



Class of 2024 Newsletter

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Welcome to High School!

Welcome to Renton High School and to the start of 9th grade. We are very excited to have you join the RHS family and see get you started on your high school journey. To get ready for the start of school on September 2nd, 2020, please make sure you read over this whole newsletter. We are putting into place online supports to ensure you are ready for success as we begin school virtually this fall. Click on the blue links and explore the resources we have ready for you.

We know there are many unanswered questions about how school will look in September. Please know that as soon as we have updates and more details, we will share them via email and on our [RHS News page](#).

Sincerely,

Dr. Gia San Martin, Principal
Susannah Woehr, 9/10 Asst. Principal
Aleta Konkol, 11/12 Asst. Principal
Rashaad Powell, Dean of Students

GETTING READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

Canvas is the Learning Management system (LMS) that Renton uses. Most of you are probably familiar with Google Classroom. Canvas is similar, in that your assignments, links to activities, videos, discussion boards, and more are all posted on Canvas. You submit work through Canvas, and grading is synched with Skyward.

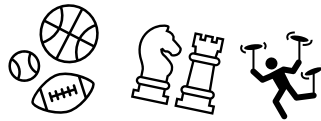
To be ready to go, before Sept. 2nd, **log into Canvas** and **set up an observer account** for a parent/guardian.

Students, go to [this link](#) to access the student instructions for accessing Canvas.

Families, your student will need to generate a pairing code to connect their account to your observer account. Click on first [this link](#) and then second [this link](#) to complete this task.

9th grade Advisors should be communicating with families to ensure that students and parents/guardians are able to access and set up Canvas in the days leading up to September 2nd.

If your RSD Chromebook is not functioning, please go to "summer support" on the RSD [Student Technology page](#).



ATHLETICS and ACTIVITIES

For updates and information on athletics at RHS, visit the [RHS Athletics webpage](#).

All clubs plan to be active in the 2020-2021 school year; we will be moving to all-virtual meetings and activities until further notice. Please visit our [RHS Activities webpage](#) for more info and details.

Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.

-John Lewis



Members of the Class of 2024 are required to earn **26 credits to graduate**. In 4 years at RHS, you will have the opportunity to take 30 credits. This means you can explore a little, but you need to stay on track to graduate on time.

Staying on track – what that means is earning all your credits each trimester. You get 2.5 credits per Tri. Getting a passing grade of a D or higher earns you the credit, though colleges will look for C or higher grades

You need a certain amount of different types of credits:

- 4 English Language Arts
- 3 Math
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Science
- 2 Health/Fitness
- 1 Career/Technology (CTE)
- 2 Fine Arts or Personalized Pathway
- 2 World Language or Personalized Pathway
- 8 Electives

Graduation Requirements

Notes from your Counselor

Ninth grade can be very challenging if good student habits aren't set up right away. **The most important habit** for students is to maintain a daily, **consistent schedule** while learning at home. Go to bed at the same time, stay off electronic devices to aid in sleep, and wake up with enough time to eat breakfast to fuel your body and mind.

School will be very different, but we are here to help you.

Communication with your teachers or with me **early** is so important in staying on top of your grades.

Parents, please make sure your phone and email are up to date in Skyward, so you receive all updates we send. And do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

-**Ms. Pike**, 9th grade counselor
bpike@rentonschools.us

Your 2020-2021 schedule can be found in [Skyward](#).

THERE ARE NO SCHEDULE CHANGES unless you have already taken the class.

We tried to place you according to your requests, but that was not always possible. You have been placed in the classes based on what you need to graduate, and your 8th grade grades.



Meet your Admin Team!

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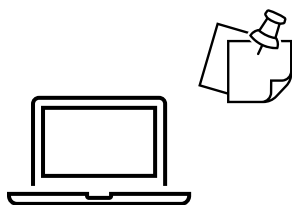
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Mr. Powell, Dean of Students
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Mr. Collie, IB coordinator
mcollie@rentonschools.us

Ms. Woehr and Mr. Powell are your go-to for any questions or concerns you have. Please email us. We are also available to Zoom with parents per appointment if concerns cannot be addressed over email.



Schedules

Questions? Email your counselor:
bpike@rentonschools.us



PLEASE PROTECT ONE ANOTHER FROM COVID-19

Wear a face covering and keep 6 feet apart from others in public spaces.

Fit coverings snugly but comfortably against the side of the face

Use the ties or ear loops to take your mask on and off

Face coverings should have multiple layers

Make sure you can breathe while wearing the face covering

Wash and dry cloth coverings daily

Children 5 and over must wear a face covering

For more information:
kingcounty.gov/masks

Public Health
Seattle & King County

For more COVID-19 information visit: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19.aspx>
<https://www.rentonschools.us/learning-and-teaching/health-services/coronavirus-covid-19>

RHS Health Room

The school nurse is a certificated school district employee who has many roles to meet the needs of student and staff; a skilled clinician, advocate, health counselor, health educator and liaison between community and school; provides or supervises the delivery of daily nursing care and case management during school hours.

You can find additional health related information, forms and resources at: <https://www.rentonschools.us/learning-and-teaching/health-services>



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RHS HealthPoint Teen Clinic

HealthPoint operates medical clinics in 3 area high schools—including right here at RHS! We provide medical and mental health services to students, and there is no cost to you. We are open year-round, including now—during summer and school closures. While some of our services still need to take place in the clinic (like vaccines) we are able to provide a lot of

our care virtually—through telephone and video visits. If you would like to schedule a visit or learn more about our services, call us at 425-424-6310 or [visit our website](#).

Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 7am-4pm by phone, Thursday 7am-3pm in-person

Brianne Taylor, MD, DTM&H
 Specialty(s): Adult Medicine, children's Medicine, Whole Family Medicine

Elijah Lotz, PhD
 Specialty(s): Behavioral Health, Transgender Health

Yaowanit Balague, RDN, CD
 Specialty(s): Natural Medicine, Nutrition



Meet the 9th Grade Team!

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International Baccalaureate

Renton High School hosts a successful and growing IB Program. Since IB authorization in 2014, over 60 RHS students have earned the coveted IB Diploma, and over 300 have been awarded at least one IB Course Certificate. In fact, most RHS Juniors and Seniors are now taking at least 1 IB class each year.

All students in grades 9-10 are prepared for success in IB courses, which are available for students to take during the 11th and 12th grades.

The IB Diploma Program is designed as an academically challenging and balanced program of education that prepares students for success at university and life beyond. The IB program provides a package of education that balances subject breadth and depth while encouraging international mindedness, starting with a foundation in a student's own language and culture. The IB program has gained a reputation for the rigor of its program - and its high international standards - making this a qualification welcomed by universities worldwide. Visit the RHS [website](#) and click on "Programs" for more info.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Collie, IB coordinator
malcolm.collie@rentonschools.us

AVID at RHS

Renton is proud to announce that starting this fall, [AVID](#) is being implemented starting at 9th grade.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) has been implemented for the past three years at the middle school level. At RHS, AVID will support students in the rigorous courses of the IB program.

AVID is one of the many supports brought to your student by the [GEAR UP Achievers program](#). AVID will be focused on 9th graders this year, rolling up to each grade level in subsequent years.

All staff are being trained in AVID strategies and processes, even if the AVID elective course is not offered at upper grades, yet.

Questions? Please email Asst. Principal, [Ms. Woehr](#), or Gear Up Coordinator, [Ms. Currie](#).



Chromebooks

Incoming 9th graders are to keep and continue to use their middle school-issued Chromebook. We will be setting up the swap for a high school Chromebook at a future date.

To get help with Chromebook issues:

- From now until September 1st, click on "summer support" on the RSD [Student Technology page](#).
- September 2nd and later, email our Technology Specialist, Mr. Gochanour:

bgochanour@rentonschools.us

Update your Information

Please ensure your email address, address, phone numbers, and other parent/guardian information is up to date and accurate in [Skyward](#).

Our counseling secretary, Ms. Pappas-Stallman, can help you if with any questions.

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Contact Us

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