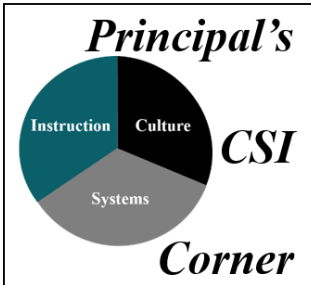




ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

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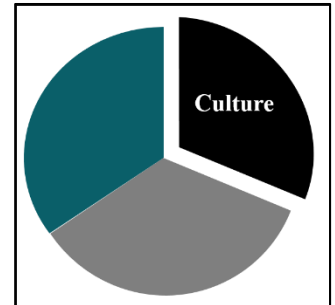
Hello Wildcats,

Thanks to all of you who came out for our Open House. By all accounts it was one of the best attended in recent memory. Also, this is one last reminder that on Tuesday, November 6, voters will have an opportunity to help with school safety. Don't forget to vote!!

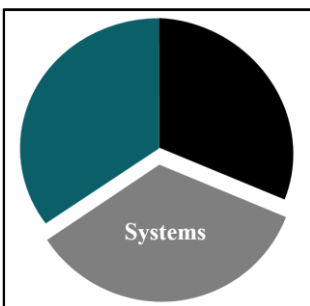
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I always remind our stakeholders that there are two subgroups that drive culture on a school campus; they are the faculty and the student body. I'd like to take a moment to thank our Student Council for their work in helping drive culture through their work during homecoming. Putting on a weeklong's worth of activities isn't easy and we appreciate their hard work.



With regard to safety, at this point in the school year, we have conducted all the requisite safety drills. We will continue the practice of sending out messages while a drill is occurring but not beforehand.

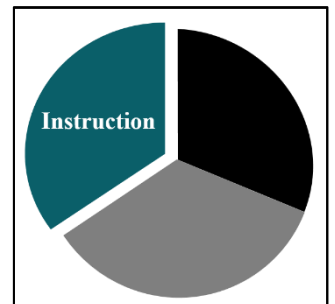


The school district recalculates school budgets based on student enrollment on the 11th school day. This year our enrollment of 2309 was higher than our projected number and the highest the school has seen in over a decade. Therefore, adjustments needed to be made. I appreciate everyone's flexibility throughout the process.

The close of the first nine weeks of school was on Thursday, October 18, report cards will go out on Friday, November 8.

Tardies are down from last year! I encourage parents to continue to remind their children to get to class on time.

In looking at last year's student scores both here at our school and across the school district, it is becoming increasingly clear that one of the leading indicators of student success on the FSA is writing scores. More precisely, all things being equal, a higher writing score will produce a higher FSA score. Therefore, we are putting a premium on our students writing in their classes. We have begun several initiatives that include our students writing more in all classes, not just English.



Academy Spotlights

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA comprehensive learning program is implemented in the Marketing Academy by integrating in classroom instruction, applying learning, connecting with business', and promotes competition. We are preparing our next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. If you are interested in joining DECA, please join the text remind by texting @RPBHSDECA to 81010. Meetings will be held in room 4-109 at 3:00 every other Wednesday. Please see Mrs. Basinger with any questions.

The **NJROTC** program was established by Public Law in 1964 which may be found in Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 102. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, and taught by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel. The NJROTC accredited curriculum emphasizes citizenship and leadership development, as well as our maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship, navigation and meteorology. Classroom instruction is augmented throughout the year by extra-curricular activities of community service, academic, athletic, drill and orienteering competitions, field meets, flights, visits to naval or other activities, marksmanship sports training, and physical fitness training. Electronic classroom equipment, textbooks, uniforms, educational training aids, travel allowance, and a cost-share of instructors' salaries are provided by the Navy.

What does the NJROTC program do?

NJROTC promotes Patriotism, develops informed and responsible citizens, develops respect for constructed authority, develops leadership potential, promotes high school completion, promotes higher education, promotes community service, develops a high degree of personal honor, self-reliance, individual discipline and leadership, promotes an understanding of the basic elements and need for national security, provides information on the military services as a possible career, provides an alternative to gangs, and provides incentive to live healthy and drug free.

After-School Meal Plan

After-School Meal Plan (AMP) is designed primarily to provide a nutritious meal to students in afterschool programs. The AMP meals are provided to students at no cost. Administration, teachers, and parents at RPBHS now have the comfort of knowing that our students have received a nutritious meal to sustain them through rigorous afternoon activities. RPBHS' Cafeteria opens its doors at 3:00 PM for students.

SWP for RPBHS

A Schoolwide Plan must be developed with parent input and must include activities that are based on the needs of the school. The SWP for RPBHS is available for review on our school website.

Follow this pathway to be able to view it:

www.rpbhs.org>Click School Info at the top right>On the left, click RPBHS Procedural Documents>At the bottom, click Title I Schoolwide Plan

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 for a prize.

Media Center Open After School

The Media Center is open after school for student use weekly Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Students may visit the Media Center after school for any academic purpose such as Reading Plus, Math Nation, research projects, homework, etc.

Yearbook On Sale

Parents and Students! Yearbooks are now available for purchase on our school's website. Don't be left out, head on over to www.rpbhs.org to purchase your yearbook today!

RPBHS Sports Center

Our Fall sports are near the end of their seasons at this time. Turnout for Fall sports has been fantastic this year. Football has put out a Varsity, Junior Varsity, and a Freshman team for the first time in about 4 years. Girls golf had 5 girls participating and boys golf had 9 participants. Both bowling teams have had a very good turnout this year along with our swim team and cross country team.

This is the time to join up with some of our winter sports. Remember, a fully completed athletic packet, 2.0 or higher on your GPA, and \$75 for athletic insurance are mandatory to participate in any sport. If you plan on playing a Spring or Winter sport, you should start bringing in your completed packets and athletic insurance as soon as possible.

Our RPBHS Wildcat Volleyball Team won districts. Then they went on to beat the Flying L's in the Region Quarterfinal and will play St. Thomas Aquinas this Tuesday, October 30. Good Luck Girls!

For a complete list of schedules for each sport go to www.rpbhs.org.

Map Out Your College Game Plan Week

Map Out Your College Game Plan Week will be December 3-7. This week will consist of activities students and parents can take advantage of, including a Coffee Talk Monday, December 3, at 8:30am. Information will cover FAFSA, Scholarships, College Applications and much, much more!

Current RPBHS Fundraisers

- AVID Seniors-Chips, Gatorade, and Water
- Band- Yankee Candle
- Best Buddies- Popcorn
- Drama- Afterschool Pizza
- Emerald & Onyx- Afterschool Snacks
- Engineering Academy- 3-D Nameplates
- ESE- Lilly Dillies Frozen Drinks
- IND- Frappe and Coffee Sales
- NJROTC- World's Finest Chocolate
- Wildcat Dancers- Breast Cancer Neon Pink Awareness

New Books in the Media Center

The Media Center is getting ready to place a large book order. Student requests are encouraged!!! Take advantage of the opportunity to have what you want to read in our Media Center for free. Stop by and see Ms. Sleek with your request.

Senior Information

Need to purchase a cap and gown or class ring? Herff Jones is on campus the first Friday of every month.

Senior Dues are now on sale! 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/

Senior Picture Day will take place on Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14 in the Media Center. This will be the last opportunity for Seniors to take a picture and be included in the Yearbook. Appointments will be \$20. Please email shannon.makowski@palmbeachschools.org for more information!

School District Calendar

NOVEMBER 2018				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			End-1st Elementary Trimester 1	2
End 1st Elementary Trimester 5	DUTY/PDD 6	Begin 2nd Elementary Trimester 7	8	DUTY/PDD 9
12	13	14	15	16
HOLIDAY 19	HOLIDAY 20	HOLIDAY 21	HOLIDAY 22	HOLIDAY 23
26	27	28	29	30

