is in the Air!

I'm not sure, but I suspect almost everyone enjoys the fall! It is a special time here at the middle school. Classes are in full swing, everyone has settled into the school

year routines, the first round of summatives are either in progress or have been completed. Our sports teams are well into their seasons, field trips have begun and it is fair time!



One of those annual fall field trips is the 8th grade “Corn Maze” field trip. Recently our 8th graders traveled to Coppal House Farm in Lee for a day of learning and fun. The students were given a tour of the farm and its several different agricultural enterprises, some of them unique as compared to other diversified family

farms in NH. One of the co-owners of the farm, Carol Hutton, is a former long time science teacher here at IHGMS. I suspect many of our parents who are former IHGMS students remember Mrs. Hutton! Along with learning about diversified agriculture in our area, the students had the opportunity to build their team building skills with several different planned activities culminating with successfully navigating this year’s corn maze!

And it can’t be fall if it is not fair season! Once again our students have an amazing display of their art work at the Deerfield Fair. Our new art teacher, Stephanie Stockwell, with the help of our recently retired art teacher, Mary Ann Lessard, have displayed our students’ artwork that they completed last year. In case you didn’t get a chance to see the display at the fair, most pieces will be displayed here at the school in the “long hallway” throughout the rest of the fall.



Happy Fall Everyone! Enjoy!

Bob Bickford,
IHGMS Principal

RHS Homecoming 2022

Homecoming 2022 was an impressive and heartwarming weekend! This year, our parent volunteers spearheaded a move to pull in the entire school community as well as more of the Raymond community.



All three schools joined together in wearing green and white as well as hanging their class banners at the athletic fields. We kicked it off with a spirit rally attended by preschoolers and high school students and then we took the pride to the athletic fields while laughing at a hypnotist show. Friday included more athletic contests and

the very first HOME meet at RHS.

Saturday started off with a bang at the parade! Although the junior class won the parade, the freshmen are a great addition to the RHS family and might be the class to watch out for!

After the parade, soccer and football finished the competitions and the weekend concluded with a homecoming dance and BBQ (rain nixed the inferno) that was filled with tradition and celebrating!

Sharon Wilson,
RHS Principal

LEAP News

Hopefully you've had the chance to check out LEAP's display in the 4-H building in the Deerfield Fair! We are very proud of the work we do with 4-H and UNH Cooperative Extension and the fair is always one of our favorite opportunities to show off some of the work our students do each year. We were especially excited to have our LRES students participate in the scarecrow contest by building "LEAP"ster, our appropriately themed bullfrog mascot. I'd like to send a special thank you to Stephanie Boyd, who played a huge role in the creation of "LEAP"ster. If you haven't been to the fair yet, be sure to check it out!



On Thursday, October 6th, LEAP at the ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONLY will be closed due to Open House. We close this day every year to give teachers, staff, and volunteers the opportunity to set up and prepare without any intrusions from our program. This is one of the only times LEAP will ever be closed for non-weather related reasons. We apologize for the inconvenience but hope you take full advantage of the open house event that night to meet and get to see your student's teachers and classrooms!

Patrick Arsenault,
Director of Youth Services

From Reach High Scholars - College Visits



Fall is a terrific time for seniors and even juniors to hit the road and see college campuses, which have come alive after the summer break. RHSP strongly encourages students and families to see colleges in person whenever possible. It remains the best way to experience a school's resources, facilities, and community for yourself. The virtual options can be used as a supplement. They are particularly valuable for a student considering a college beyond a reasonable overnight trip from

home and to delve further in depth for information on colleges previously visited.

Most colleges require online pre-registration for both in-person and virtual information sessions and tours. For in-person options in particular, spots are limited and may fill quickly, so plan ahead! A quick strategy is to align trips with days that Raymond High School is not in session, allowing for visits without missing class time. The registration process is not lengthy or difficult, and may be accomplished by visiting individual college websites; do pay special attention to colleges which may still be requiring masks and/or proof of Covid vaccination in order to participate.

The Reach High Scholars website (www.reachhighscholars.org) can be a wonderful resource throughout this process. There, you will find lists of highly resourced colleges which combine an excellent education with robust endowments that allow for generous financial aid awards—these schools are the recommended starting point. RHSP advises student members to try to see 15-20 schools in person or virtually, with the goal of eventually applying to 8-10.

You will also find suggestions of schools that are a daytrip from Raymond, along with ideas for combining them in ways that make sense logistically and maximize the limited time you have. Links to virtual offerings are provided, for those cases in which it may not be practical to see a particular school in person.

As always, Sarah Nelson is available to assist and advise! Please reach out to her at snelson@reachhighscholars.org.

Human Resources

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 paraeducator 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 and part-time custodian positions with full benefits, including a New Hampshire Retirement pension benefit. For more information on the salary and benefits please see the RESS Collective Bargaining Agreement [on our website](#).



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. We also have a new part-time position Lunch Monitors at each school:

Lunch Monitor- \$12.50 per hour, 2.5 hours per day Monday through Friday from 10:30 am -1:00 pm

Certified Teacher Substitute- \$95 per diem

Non-Certified Teacher Substitute - \$90 per diem

Para-educator Substitute - \$75 per diem

Nurse Substitute - \$150 per diem

Custodian Substitute - \$12.50 per hour

Food Service Substitute - \$10.50 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

October will bring a few fun events including national Farm to School Month, The Great Apple Crunch and National School Lunch Week.

Lamprey River Elementary recently tried a new menu item of chicken and waffles. It was a hit! Students have shown wonderful behavior in the cafeteria since the start of the Golden Spatula program. At the middle school, a new beverage vending machine was delivered this week which will be offering spring water and Snapple juices for \$1 each. RHS also received a variety of new choices this week via new beverage vending machines, a new cooler of drink options in the ala carte line and chocolate hummus and original hummus snack packs in the snack vending machine.



Nutrition Services would like to remind families that it is never too late to apply for free and reduced lunch. Applications can be found [on our website](#) or by contacting your school cafeteria. The eligibility carry over period from last year will expire in October, so if you have not already reapplied this school year please do so to ensure there is no interruption in your meal eligibility.

Tasha Ball,
School Nutrition Services Director

From Raymond Coalition for Youth

Congressman Chris Pappas presents the Raymond Coalition For Youth with a Congressional Honor for Twenty years of "Life Saving Work" in the community. This award was presented at our September 8th, monthly RCFY meeting.

[The Cam Baer Memorial Disc Golf Course](#), located at Riverside Park at the end of Sundeen Parkway in Raymond, officially opened on September 18, 2022. To read more about the park, see a map of the course, and see a video highlighting the course of the park baskets, visit the [RCFY Disc Golf Page](#).

Please join us at the following meetings and events, open for all to attend who are interested in supporting our community you and families.

Youth Action at Raymond High School meets on Tuesdays 2:15 in room 121

Youth Action at Raymond Middle School meets on Wednesdays, 2:45 in room 132.

Youth Action is open to all youth interested in making a difference and impacting issues facing our youth. Youth led, adult supported. [For more information visit here](#) or contact Pam at pbaker@rcfy.org.

October 13, 9:00 - 10:30 am - [Monthly Raymond Coalition For Youth](#) meeting, Guest speaker Maureen Sullivan and guest with a presentation on ACES (Adverse

Childhood Experiences) at the Raymond Baptist Church Community room.

October 22- Fall Family FUN Festival, 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Lamprey River Elementary School, in partnership with Raymond Recreation Touch A Truck and many other youth serving organizations.

October 23rd - 31st - Red Ribbon Week - an opportunity to have a conversation about the importance of substance misuse prevention. [Learn more here](#). If you are interested in helping or getting involved please contact our office.

October 28th - RCFY 9th Annual Prevention Summit, this is an RSVP event. [More information is here](#). Please contact our office if you are interested in attending. This year our theme is Hope.

October 29th - [DEA Medication Take Back Event](#), 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Raymond Hannaford.

Volunteers* - RCFY is always looking for people who want to share time, talent or treasure to help move the mission forward. To learn more and get involved [please visit here](#) or contact our office.

RCFY has information and resources to help. Please remember you are not alone and people are here to help. www.rcfy.org has information on many topics for prevention, treatment and recovery.

Events are subject to change.

Please check our Events Calendars at www.sau33.com.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 6, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

LRES Open House

Thursday, October 6, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, LRES

Columbus Day - No School

Monday, October 10

School Board Meeting - Budget Work Session

Wednesday, October 12, 6:00 PM, RHS Room 109

School Board Meeting - Budget Work Session

Thursday, October 13, 6:00 PM, RHS Room 109

LRES Principal's Coffee Hour

Friday, October 14, 10:00 AM, LRES

Superintendent's Coffee Hour

Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 PM, IHGMS Media Center

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, October 20, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 5:00 PM, IHGMS Media Center

Upcoming Events						
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RHS Principal's Coffee Hour

Monday, October 24, 9:00 AM, RHS



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