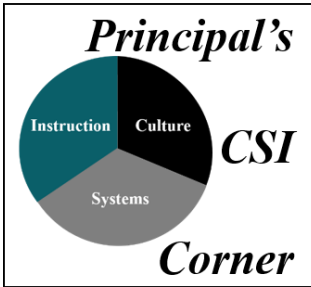




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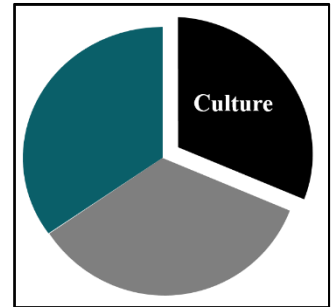
Hello Wildcats,

Happy Holiday Season!! I trust that your Thanksgiving Day was replete with fun, food, and family fellowship. Also, as we approach the winter break, I hope that however you celebrate your December that it be blessed.

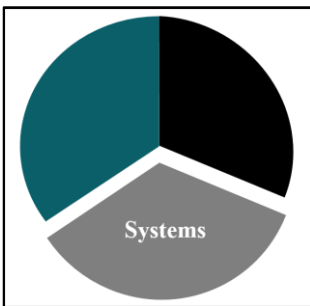
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One of the four long term outcomes of the district's Strategic Plan is to "Foster Post-Graduate Success" and while there are many ways to define success, one of the primary ways is earning a college degree. Toward that end, the week of December 3, our school counselors will be putting-on a week's worth activities called our "Map Out Your College Game Plan." So, keep an eye out for communication regarding that week.

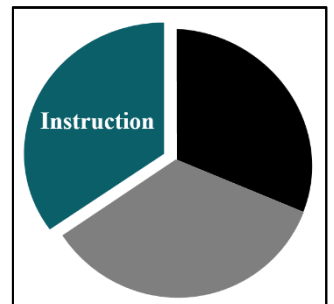


With regard to safety, we will be conducting some safety drills before final exams. We will continue the practice of sending out messages while a drill is occurring but not beforehand. Please encourage your child to take these drills seriously. We certainly do.



Semester Final Exams are scheduled for December 18-21. This is a reminder that on December 19-21 we have two exams scheduled each day in the mornings and that students are released from school at 11:45 am. We do this to afford students an opportunity to study for their exams.

The holiday season and the two long vacations from school that come with it can create many distractions for students. So, focusing this time of year can sometimes be difficult. I am stressing to our teachers the importance of maintaining an academic focus and not allowing the outside distractions to seep into the classroom. Please encourage your child to keep that focus and to have a strong finish to this nine-week quarter.



Academy Spotlight

International Baccalaureate: The second half of this semester has been a busy one for students in the IB Diploma Programme. Diploma candidates in the Class of 2019 (seniors) have completed their Extended Essay requirement and are wrapping up their Community, Activity, and Service (CAS) experiences. At the same time, anticipated Diploma candidates in the Class of 2020 (juniors) have attended two assemblies- one to introduce the Extended Essay and the other to explain CAS requirements for the IB Diploma. Mrs. Cotton, the IB Coordinator, gave a presentation on academic honesty to students in Mrs. Lack-Bartley's Advanced Placement World History classes. The Class of 2021 (sophomores) will begin the IB course selection process when we return from winter break. Members of the Class of 2022 (freshmen) participated in an event the day before Thanksgiving break to get to know each other and their personality traits while learning about the IB Learner Profile.

A total of 238 IB exams have been registered with the IB by RPBHS for the May 2019 examination session. Select teachers are scheduled to attend IB professional development December 5-7 hosted by the Florida Association of World IB Schools (FLIBS).

Senior Information

Need to purchase a cap and gown or class ring? Herff Jones is on campus the first Friday of every month. The next dates are Friday, December 7 and Friday, January 11. Can't make it during lunch? Purchase online at herffjonespalmbeach.com but don't delay... prices will increase in January!

It's not too late to purchase Senior Dues! The deadline is Friday, January 25. After Friday, January 25, all balances and packages will increase by a \$10.00 late fee. The final deadline is Friday, March 8. For package details and other special senior updates please visit the "Seniors Only Information & Updates" portion of our website: http://rpbhs.org/athletics_activities/clubs/senior_information/

Media Center

The Media Center is open after school for student use weekly Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 5:30 pm. Students may visit the Media Center after school for any academic purpose such as Reading Plus, Math Nation, research projects, homework, etc.

Map Out Your Future

Map Out Your College Game Plan Week is December 3-7.

Monday – Are you College/Career Ready? Create a MyCareerShines account and complete the interest inventory.

Tuesday – FAFSA Day Visit TRIO in 2-101 to complete the FAFSA during lunch.

Wednesday – Scholarship Day Research a scholarship and bring to your Counselor.

Thursday – College Application Day Where have you applied/or plan to apply? Visit the Florida Room during your lunch for help applying.

Friday – AVID College and Career Fair

ESOL Seniors

The ESOL Department is now offering FREE ACT/SAT/PERT Tutoring to all ESOL seniors. Students who attend tutoring will receive after school lunch and can take the activity bus home after the tutoring session. Remember PERT/SAT/ACT tests provide an extra opportunity for our seniors to meet the reading/math requirement for graduation. It is very important that students attend these tutoring sessions in order to improve their skills prior to testing. Please see the below tutoring schedule below:

Tutoring Dates	Instructor	Test Date
Dec. 5 & 6	Mrs. Higley	Dec. 8 ACT
Feb. 6 & 7	Mrs. Higley	Feb. 9 ACT
March 6 & 7	Mr. Thomas	Mar. 9 SAT
April 10 & 11	Mr. Thomas	Apr. 13 ACT
May 1 & 2	Dr. Soiro	May 4 SAT

If you have any questions, please contact the Ms. Paramore the ESOL Coordinator at 561.333.4344 or by email at monique.paramore@palmbeachschools.org.

Christmas Trees

The Royal Palm Beach High School/Happy Holidays Christmas Tree Lot will be open daily from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm through Monday, December 24. The lot is fully staffed by Student Council students and has a variety of Christmas trees, wreaths, poinsettias and other seasonal items. Be sure to stop by for all of your holiday needs!

Final Exam Schedule

Monday, December 17, Regular Even Day

Tuesday, December 18

Breakfast	7:00-7:23
Period 7 EXAM (Announcements)	7:30-9:39
3 period	9:45-11:00
5 period	11:06-1:00
Lunch A	11:00-11:33
Class	11:38-1:00
Class	11:06-11:46
Lunch B	11:46-12:19
Class	12:24-1:00
Class	11:06-12:27
Lunch C	12:27-1:00
1 period	1:06-2:48

Wednesday, December 19

Breakfast	7:00-7:23
Period 5 EXAM (Announcements)	7:30-9:39
Period 6 EXAM	9:44-11:44

Thursday, December 20

Breakfast	7:00-7:23
Period 1 EXAM (Announcements)	7:30-9:39
Period 3 EXAM	9:44-11:44

Friday, December 21

Breakfast	7:00-7:23
Period 2 EXAM (Announcements)	7:30-9:39
Period 4 EXAM	9:44-11:44

Students study, be on time, and in Dress Code

Please Note: No **Bookbags** or Large Bags/Purses effective Wednesday, December 19

Tardy Students: Students will not be permitted to their exams if they are 30 minutes or more late to an exam. The student will be responsible to schedule a make-up for the exam with their teacher.

Early Dismissal: Students will not be dismissed from class after 11:14, thirty minutes before school dismissal. On an exam day, parents/guardians must request early release of their son/daughter in person or by a parent letter brought to the main office by 7:30 am – phone calls will not be accepted.

Congratulations Pathfinder Award Nominees

Academic Excellence- Stefani Vassalotti
 Art- Alexis Race
 Business- Kevin Bruno
 Community Involvement- Chantal Landron
 Computer Science- Kendall Willis
 Drama- Ciara Latouche
 Foreign Language- Ishika Ghosh
 Forensics/Speech- Lourdes Hernandez
 History/Political Science -Mya Gardner
 Literature- Asia Grinion
 Mathematics- Dylan Adams
 Music-Instrumental- Racquel Slusher
 Music-Vocal- Elysa Woodbury
 Reach for Excellence- Emmalou Riddle
 Science- Kayla Green
 Sports- Winnie Cajuste
 Technical Vocational- Maegan Lockey

Apply for Free and Reduced Lunch

There are many benefits with Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) including college application waivers, ACT and SAT waivers, along with reduced lunch prices. The application must be filled out every year. Please go to <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs/> and complete the application today. When complete bring proof to Student Services for a prize.

Current RPBHS Fundraisers

- AVID-Krispy Kreme Donuts
- Emerald & Onyx- Afterschool Snacks
- Engineering Academy- 3-D Nameplates
- ESE- Lilly Dillies Frozen Drinks
- IND- Frappe and Coffee Sales
- My Fair Ladies- Candy Sales
- NHS- Lollipop Sales
- NJROTC- Snack Sales
- Peace Jam-Candy Sales
- Wildcat Dancers- Midterm Show Ticket Sales

