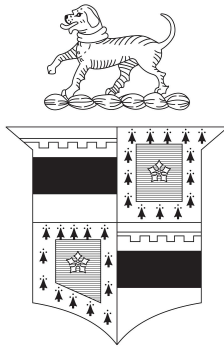


RUMSEY HALL SCHOOL PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020 - 2021

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MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Rumsey Hall School is guided by its distinct mission. The following statement of purpose echoes the sentiment first stated by the School's founder, Lillias Rumsey Sanford, in the year 1900.

Rumsey Hall School is committed to a whole child approach to education and believes that teaching academics and teaching an attitude of mind are of equal importance. The School emphasizes **effort** as a criterion for success and is dedicated to helping each child develop toward his or her maximum stature as an educated person, a successful member of a **family** and a contributing member of a **community**.

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PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

Rumsey Hall expects that all parents and students will read this Handbook and use it as a resource for important information about the School, our values and community expectations. While the policies and procedures included in our Handbook set forth our general expectations, the School reserves the right to modify its rules and procedures throughout the year to continue to act in the best interest of those in our community. In keeping with our support of a diverse community, Rumsey Hall abides by all applicable federal and state laws and does not discriminate on basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry and/or disability.

ACADEMICS

Upper School

The Upper School, IVth-VIIth Forms (6-9 grades), has a departmentalized academic program. Students take English, math, history and science. In addition, a student may take Spanish, French, Latin, or Language Skills. "Specials" such as art, theater, music, computer skills, health, social and sex education, advisor/advisee meetings and supervised study halls are also a part of the school day. Extra Help is available during the regular academic day and at other times as arranged by the teacher and student. Classes are held Monday through Friday.

Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered only to VIIth Form students who have demonstrated the ability to do superior work. Admission to these courses is based on a student's application to the course, teachers' recommendations, standardized test scores and class grades. Honors courses are offered in English, mathematics (Algebra II) science (Biology), French IV, Spanish IV and Latin Delta.

Lower School

The Lower School, Kindergarten through IIIrd Form (5th grade), is held in self-contained classrooms located on the lower level of Sanford House and in the Garassino classroom building.

English, reading, math, social studies and science are taught by the classroom teachers. Foreign language or language skills and classes in music, art, physical education, library and information literacy, computer and health are part of each week's schedule. Classroom meetings, extra help and study time are incorporated into the school day at the discretion of the teachers. The Lower School meets as a community each morning in the campus center at 8:00 a.m. and a recess period is scheduled each morning and afternoon.

Classes are held Monday through Friday. Enrichment activities are offered from

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Attendance at these enrichment programs is required for boarders and optional for day students.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Graduation Requirements

In order to receive a graduation diploma from Rumsey Hall, a student must complete the prescribed course of study that generally includes English, mathematics, a foreign language or Language Skills, history, science, art, music, theater, health and sex education and computer skills. Students in VIIIth Form must pass all of their courses in order to receive a diploma. In the lower forms a student may be required to make up a failed course in order to be promoted into the next form. In these cases the student must repeat the course in an approved summer program and earn a satisfactory grade on the final exam. Students must continue to be enrolled at Rumsey Hall at the time of commencement to be eligible for a diploma.

Homework

Upper School students are usually given out-of-class assignments for every academic course each day. When a student is having difficulty with effort or organization, the School may require teachers and study hall masters to initial an Effort or Achievement Card in order to provide daily feedback to the student. Homework assignments are posted online each day. Lower School students have an increasing amount of homework as they progress from Kindergarten to IIIrd Form.

Extra Help

Extra help sessions are scheduled during the academic day for the Upper School students to reinforce the lesson covered that day or offer extra challenge. This can be at the teacher's or the student's request. Students who do not show up for extra help are reported as absent and may earn a minus for missing this commitment. Study Club is offered Monday through Thursday for Lower School students from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Tutoring

Parents of Upper School children wishing to have their child tutored should contact the Academic Dean.

The Grading System

- Report Cards are published for students in Ist-VIIth Forms every two weeks.
- Each course grade is recorded as a percentage score compiled from homework, quizzes, tests, papers, projects and class participation at the discretion of the teacher.
- Formal exams, counting 20% of the term's grade are administered at the end of the Spring Term in IVth-VIIth Forms.
- At the end of the year, students receive a yearly grade, which is the average of the three term grades in each course.
- Teachers write personalized comments and/or have individual parent-teacher conferences for students at the end of each term.
- Kindergarten, Pre-Primes and Primes do not receive percentage grades.

The Effort System

- Each child is evaluated on his/her effort every week.
- A student can earn a "+", which indicates exceptional effort or a "-", which indicates a lapse in effort. No mark indicates satisfactory effort
- An Upper School student who earns four pluses, three of which must come from their core academic courses, is honored by being named on the Dean's List for that week. In the Lower School, a student must earn five or more pluses, three of which must come from their homeroom subjects, to be named on the Dean's List for that week.
- A student who receives a "-" loses the honor and privilege of being on the Effort List for that week and must attend Extra Help study hall that week.

Academic Incentives

- Generally, teachers require students to correct failing papers (below 60%) and to re-submit them for a higher grade.
- In the Upper School, a student who earns two or more minuses in a given week will earn an Effort Card. A student with an Effort Card who fails his/her work on a given day must attend Extra Help that day as well as detention study hall to make up the missed work..
- Under certain circumstances any student may receive an achievement card.

Effort System Regulations

To stay on the Effort List in the Lower School, students must come prepared to class with all necessary materials and assignments; students must take part in classroom discussions and activities and be respectful of peer comments; and student work must show care and effort. Lower School students in need of extra help may be required to stay for Study Club in the afternoon. In the Upper School a student must attend each class with his or her proper and complete assignment as well as the materials necessary to participate fully in class: textbook, homework organizer, paper, pencil and pen and any other items required by the teacher. Anyone receiving a cheating infraction will automatically be taken off the Effort List and full disciplinary action will be taken. A student may earn a minus for the inappropriate use of technology in class or in study hall.

Upper School students who are off the Effort List in two or more courses receive an "Effort Card." They must present it to each of their teachers and study hall proctors at the beginning of each class or study hall for that week. At the end of the period, the teacher will indicate on the card whether or not that day's homework and classwork was completed satisfactorily. Study hall proctors will indicate on the card whether or not the student made good use of the study hall. Students who have earned an effort card must submit it to the administrator supervising lunch each day. Missing or incomplete cards and cards signed with a "no" for any course or study hall result in the students having to attend Afternoon Study Hall that day instead of athletics. Students with cards, who have athletic contests, may participate only with permission from the Academic Dean or Head of School.

Honors Study Hall

Seniors may be eligible to be excused from study halls during the academic day by the Study Hall Proctor. To earn this privilege a senior must have no report of having misused his/her study hall time, must be on the Effort List and achieve at least an 80% average in each subject or be on the Dean's List. After signing out with the Study Hall Proctor, seniors may spend their study period in a quiet study in the place of their choice on campus as approved by the Dean of Students. If choosing to go to the library, Honors students must sign in on the Honors Sign-in sheet located on a clipboard in the library. Honors Study Hall is a privilege and any student's name can be removed from the list by the Dean of Students or Academic Dean. This privilege does not apply to the evening study halls.

Academic Awards

Students in Ist-VIIth Forms who pass all their courses receive academic awards at the end of each term for earning the following averages:

Upper School

75.0 - 79.9 Red Ribbon

80.0 - 84.9 Red Ribbon and Cum Laude Card

85.0 - 89.9 Red & White Ribbon & Cum Laude Card

90.0 - 100. Red & White Ribbon & Magna Cum Laude Card

Lower School

75.0 - 79.9 Red Ribbon

80.0 - 89.9 Red & White Ribbon & Cum Laude Card

90.0-100. Red & White Ribbon & Magna Cum Laude Card

Dean's List Prizes

Students who have made the Dean's List every week in the term are awarded a certificate at the end of term Awards Ceremony.

Student of The Month

Monthly recognition is given to students in categories relating to effort, academics, athletics, community service, technology, character, and the arts.

Other Awards - See Commencement Prizes

Classroom, Study Hall, and Library Procedures

- Students should not enter a classroom until the teacher arrives.
- When a class is in session, students wishing to enter should knock softly on the door and wait patiently until invited in.
- Students arriving late to class must have a note explaining the reason for their tardiness.
- Students should stay seated unless given permission to leave their seats by the teacher.
- Students should have coats on the back of chairs, and materials ready at the start of class.
- Students should stand when an adult enters the room unless a test or quiz is in

process.

- Hats should be removed when entering a classroom or a building.
- The bell signals that classes should end. However, the teacher, not the bell, dismisses the student.
- At the end of class, the floor should be free of papers, chairs should be pushed under desks and the rows of desks should be straight.
- The rules that apply to classes also apply to study halls and the library.

Study Hall

Study Hall is a class, and every place Study Hall is held is considered a classroom. The purpose of a study hall is to promote independent academic work. The independent learning skills that are discussed and taught in the individual academic disciplines are reinforced here. To this end, quiet and respect for the rights of other students will be maintained at all times. To achieve this goal, students must adhere to the following:

- Students are to take care of all personal needs and wants prior to the beginning of Study Hall (i.e., bathroom visits).
- All materials for Study Hall should be obtained before class. This means all books, assignments, pens, pencils, secondary reading, etc., should be at the student's work space when the Study Hall starts.
- Students are required to have independent reading book in their possession during all study halls. Students are required to read their selected books when their homework assignments have been completed.
- Students not working on assignments or not reading quietly may be taken off of the Effort List by the Study Hall Proctor.
- Students must work at a desk or study carrel.
- Students needing assistance in schoolwork may receive help from the Study Hall Proctor.
- Before Study Hall is over, students should put away their books, pick up papers, put clothing in the lost and found, and straighten desk rows.
- Study Hall ends when the Study Hall Proctor dismisses students.

Library Procedures

- Students are to follow all study hall policies and procedures.
- After receiving permission from the study hall proctor and signing out using the Library Sign-up sheet, a student may use the library for purposeful work. Purposeful work consists of an academic assignment or reading for pleasure.
- Students are to be respectful of everything and everyone in the library.
- Disruptive students will be asked to leave.
- Seniors with honors privileges must sign the Library Sign-up sheet (with a specific purpose) *before* going into the library.

Dorm Study Hall

- Students are to take care of all personal needs and wants prior to the beginning

of study hall (i.e., bathroom visits).

- All materials for study hall should be obtained before the start of study hall. This means all books, assignments, pens, pencils, etc. should be at the student's desk when study hall starts.
- Students must work at a desk or table, either in their rooms or in the common room.
- Students must make sure that each desk is clean and has an appropriate desk lamp. Only academic materials should be on the desk.

Student Obligations Before a Planned Absence or Long Weekend

A student should speak to each of his/her teachers three days prior to a planned absence in order to learn what work he/she will miss. It is customary for teachers to require students to complete the work they will miss before they leave school. This prevents a child from being behind in his/her work when he/she returns to school, and it also helps the teachers with their planning. A student who fails to hand in his or her work as discussed with the instructor will be off the Effort List.

Student Obligations After an Unplanned Absence

A student who has missed classes must meet with each of his or her teachers to obtain extra help in understanding the material studied during the absence. Each teacher will determine what material the student is accountable for depending on the course and the situation.

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences are held during the Fall and Spring Parents' Night and Parents' Day. In the Lower School, winter parent-teacher conferences take place at the end of the term. Parent conferences may also be arranged at any time by contacting the Academic Dean or the Director of Lower School. Please schedule conferences in advance by calling the school office at (860) 868-0535.

Head of School's Holidays

The Mondays following Fall and Spring Parent Weekends are Head of School's Holidays. This is a day off for students. Boarders must return to campus by 7:00 p.m. and classes resume the next day. Please refer to the academic calendar for this year's dates.

Accommodations

Students seeking an academic accommodation or modification to any of the School's academic policies as a result of a diagnosed disability should contact the Academic Dean or the Director of Lower School. To be eligible for consideration of an accommodation, a student must have confirmation that his/her disability substantially limits a major life activity, such as learning. Students should provide the appropriate documentation, including a complete and current copy of any relevant testing, evaluation and/or diagnosis of this disability. If the information is insufficient, the School may request additional information. All decisions regarding accommodations are made on an individualized basis considering the nature of the disability, the information available, the reasonableness of the requested accommodation and whether such accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the School's programs.

SCHOOL POLICIES, STANDARDS AND DISCIPLINE

Throughout Rumsey Hall's long history, students, faculty and administrators have all contributed to formulating certain standards and policies, which have become a part of the School's basic philosophy. The Board of Trustees supports these standards and policies. In order to become a member of the community each student must learn and accept these standards.

Many of the rules are based on common courtesy. Honesty, Kindness and Respect are the common values by which student behavior is measured. Students are responsible for their behavior at all times while they are enrolled at Rumsey Hall, whether a boarding or day student, on or off campus, while school is in session or during vacation. Any student who violates a school rule or expectations, or otherwise acts in any way that is prejudicial to the School's best interests, infringes on the rights of others, or disrupts or harms our school community, is subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal from school.

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When a student breaks a school rule or policy, discipline may range from a mark or probation up to suspension or dismissal from the School.

All Upper and Lower School disciplinary incidents are handled on an individual basis, taking into account the record of the student involved, and the combined interests of the student and the School.

When a major school rule is broken in the Upper School, the Dean of Students typically must call a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, which consists of the Head of School, Dean of Students, and members of the faculty. Any student called before the committee has the right to be accompanied by his or her advisor or another teacher. After a fair hearing in the Upper School, the Disciplinary Committee makes a recommendation to the Head of School or the Dean of Students. The Head of School makes a final decision after conferring with the Senior Committee (see pg. 11). In the Upper School, the Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to recommend probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal of any student who is involved in breaking a major school rule. Probation carries with it certain restrictions to a student's freedom on and off campus. The Disciplinary Committee assigns restrictions. Final warning indicates that if a student violates any major school rule, the result will be suspension or dismissal. The School reserves the right to impose discipline outside of the Discipline committee process in emergency situations, or other circumstances warranting immediate action and/or intervention, at the sole discretion of the Head of School.

In the Upper School, a student may also be asked to meet with the Senior Committee to discuss his/her behavior. The committee may make recommendations to the Dean of Students regarding appropriate consequences and discipline. All final decisions, however, are determined by the Head of School.

When a major school rule is broken in the Lower School, the Director of Lower School meets with members of the Lower School faculty, the student's parents and student to discuss disciplinary options that are in the best interest of the student and the School.

The Dean of Students or Director of Lower School has the authority to determine clear, consistent consequences for all other specific offenses for Upper and Lower School students accordingly.

Under certain conditions, the medical or emotional well-being of a student may require a level of care not available at Rumsey Hall. In these situations a student may be required to withdraw from the School, permanently or temporarily, at the request of the School and under such terms as the School may prescribe.

MAJOR RULES

In addition to other rules and policies, the following is a list of behavior that the School considers to be most serious and which may lead to discipline, including dismissal:

- **Drugs and alcohol-** The use, possession or distribution of any form of drug or alcoholic beverage will subject the student to final warning, suspension or dismissal. The deliberate misuse of legal drugs (prescribed medication) or substances is also grounds for final warning, suspension or dismissal.
- **Computers and Technology** - Rumsey Hall reserves the right to access students' information including email, photographs, videos, files, etc. saved on computers and handheld devices, including cameras. Inappropriate use of computers, handheld devices, cameras, the school-wide intranet system or the Internet will be considered grounds for disciplinary action. All students are required to sign a contract defining standards of appropriate use of computers, software, handheld devices, and cameras. (see computer contract page 13)
- **Smoking-** The use or possession of any form of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.), electronic smoking devices (vapes, e-cigs, etc.) or smoking materials (matches, lighters, pipes, incense, etc.) is prohibited and is considered grounds for probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal.
- **E-cigarettes (Juuls) or other vaping devices** are not permitted on campus. If a student is found in possession of an e-cigarette, Juul or related items (such as pods, vape etc.) the items will be confiscated and the student's room and possessions may be searched and the student will also be subject to drug testing. If the student tests positive for drugs, or if there is other evidence of drug use or possession, it will be considered a violation of the School's drug and alcohol policies. Non-drug related possession, use or other violations will be treated as a violation of the School's tobacco/nicotine/smoking policy.
- **Stealing and willful destruction of the property of others or conduct which is**

against the law, or affects the health and safety of others cannot be tolerated in an environment, which must be based largely on trust. Therefore, such offenses are treated seriously and may result in probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal.

- **Cheating or plagiarism** - Complete integrity is expected from all Rumsey students. Cheating and plagiarism are serious breaches of school standards and are handled severely. Because Rumsey is a junior school, there is a strong obligation to educate students who are involved in the above-mentioned behavior. Therefore, first offenders are handled with counseling. Repeat offenses result in probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal.
- **Lying, dishonesty or behavior that discredits the School** – Repeated offenses may result in an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.
- **Students are not allowed in the rooms or hallways of dorms of the opposite sex or permitted to engage in inappropriate sexual contact or behavior.** Such offenses will result in probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal when the activity is consensual.
- **Common Room** – Students are not allowed in the common room of other dorms without a dorm parent present and must have permission from the dorm parent.
- **Students are not allowed out of the dorm after lights out.** Students are to stay in the dormitory after lights out. Leaving the dorm after lights out and before wake-up is a serious offense and will be dealt with accordingly.
- **Tampering with smoke alarms or any fire safety equipment jeopardizes the safety of others.** Each offense will probably result in an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.
- **Possession of dangerous items such as knives or firearms** violates the culture and spirit of the school community and threatens the safety of others. The consequence for any student who breaks this rule will most likely be suspension or dismissal.
- **Riding in Vehicles.** While under the jurisdiction of Rumsey Hall, a student may not ride in a car driven by a person under the age of 25 who is not an immediate relative or a person on the Rumsey Hall Staff unless cleared by the Dean of Students. Rumsey students cannot drive other students.
- **The Dean of Students reserves the right to refer an UpperSchool student to the Disciplinary Committee whose behavior and attitude are not in keeping with the spirit of the School.** Consequences for being referred to the Disciplinary Committee under these circumstances may include probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal. Evaluation and professional counseling are available for students upon request of parents or recommendation of faculty (with parental approval).

Other Rules

- **Meals** - Students are required to attend all meals.
- **Weekend Restrictions** - Students who are restricted for the weekend will serve a Saturday evening detention. They will be assigned to the study hall with no computer room or library privileges for the time the other students are off campus.
- **Gum** is not allowed on campus or on school-sponsored trips.
- **Food** is not allowed in the classroom or during study hall.

- **Snowball** throwing is not permitted at any time by any student.
- **Unexcused Absences** and deliberately cutting school appointments cannot be tolerated.
- **Up After Lights Out** – Students found up after lights out will be turned into the Dean of Students.
- **Dismissal from Class**- Students are expected to be positive contributors in each class. If the need arises for a student to be dismissed from class, the student will report immediately to the lower office and talk with an administrator. The student must have a conference with the teacher prior to the next class. The student is taken off the Effort List and is required to attend detention that same day. Repeated occurrences will result in further disciplinary action. Study Hall is considered a class and is included in the above.
- **Tardiness**- Students are required to be on time to all school appointments and school obligations.
- **Borrowing**- Because of the wide variety of problems associated with lending and borrowing students' possessions, the School **STRONGLY** discourages both. Although the Dean of Students will try to help establish responsibility in such matters, he must refer disputes concerning such problems to the parents of the students involved.
- **Poor Language** - Students are expected to use language that is respectful and acceptable to members of the school community. Rude, disrespectful, or other poor language, including profanity, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- **Graffiti** is regarded as lack of respect for others in the school community. Students defacing other student's property or school property will face serious consequences.
- **Laser Pointers** are not permitted at any time.
- **Dress**- Improper dress will result in a dress report.
- **Fireworks**- Students shall not use or possess matches, fireworks or any other explosives or combustible materials. Students shall not tamper with fire alarms, fire extinguishers or other safety equipment. Students violating this rule will most likely face the Disciplinary Committee.
- **Disrespect**- Blatant disrespect of another member of the school community will not be tolerated. It will be treated seriously and may result in probation, final warning, suspension or dismissal.
- **Inappropriate Public Displays of Affection**- The School realizes that students may have feelings of affection for other students but prohibits inappropriate public displays of affection, which may be offensive to other members of the school community. Any inappropriate social behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the Dean of Students or the Disciplinary Committee.
- **Campus Safety**- Students may not cut through the wooded areas when walking to the Upper Campus above Romford Road. They must use paved roadways.
- **Medications** – Students for whom medications have been prescribed must report to the Health Center at the required times to receive them. Since a student's health and well-being is of primary concern, failure to report for medication is a serious matter. Students are not allowed to keep possession of

any medication, even if it is prescribed for them, as all medication must be kept in the Health Center.

- **Over-the-counter Medications** – over-the-counter medications, dietary supplements, or substances to promote physical growth, is prohibited. Because Rumsey students are in the formative stages of their emotional and physical development, substances that alter the natural growth process, or that are intended to enhance athletic performance, are not allowed.
- **Selling Items** – Students may not sell any items to another student without the consent of both parents and the permission of the Dean of Students.
- **Gambling** – Students shall not engage in any form of gambling or betting.

Write Ups (Upper School)

- Any of the above infractions can result in write ups (marks). Accumulations of marks during any given term will lead to the following:
- A student accumulating 10 or more marks will be required to attend work detail or detention hours in the afternoon in lieu of athletics.
- Warning Status: 15 write ups (school day infractions, dorm, behavioral) during a term will lead to a student being put on Warning Status. When a student is placed on Warning Status, their parents/guardians and advisor will be notified and their activities will be restricted.
- A student on Warning Status who earns 10 more write ups (school day infractions, dorm, behavioral) will be brought before the full Disciplinary Committee for Living Outside the Spirit of the school and will face Probation, Final Warning, Suspension or Dismissal.

Work Detail/Detention- In the Upper School, the Dean of Students has the responsibility of assigning work detail or detention to students involved in a disciplinary situation or accumulation of marks.

- Disciplinary issues such as direct disobedience, lying and insolence will result in a work detail or detention that day. The amount of time on work detail or in detention is determined by the severity of the incident.
- Students will be assigned work detail or detention to work off accumulated marks.
- A student on work detail spends his or her afternoons doing odd jobs for the School, in lieu of athletics or free time. A student in detention spends his or her afternoon supervised in the main Study Hall.

Technology Responsible Use Policy

This document explains all rules regarding technology use. The values of Honesty, Kindness and Respect are the core values used in establishing these guidelines.

General Rules:

- 1) Students are encouraged to appropriately manage the time they spend on

technology. If a student is spending too much time on technology, the School will institute a plan to promote a healthier balance.

- 2) Students are allowed two personal devices (Phone, Tablet, and Laptop Computer) that access the school's network. These personal devices must be registered with the technology department. Due to space limitations desktop computers and stand alone monitors are not permitted.
- 3) III, IV, V, and VI Form boarders will put all Phones, Tablets, and Laptop Computers in the dorm technology closet at bedtime. VII Form boarders will have the privilege to keep their technology in their room as long as they are managing technology appropriately.
- 4) At any point in time Rumsey Hall has the right to view all activities that take place on a school computer or any personal device.
- 5) Students are not allowed to change settings or install software on school technology.
- 6) Students are not allowed to friend, follow or connect with any faculty or staff member on social media (Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat etc.)
- 7) The only software to be used on school machines is that put on by Technology Administrators.
- 8) Pirating software, infringing copyright and other unauthorized uses of materials online is prohibited. Students may only use personal devices to download and/or view programs and materials that are authorized by the School.
- 9) Students must obtain permission before sharing pictures or video of students or staff. (Distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting images/video online).
- 10) Technology related to but not limited to Alexa's or Google homes will not be allowed on Campus due to bandwidth restrictions.
- 11) The following forms of communication are permitted on campus. Skype, Facetime, WeChat (asian countries), WhatsApp (other international countries) and phone related texting. Other forms will be blocked to the School's best abilities.
- 12) Students should not post anything on social media or using the School's network or other technology that is inappropriate, particularly if the posting uses the School's name or is associated with Rumsey Hall.
- 13) Students are not permitted to use mobile phones without a teacher's permission during the academic day. Students who use their phones without permission, or students who inappropriately use other technology, in class or in Study Hall may earn a minus in that class or Study Hall for the week and lose their place on the Effort List.
- 14) Use of Any technology outside the Acceptable Use Policy must be approved by the Administrative Team.

Internet Access:

- 1) I will not knowingly access web sites that contain inappropriate material.
- 2) I will not knowingly access someone else's account without permission.
- 3) I will only use the Wi-Fi that is provided to me by Rumsey Hall.
- 4) I will receive permission from a teacher or staff member before I use my phone during the academic day.
- 5) No game playing is permitted during the academic day.
- 6) I understand Rumsey, may restrict students from accessing certain websites and online portals.
- 7) I will not make attempts to circumvent the schools network security and/or filtering policies. This includes setting up proxies and downloading programs, Applications, or extensions to bypass security. Further, no additional hardware may be connected to Rumsey Hall technology infrastructure.
- 8) I will only view emails and texts intended for me. I will only share another person's email, text or other form of communication with prior permission.

Network Use:

Unacceptable use of the network includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Violating the rights to privacy of students or employees of the School or others.
- 2) Plagiarizing and/or copying materials in violation of the copyright law.
- 3) Using the network for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity.
- 4) Acting in a manner that degrades or disrupts system performance or unauthorized entry to and/or destruction of computer systems and files.
- 5) Accessing, downloading, storing or printing files or messages that are illegal, obscene, degrading or offensive.
- 6) Tampering with hardware that accesses the schools network is strictly prohibited.

Rumsey Hall School makes no express or implied warranty for the internet access it provides or the resources available through the use of our network. Despite our best attempts, the School cannot completely eliminate access to information that is offensive or illegal and residing on networks outside of the Rumsey Hall School campus. Rumsey Hall does not guarantee the availability of access to the internet and will not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable due to technical and/or other difficulties. Use of the network is a privilege, not a right. Failure to act in accordance with the Acceptable Computer Use Policy and published administrative procedures may result in loss of network access, disciplinary action, or even criminal penalties under applicable state and federal law.

Agreement:

By signing this statement, you are agreeing to all rules of Rumsey Hall School's Responsible Use Policy and will expect action to be taken when these rules are broken.

Students will sign this form during the first week of school. I, _____, have read and agree to all the rules above. I understand that if they are broken, action will be taken, up to and including Disciplinary Committee sanctions.

Print Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

HARASSMENT

The school community values are honesty, kindness and respect. Living by these values maintains a healthy school climate. Rumsey Hall is enriched by the diversity of its members. The School, which aspires to respect individual differences, believes each member of the community has the right to participate fully without harassment. Rumsey Hall seeks to educate both students and faculty about harassment and to work together toward a greater understanding of the individual differences, which makes Rumsey a more diverse, more interesting, and stronger community. Demeaning emails, postings, statements or materials, uninvited physical advances, intimidation, or hazing and threats undermine a community that promotes emotional, physical, and intellectual self-respect. Anyone who feels harassed should report the situation to a school official. When situations are reported, the offended individual will be consulted, and the School will respond to the situation.

Rumsey Hall School is committed to maintaining a positive environment for its students, faculty and all members of our community. We do not tolerate harassment or discrimination of any kind by or toward any student, faculty, employee or visitor to the campus on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity of expression, race, color, religion, national origin, age or any other protected class status under applicable law. Such behavior creates a harmful school environment and may be a violation of law. Verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct by a student or any member of the school community relating to an individual's protected class status (e.g. sex, race, religion etc.) which results in an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment is prohibited. Any student who engages in sexual or other forms of protected class harassment may be subject to disciplinary action, up to expulsion.

Bullying - Bullying is a repeated act or communication (verbal, electronic, or written), including repeated physical acts or gestures, by one or more students directed against another student. While any mean spirited behavior violates school rules, bullying is

distinct in that it is repeated conduct that causes physical or emotional harm; damages property; places another student in reasonable fear of harm; creates an intimidating or hostile environment for a student that affects the learning environment of the School; infringes on the rights of another student; or poses a substantial disruption to the educational process of the School. Bullying includes cyberbullying, meaning any act of bullying through the use of the Internet or other technology. Bullying is considered a serious offense and grounds for discipline. Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to bullying, should report concerns to the Dean of Students or the Director of Lower School.

Sexual Harassment – Is conduct that is sexual in nature, is unwelcome and denies or limits a student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the School’s educational program. Sexual harassment can be verbal, nonverbal or physical. Examples of sexual conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Suggestive or lewd remarks
- Touching of a sexual nature
- Telling sexual or dirty jokes
- Spreading sexual rumors
- Circulating or showing emails or web sites of a sexual nature
- Retaliation for lodging a sexual harassment complaint
- Displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures or written materials
- Sexual assault

Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment, should report concerns to the Dean of Students or the Director of the Lower School.

Inappropriate Adult Behavior - Faculty and school employees are expressly prohibited from initiating or having any sexual contact and/or romantic relationship with any student, whether occurring on or off campus, at any time. Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to unwanted attention or inappropriate communications or contact, including sexual contact of any kind , (including sexual assault) should report such concerns to the Head of School or Dean of Students.

Rumsey Hall Volunteer(s) - Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Policy and Procedure

The Child Protection Act specifically requires school officials, employees, and **volunteers** working for a school-sponsored activity to report (i) known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect (including emotional, physical, or sexual abuse) or (ii) circumstances which might reasonably result in abuse or neglect.

Reporting child abuse or neglect is a difficult yet extremely important situation for everyone involved. Rumsey Hall School has created this policy and procedure in order to assist in appropriate handling of these situations. Thus, volunteers are asked to follow these procedures.

Definition of Child Abuse: Child abuse is any act or omission which threatens the health or welfare of a child, regardless of whether it is physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.

"Physical abuse" may be exhibited by evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, burns, fracture of any bone, or soft tissue swelling. "Sexual abuse" includes any touching of a child's private parts (the "swimsuit area"), whether above or below clothes, for the purpose of sexual gratification. "Emotional abuse" is the identifiable and substantial impairment (or substantial risk of impairment) of a child's intellectual and psychological functioning or development.

Definition of Neglect: Neglect is considered to be failure on the part of a child's caretaker to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, supervision, or medical treatment.

Reporting Procedures: If a volunteer suspects abuse or neglect, or observes circumstances which might reasonably result in abuse or neglect, he or she must report it immediately to the Headmaster, who will then notify social services or assist the employee or volunteer in doing so. Such reporting must be done verbally over the telephone and in writing, and shall be documented on the appropriate "Child Abuse Reporting" form. All reports must be filed as soon as practicable after learning of the abuse or neglect. In most circumstances, the verbal report should be made within 24 hours and the written report within 48 hours.

Child Abuse/Neglect Files: The Headmaster keeps a child abuse/neglect file on all students for whom a suspicion of abuse/neglect has been filed. Such documentation may never be stored in teacher or student cumulative files.

Volunteer Obligations: It is not the responsibility of volunteers working at a school-sponsored activity to try to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect, nor is it the responsibility of volunteers to prove that the child has been abused or neglected. A person who reports child abuse or neglect in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability. In the event that a volunteer working at a school-sponsored activity suspects that another staff member or volunteer is the perpetrator of child abuse or neglect, a report must be filed and submitted to the Headmaster immediately upon learning of the abuse or neglect. The Headmaster will respond to the incident both as a suspected child abuse case and as a disciplinary issue.

By signing this you acknowledge that you understand you are an obligated mandated reporter as outlined above and agree to follow the outline policy and reporting procedure.

Volunteer's Name: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer's signature: _____

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senior Committee

This organization consists of seniors elected by the senior class. The Senior Committee provides leadership to the student government. It also advises the Head of School and Dean of Students in disciplinary decisions.

Student Government

Forms select at least two students from each form to serve on the student government. This body, in conjunction with the Senior Committee, helps to serve the student body in a wide variety of areas.

Lower School Student Council

The Lower School Student Council is a forum that fosters student leadership, empowers students to make change, and values student input. Council members work to develop special programs, community service opportunities, and spirit activities for their school community. Students take on leadership roles in their classrooms and help to maintain a healthy Lower School community through preventive problem solving. All students in the 1st-IIIrd Forms may take part.

ATHLETICS

Each Upper School student at Rumsey is required to participate in afternoon athletics, Monday through Friday and sometimes on weekends. Rumsey Hall provides the equipment and uniforms for most sports, and the school store is stocked with other essential athletic supplies such as socks, warm ups, etc. The School does not supply athletic footwear. Please purchase any necessary footwear before arriving at school. It is a New England Private School Athletic Association recommendation that only molded cleats of plastic or rubber be used in competition.

Most activities use on-campus facilities, while a few teams use off-campus facilities. The ski/snowboarding program travels to Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, CT, each day. Skiers/snowboarders must purchase a season pass at Mohawk for approximately \$650. There is also a travel fee for getting to the mountain. If a student plans to ski/ snowboard during the week and on weekends, it is more economical to purchase the season pass. It is advised that skiers/snowboarders take their equipment home each day for security reasons. If your child will be participating in our winter ski/snowboarding program in any way, it is mandatory that you provide your child with a helmet. Please purchase a helmet before your child returns to school after Thanksgiving vacation so that he/she may participate in the program. The crew program uses the Washington Club area on Lake Waramaug. The riding program is held at a nearby Farm. Students interested in riding must fill out the necessary forms and permissions prior to riding. Riding is an additional cost.

The Lower School Afternoon Enrichment Program provides three seasons of athletics, arts, and academic offerings in Kindergarten – IIIrd Form daily from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Activities vary seasonally and participation is encouraged but optional. IIIrd Form students may try out for Upper School sports teams.

Long Weekends and Athletic Commitments

While every attempt is made to schedule games on days other than Friday or Saturday, there is sometimes no alternative short of dropping a school from the schedule. In the event of a Friday or Saturday game the following policy will prevail: A player has an obligation to his/her team and must keep his/her commitment with that team and play in the contest if it is scheduled for Friday or

Saturday. Long weekends may be taken ONLY AFTER the game is over, and if transportation can be arranged. Exceptions may be made for special circumstances if agreed upon by the Athletic Director and Dean of Students.

Athletic Excuses

Athletic excuses may be issued only by the school nurse, athletic trainer or doctor. They MUST be in writing and brought to the attention of the coach and the Athletic Director. The athlete will spend that afternoon in the Health Center, study hall, or on the athletic field watching his/her team.

Varsity Club

To become a member of the Varsity Club, an athlete must earn (6) varsity letters during his/her career at Rumsey Hall. A varsity letter is earned if a student is selected captain of a "B" team or if he/she receives a varsity letter for contributions to a varsity team sport. After earning (6) varsity letters a plaque is presented at the end of term sports awards to honor outstanding achievement.

Rumsey's Code of Ethics and Conduct

As a basic principle, Rumsey believes that the lessons learned from fairly played athletics, whether interscholastic or not, and including games and practices, are of benefit to the students. The purpose of this Code of Ethics and Conduct is to define "fairly played" and to provide guidelines for athletes, coaches, and spectators.

Proper Conduct and Good Sportsmanship - At the heart of this matter lie several terms which are often hard to define - yet no more important task confronts teachers and coaches than to set standards which are fair and honorable. Throughout this Code, when such terms as "proper conduct" and "good sportsmanship" are mentioned, they refer to such standards as these:

- Treat other persons as you know they should be treated, and as you wish them to fairly treat you.
- Regard the rules of the game as agreements, the spirit or letter of which should not be evaded or broken.
- Treat officials and opponents with respect.
- Accept absolutely and without quarrel the final decision of any official.
- Honor visiting teams and spectators as your own guests and treat them as such. Likewise, behave yourself as an honored guest when visiting another school.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat; learn especially to take defeat well.
- Be cooperative as well as competitive.
- Remember that actions on and off the field reflect on the School.

Purpose of Athletics at Rumsey - Athletics exist primarily as an essential part of the student's full education. As an educational process, they serve these purposes:

- To teach and instruct the rules, fundamentals and skills of various individual and team sports; to provide physical training and physical outlet for youthful energy.
- To provide healthy competition and cooperation within and between schools, thus instilling in each student the best principles of good

sportsmanship.

- To develop the other aspects of good sportsmanship, which will best serve each student's education.
- To maintain the spirit of true amateur competition.

Guidelines for Coaches

- Coaches shall remember that school athletics are primarily part of each student's education, not a goal in themselves. Coaches shall use athletics to help each student achieve the standards listed previously.
- Coaches shall assist each student toward developing his or her fullest potential in athletics.
- Coaches shall remember that the behavior of a team can reflect their own manner, attitudes, temper and approach to athletics, and shall conduct themselves in a way which brings credit to themselves, their team, their school and their sport.
- Coaches shall be responsible not only for coaching their teams, but also for running games, dealing fairly and properly with officials, meeting before and after games with visiting coaches and players, and maintaining an objectivity and sense of balance commensurate with good sportsmanship. Coaches shall in particular preserve the tradition of shaking hands after games and matches.

Guidelines for Players

- Players shall at all times represent themselves and their school with honor, proper conduct, and good sportsmanship. They shall understand that competitive rivalries are encouraged, but that disrespect for opponents is unsportsmanlike and lessens the value of the rivalries. They shall confine the competitiveness of the game to the field, and in particular behave properly on the sidelines and in the locker rooms both before and after games.
- They shall comply fully with the rulings of the officials. In no way, either by voice, action or gesture, shall they demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the decisions made.
- Players who are ejected from interscholastic games for "unsportsmanlike conduct" or other flagrant behavior will forfeit their eligibility to play in the next regularly scheduled interscholastic game or tournament played in that sport.
- Players will not deface property or remove equipment of any kind from their own or another school.

Guidelines for Spectators

- Whether students, faculty, parents, alumni or friends, spectators bear important responsibilities to the School for the atmosphere and conduct of games, whether home or away.
- Spectators should watch games from those areas defined by each school as spectator areas. They must not run up and down sidelines, call to players, coaches or officials in an unsportsmanlike manner, go onto the field of play, or deface property. Any action which interferes with the ability of

coaches, players and officials to do their best is unacceptable.

- Faculty members should remember that their responsibilities for student discipline and behavior extend to disciplining and controlling students who misbehave as spectators.
- The use of alcohol and illegal drugs should not be associated with any athletic event.

These are the standards, which Rumsey Hall expects all athletes, coaches, and spectators to meet.

ATHLETICS BY TERM

Fall Term

Varsity Football

Highly competitive, demanding, six-game schedule with a jamboree at the start of the season. Generally for VI and VII and some V Form boys.

Junior Football

Developmental program to teach the skills of football. Juniors practice with their coaches on the same field as the Varsity team. Generally for III, IV, and V Form boys.

Boys' Varsity Soccer

Competitive and extensive schedule, fourteen games, one tournament.

Rumsey's top soccer players. Generally for V, VI and VII Form boys (limited roster).

Girls' Varsity Soccer

Competitive fourteen-game schedule with one tournament geared toward girls with previous soccer experience. Generally for V, VI and VII Form girls (limited roster).

Boys' Varsity B Soccer

A competitive team with a thirteen-game schedule including one tournament. Strong emphasis on fundamentals. Generally for V, VI and VII Forms.

Junior Soccer (co-ed)

A co-ed competitive program for beginners as well as skilled players. Thirteen-game schedule for the Blues and a four-game schedule for the Reds. Fundamentals stressed. Generally for III, IV, and some V Form students. Team has two levels – Blues and Reds.

Varsity Cross-Country (co-ed)

A co-ed competitive program with a seven-race schedule and three invitational middle school races. Open to Forms III, IV, V, VI and VII Forms.

Varsity Field Hockey

Twelve-game competitive schedule. Strong emphasis on fundamentals and team building. Rumsey's top field hockey players. Generally includes girls in V, VI and VII Forms.

Varsity B Field Hockey / Developmental Field Hockey

Eight-game schedule. Emphasis on learning rules and fundamentals. Only B Field Hockey players compete in contests throughout the season. Generally for III, IV, V, VI and some VII Form girls.

Varsity Volleyball

Fourteen -game competitive schedule (opponents are Secondary School IIIs and JV teams), one tournament. A superior program for accomplished players or girls wanting to excel at the game. Generally for V, VI and VII Form girls.

Varsity B Volleyball

Fourteen -game competitive schedule. Strong emphasis on fundamentals. Great feeder program for Varsity Volleyball. Generally for IV, V, VI and some VII Form girls.

Horseback Riding (co-ed) (Fall/Spring Terms)

Riding program offered at Fox Crossing Equestrian, LLC. in Morris, CT at extra cost. All levels of instruction are available. Open to IV, V, VI and VII Forms.

Rumsey Outdoor Adventure (ROA) (co-ed) (Fall/Spring Terms)

ROA offers students the opportunity for growth in leadership and outdoor skills while encouraging an appreciation and stewardship for our natural surroundings. Some of the activities include rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and archery. Generally for IV, V, VI and VII Forms.

Lower School Afternoon Enrichment Program (Fall, Winter and Spring Terms)

This is a co-ed program which provides athletic, arts, and academic offerings in Kindergarten – III Form daily from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Activities vary seasonally.

Winter Term

Boys' Varsity Hockey

Highly competitive twenty-one game schedule with two tournaments. A superior program for accomplished skaters. Daily practice at Rumsey's Lufkin Rink. Generally for V, VI and VII Forms boys.

Boys' Varsity B Hockey

Competitive hockey for advanced young skaters. Eight-game schedule. The emphasis is on fundamentals and skating. Daily practice at Rumsey's Lufkin Rink. Generally for III, IV, V, VI and some VII Form boys.

Bluedog Developmental Hockey (co-ed)

This program is for beginner hockey players who want to learn the game of hockey in a fun setting. This program divides skaters into small teams to play games throughout the season as well as learn all of the skills needed to advance to higher levels of ice hockey. Skaters skate on the rink and on the ponds. Open to beginner skaters in all Forms.

Girls' Varsity Hockey

Competitive hockey for intermediate and advanced young skaters. Thirteen-game schedule with two tournaments. Daily practice at Rumsey's Lufkin Rink. Generally for III, IV, V, VI and VII Form girls.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Competitive fifteen-game schedule for advanced players. This team is for Rumsey's best basketball players. Generally for V, VI and VII Forms (limited roster).

Boys' Varsity B Basketball

A program with a twelve--game schedule. This program is for beginners and experienced young basketball players. Generally for V, VI and VII Forms.

Boys' Junior Basketball

Competitive basketball program with two levels, Blues and Reds. The Blues play eight games and the Reds play six games. Great for beginners and experienced young players. Generally for III, IV and V Forms.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Competitive seventeen-game schedule. A program for girls who want to learn and excel at the game. Generally for V, VI and VII Forms (limited roster).

Girls' Varsity B Basketball

A program with an eleven-game schedule. Emphasis on learning rules and fundamentals. Generally for III, IV, V and VI Forms.

Girls' Junior Volleyball

This program is for players who wish to fine tune their volleyball skills with instruction. There is a seven-game schedule. Generally offered to III, IV, V, and some VI Form.

Varsity Wrestling

Competitive seven-quad match schedule with one major tournament. Wrestlers of all abilities are included in one group. Generally for IV, V, VI, VII Form.

Varsity Ski Team (co-ed)

A competitive program with skiing five days a week at Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, CT. Fourteen meets during the winter season. Emphasis on racing technique. Open to IV, V, VI, VII Forms (limited roster). There is an extra charge for a season pass/equipment rentals.

Varsity B Ski Team (co-ed)

A competitive program that races with the Varsity Ski Team. Great for beginners and experienced skiers. Generally for IV, V, VI, VII Forms. There is an extra charge for a season pass/equipment rentals.

Recreational Skiing and Snowboarding (co-ed)

Open to all students with good academic and social standing. This is a non-competitive program, which emphasizes fun. There is abundant supervision and top instruction is available. This group skis five days a week at Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, CT. For IV, V, VI, VII Forms. Written permission to ski must be in the office in advance of the Winter Term or the student will be placed into a competitive sport. There is an extra charge for a season pass and equipment rental.

Lower School Afternoon Enrichment Program (Fall, Winter and Spring Terms)
This is a co-ed program which provides athletic, arts, and academic offerings in Kindergarten – III Form daily from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Activities vary seasonally.

Spring Term

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

A competitive program with an eleven-game schedule. Rumsey's top lacrosse players who excel at the sport. Generally for V, VI and VII Form boys.

Boys' Varsity B Lacrosse

Competitive program for beginners as well as skilled young players. Ten-game schedule. Generally for III, IV, V and VI Form boys.

Boys' Developmental Lacrosse

This program is designed to teach new players the game of lacrosse. Players will learn the fundamentals of the game to help them advance to a more competitive level in the future. Generally for III, IV and V Form boys.

Girls' Varsity Lacrosse

Competitive, sixteen-game schedule. Rumsey's top female players and beginning players too. Generally for III, IV, V, VI and VII Form girls.

Girls' Varsity B Lacrosse

Competitive eight-game schedule. This program is designed to teach new players the game of lacrosse. Players will learn the fundamentals of the game to help them advance to a more competitive level in the future. Generally for III, IV and V Form girls.

Varsity Baseball

Competitive, thirteen-game schedule. Games played on regulation major league-sized baseball diamond. Generally for V, VI and VII Form boys (limited roster).

Varsity B Baseball

Twelve-game schedule. This is a program that teaches the fundamentals of the game. Generally for IV, V, VI and some VII Form boys.

Junior Baseball

Played on a Little League diamond. Great beginners program for recreation and early skill building. Generally for III, IV and V Form boys.

Varsity Softball

A competitive schedule of thirteen-games played on a regulation field, with fast pitch rules. Generally for V, VI and VII Form girls.

Varsity A Tennis (co-ed)

Students are required to try out for this competitive team. This highly competitive tennis program carries only twelve members due to limited court space. There is a twelve-match schedule. Generally for superior players in the IV, V, VI and VII Forms.

Varsity B Tennis (co-ed)

The second tennis team plays a ten-match schedule. Generally for III, IV, V, VI and VII Forms (limited roster).

Varsity Crew (co-ed)

Unique to Junior Schools for students in V, VI and VII Forms. Many races against prep school crews including the “Lower Boat Regatta.” This program has expanded into a very competitive and exciting sport at Rumsey (limited roster).

Future Rowers (co-ed)

This program is for IV and V Formers who are interested in learning about Crew. Practice takes place in our rowing tanks and eventually on the water.

Mountain Biking (co-ed)

The Mountain Biking program is designed for students who are novice to advanced. The students ride on various trails around campus and in the local area. The team may compete in 1-2 races based on interest and ability level. Students may use their own mountain bike and helmet for this program. Rumsey does, however, have several mountain bikes and racing helmets available for use by students for the season. for a nominal maintenance fee. (Delete)

See Fall Term Athletics on p.18 for the following Spring Programs:

Horseback Riding (co-ed)

Lower School Afternoon Enrichment Program (Fall, Winter and Spring Terms)

This is a co-ed program which provides athletic, arts, and academic offerings in Kindergarten – III Form daily from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Activities vary seasonally.

BOARDING STUDENT INFORMATION

Allowances and Money

Students are allowed to have small amounts of money **AT THEIR OWN RISK**. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE LARGE SUMS OF “EMERGENCY” MONEY IN THE DORMITORY**. Sums of money over \$40 are to be deposited in the student’s account, which is run by the Business Office. Students may withdraw a maximum of \$20.00 per week. If there is a need for extra money, please email permission to Gena Newman at gnewman@rumseyhall.org in the Business Office no later than Wednesday of that week. Students may withdraw money from the account only at scheduled times on Friday each week. The School **WILL NOT** become involved in disputes concerning borrowing and lending money.

Dormitories

Rumsey Hall’s primary consideration is the welfare of the students. Therefore the following rules concerning health, cleanliness and respect for property apply:

- Excessive amounts of food create problems with cleanliness and in monitoring proper eating habits. Students are not allowed to order food for delivery (i.e.

pizza, Chinese food).

- Students should take care not to overload electric outlets. **Refrigerators, hot plates, hot pots, electric blankets, heaters, halogen lamps and electric irons ARE NOT permitted.**
- Students are not permitted to return to their dorms during the school day without permission from their dorm parents or a school administrator. Seniors who have honors and are in good standing have permission to return to their dorms.
- Students must have their rooms tidy and be "checked off" by a faculty member before leaving in the morning.
- Dangerous items such as knives and lighters are not appropriate on campus and should be left at home. Any inappropriate item found will be confiscated.
- Posters and room decorations of good taste are permitted in students' rooms, but are to be attached with poster putty, available in the school store. No tacks, nails or tape may be used. Posters which are inappropriate to the school community are not allowed.
- The dorm rooms and furniture belong to the school. The school reserves the right to arrange rooms in order to ensure safety and to facilitate easy cleaning. Students should not move furniture without the permission of the Dorm Head. "Tent beds" and blankets or tapestries hanging from ceilings are prohibited. Students are responsible for any damage done to school property.
- Televisions are provided in each dorm common room. Personal models, therefore, are not needed or allowed. Also, video games, video cameras, DVD players etc. are not permitted. Such items should be left at home.
The School will not assume any responsibility for these items.
- At the end of each term, students are expected to clean their rooms and have them inspected by a dorm parent. Those who fail to comply are subject to a \$75 cleaning fee. Damage to rooms and common rooms should be reported to the Dorm Parent and Director of Residential Life immediately. Students will be charged for damage according to material and labor costs.
- Dorm rooms, student lockers and other items that are considered the property of the School may be searched at any time, regardless if assigned to a specific student. In addition, while the School recognizes the need to respect the privacy of our students, the School also reserves the right to conduct a search of a student's personal belongings, including backpacks, mobile devices or computers, if there is reasonable suspicion that a school rule has been violated, or if there is concern for the general welfare of the student or others. Students are expected to cooperate in the conduct of any searches and the failure to do so may result in disciplinary action separate from any consequences for other rule violations.

Packing List for Boarding Students

Clothing
<p>Clothes for 2 weeks to account for laundry rotation. Laundry goes out on Friday and returns on Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pack what is required for the DRESS CODE ● Please limit shoes to those required due to space limitations

Bedding	Toiletries in shower caddy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3-4 Bath towels (quick drying) ● Twin sheets - 2 flat, 2 fitted ● Pillow cases (2) ● Comforter with covers or 2 blankets ● A pillow is provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brush or comb ● Toothbrush and toothpaste ● Soap or body wash ● Shampoo and conditioner ● Shaving supplies if needed ● Nail clipper

Required Items	Prohibited Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 - 15 Washable Cloth Masks ● Laptop computer, or tablet ● Backpack for books ● Sports bag ● Alarm clock (Phones are locked up at night) ● Hangers (extras are available) ● Limit 1 Underbed storage (Plastic bin) ● Water bottle ● Umbrella and or rain jacket 	<p>Students may not bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DESKTOP COMPUTERS ● More than 2 WiFi devices. ● MONITORS / TVs ● LED rope or christmas lights ● Xbox / Playstation ● Pocket knives ● Candles ● Hot plates / Hot water heaters ● Small refrigerators/appliances ● Pets ● Electric heaters/Air Conditioners ● Furniture

Please label all items and clothing with student's name

Laundry

Laundry service is provided for boarders on a weekly basis. Students must prepare laundry on Monday night for Tuesday pickup. Laundry is usually returned on Friday. Any problems concerning laundry should be reported to the Dean of Students. Although the School will help to solve any problems concerning a student's laundry, it will not be responsible for lost or damaged clothing.

There is a \$986.00 laundry service fee for the 2020-2021 school year. This fee includes mending, dry cleaning, and laundry service. **Parents who do not wish to use the laundry service must notify the Business Office, in writing, prior to the opening of school. There will be no credits issued after the opening of school.**

Packing/Shipping at End of School

The School works with a shipping company for student shipping needs. Boxes will be picked up and will be shipped home or to graduates' future schools once payment arrangements are made with the company. The School assumes no responsibility for damage to articles during the shipping process.

Travel Arrangements- AIR TRAVEL

Parents are responsible for making airline reservations for students traveling from Rumsey to their homes and back to school on holiday breaks, vacations, etc. Tickets should be sent to the Main Office, **AT LEAST THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE** so that arrangements can be made to transport children by bus or livery, in groups, to the airports. We strongly recommend that **TICKETS/ITINERARIES** be mailed to the office, **NOT GIVEN TO THE STUDENT**, to avoid lost paperwork. Tickets may also be sent to the school office at the beginning of the school year for upcoming vacations. Tickets should be sent to the attention of the Travel Coordinator.

OTHER TRAVEL

The office will arrange livery transportation for long or short weekends. Student spending accounts must be in good standing in order to have travel charged to your student's account. **PARENTS MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY AT NOON IF THEIR CHILD IS TAKING A WEEKEND.** Failure to do so may jeopardize their ability to leave for a weekend. School rules are in effect for students traveling by school arranged transportation. Failure to observe school policies will result in disciplinary action and the students involved may be required to forfeit the privilege of traveling by school arranged transportation. Missing scheduled pick-ups could also lead to loss of this privilege.

Students should eat dinner prior to returning to campus on Sundays. Livery drivers are instructed not to stop for dinner when returning. Students taking the train are instructed to stay together with the livery driver until they board their train.

DAY STUDENT INFORMATION

Absence/Lateness/Early Departure

PLEASE notify the office before 8:45 a.m. if your child is not going to attend classes that day. This will help keep attendance records accurate. If a student is late arriving, he or she should check in at the Lower Office BEFORE going to class. Day Students may leave early only with permission from the office and they must sign out in the Lower Office before departing campus. During the school day or after school during activities, Lower School students not taking part in Upper School Athletics need to be signed out on the "Community Clipboard" that hangs in the hallway of the Garassino Building. If sports are canceled due to poor weather, other activities are planned for students. If a day student must leave early for a medical or dental appointment, we ask that the office be notified twenty-four hours in advance and that the child be signed out in the Lower Office before departure. **If a child is absent without the School's knowledge, it will be considered an "unexcused absence."** In addition, Lower School students must bring a note to their teacher if they plan to leave school before 4:30 p.m.

For obvious safety reasons, it is important that we know the whereabouts of students while they are on campus. Students are not allowed to leave school early unless there are special circumstances. Should you receive a phone call from your child asking to be picked up early before sports or activities, please know this is against school policy. **Requests for early pick-up must originate from home.**

If your child is being picked up early due to a scheduled appointment, illness, hazardous driving conditions, etc., please notify the office in advance. **Please note that all Upper School students must be signed out in the Lower Office before departing campus. All Lower School Students must be signed out on the "Community Clipboard" hanging in the hallway of the Primes Building (early and regular dismissal).** A note or phone call prior to departure does not take the place of signing your child out. Your child's safety depends on your cooperation.

Arrival and Pick-up Time

Day students should arrive at school between 7:40 and 8:00 a.m. Parents should arrange to pick their children up between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. Athletics played off the Rumsey campus may result in a later pick up. Please call the school office for current information.

Doctor/Dentist Appointments

If possible, please schedule doctor or dentist appointments for "after-school" hours so that students do not miss class. Please inform the office in advance of appointments.

Dinner Sign-Up

Day students are permitted to stay at Rumsey for dinner whenever there is a special occasion. Students are required to get permission from an administrator by noon.

Overnights

Day students may stay overnight at Rumsey with permission from the Director of Residential Life or Head of School. Permission is contingent upon availability of beds. Day students must supply their own linens or sleeping bag. There will be a charge of \$60.00 per night. Please make arrangements well in advance to assure proper accommodations.

School Cancellations

Because of the large number of Boarding Students, classes are usually held regardless of weather conditions. Parents of Day Students should use their discretion about traveling to and from school during bad weather. In extreme conditions when cancellation is necessary, an emergency communication will be sent through the **School Messenger** broadcast system. We will simultaneously send a voice message, an email, and a text message using the contact information in our parent directory. All contact information is strictly secure and confidential and is only used for the School's purposes. Please note that international phone numbers will not receive a voice or text message.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advisors

Each student in the School is assigned a faculty advisor. The advisor meets with his/her advisees each week individually or as a group in order to discuss grades, effort and school life in general. Contact with advisors, however, is not limited to those occasions. The student or the advisor may request a conference at any time. The advisor is the primary contact for parents. Parents should feel free to contact their child's advisor at any time during the year. Lower School teachers act as advisors to the students in their homerooms.

School Store

The School Store is located in the Campus Center and is open to students during the school day. The School Store stocks academic supplies, clothing and some articles of personal hygiene.

School Store Hours:
Monday - Friday
Lunch periods

Color Teams

The entire student body is divided into two teams, the Reds and the Blues. These teams compete on a weekly basis in effort, conduct, community service and athletic categories.

In the Upper School, students earn points for their teams for being on the Effort List, Dean's List or for community service. In the Lower School, students earn points for their teams by participating in numerous community "spirit activities" throughout the school year.

Student Spending Account

Transactions for student spending will be posted to your child's MyKidsSpending

account. Over the summer, communication will be sent regarding this account, including required amounts to be deposited on specific dates. **Parents should monitor the account to maintain a positive balance at all times.**

Church Services

Because of location, the School is only able to provide religious services at Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. The school chaplain holds a non-denominational service each Thursday during the morning meeting. Parents who require their children to attend service on Sunday should indicate so on the appropriate form. Special arrangements are made for Jewish holidays through the Dean of Students office.

Commencement

All students are REQUIRED to attend Commencement.

Community Water Systems

The general report on water purity is available in the Business Office.

Senior Visits to Prep Schools

Seniors are encouraged to visit prep schools during the extended, Senior Weekend (see Rumsey calendar) Seniors must meet their athletic commitments and may leave AFTER their contests. Students should try not to miss classes or athletics to visit schools. If special circumstances arise, a student who will miss classes or athletics to visit a school must give advance notice to Director of Secondary School Placement Clayton Ketchum, and his/her teachers and coach. Students are responsible for all in-class and homework assignments.

DRESS CODE REGULATIONS 2020 - 2021

The dress code at Rumsey Hall School is intended to create a sense of purpose and pride among the student body and the school community. Student dress and appearance should be neat and presentable at all times. We are eager to support students whose cultural, religious, and gender identities extend beyond our current dress code.

CLASS DRESS

During the academic day, and for most meals, the following dress code applies:

- **SHIRTS-** Students are required to wear a collared shirt. This can be either an oxford style button-down or polo shirt. Button-down collared shirts must be tucked in.
- **PANTS-** Khaki or Chino style dress pants are allowed. Students are not permitted to wear blue denim, athletic wear, cargo style pants, or camouflage.

- **SHORTS-** Dress/Bermuda shorts may be worn in place of pants from the start of school through October 16th and from May 1st until the end of the school year.
- **SKIRTS-**students may choose to wear modest fitting skirts of no more than 3 inches above the knee or longer. A collared shirt is required with a skirt. No tight tube skirts are allowed.
- **DRESSES-** Students are permitted to wear dresses throughout the school year. Dresses should be modest in fit and length no more than 3 inches above the knee. Sleeveless dresses must have straps that fully cover undergarments.
- **SHOES-** may be of any style, including sneakers or sandals. No flip flops, shower shoes, slides, or slippers.

Other dress code notes:

- Leggings may be worn with dresses or skirts but can not be worn as pants alone.
- Halter tops, backless or off-the-shoulder shirts, tops with cut-out patterns, sheer tops, T-shirts, athletic gear including exercise pants, mesh shorts, team jerseys, immodest apparel, and patched or ripped clothing are not permitted.
- Students may choose to wear a sweater, quarter zip pullover, or a blazer but their collar must be visible.
- Midriffs must be fully covered.
- Hats and hooded sweatshirts are not permitted in academic buildings or in the dining hall.
- No extreme hairstyles or hair colors are permitted. The School will determine what is considered extreme.
- No piercings, other than ear piercings, are allowed.

FORMAL SCHOOL DRESS

Formal school dress may be required for some sit-down meals and other special events starting this spring.

- Students must wear a navy blue blazer with a Rumsey patch, a white or blue button-down collared shirt, grey or khaki dress pants (with a belt) or skirt no more than 3 inches above the knee, and dress shoes.
- Shirts must be solid white or blue. No shirts with stripes, patterns, or writing are permitted with formal school dress.
- Boys must wear a school tie (school store).

PLAY CLOTHES

After the academic day and on weekends, student dress is more relaxed. Athletic wear,

jeans of any color, appropriate T-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts are permitted with play clothes.

RUMSEY HEALTH CENTER

Rumsey Health Center provides nursing care and first aid treatment for students.

Medical Director: Matthew Abel, M.D.

Director of Nursing: Gerri Gleason, R.N., B.S.N.

Office Phone: 860-868-0535 (x 125)

E-mail: ggleason@rumseyhall.org

Health Center Contact:

E-Mail: healthcr@rumseyhall.org

Phone: (860) 868-0535 (x 154)

Fax: (860) 868-1422

Health Center Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

*Hours may vary according to school activity schedule

Rumsey Health Center is open during school hours for treatment of minor student ailments and illnesses. Students are referred to the following: Athletic Trainer, Medical Director, as well as, specialty physicians and local hospitals for injuries or medical needs requiring further intervention.

Rumsey Hall requires all enrolled students to provide proof of health insurance coverage and maintain such coverage during the student's enrollment. It is expected that parents/guardians also update the School regarding any changes in a student's health insurance while he/she is enrolled at the School. In accepting your proof of insurance coverage, the School does not make any representations or determinations related to the coverage of a student's health insurance policy or whether such policy provides adequate or sufficient health care insurance coverage for any and all illnesses, injuries or medical conditions your child might experience while enrolled in our School. Though the School will work with parents/guardians in making decisions about accessing appropriate health care, parents/guardians are ultimately responsible for any health care costs not covered by student health insurance or other policies.

Overnight admittance is available for students when deemed medically necessary at the discretion of Rumsey nurses and / or our Medical Director.

On-call nurses address medical concerns outside the Health Center hours. Students are responsible for reporting illnesses in a timely manner and preferably early in the day.

Emergencies

Urgent medical needs are immediately referred to the Emergency Departments at local area hospitals.

Medication Policy

Rumsey Health Center is a licensed infirmary regulated by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. Medication administration must comply with safety standards established by the State.

Medications are not accepted from home, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins or dietary supplements.

Students are prohibited from storing medication, vitamins or supplements in their dormitory or on their person. Please do not send Multivitamins, Tylenol, Advil, Sudafed, Midol, etc. to school with your child. The Health Center is stocked with a variety of over-the-counter medications as per our Medical Director's Written Orders.

Certain medical conditions require a student to possess and self-administer emergency medicine during the school day (ie: asthma inhalers, Ep-Pens, Diabetic supplies). All emergency medicines must be accompanied by an Action Plan found on Magnus Health and a "self-carry" form if applicable.

International medicine and prescriptions are not accepted by Rumsey Hall School or Towne Apothecary Pharmacy. Medical appointments are arranged by the Health Center as necessary for international students requiring medications.

All Domestic students must submit prescriptions to Towne Apothecary Pharmacy at least 3 weeks in advance prior to arrival on campus. Prescribed medications that are not received promptly may delay the administration of your child's medicine.

All medications are processed through Towne Apothecary Pharmacy and delivered to Rumsey Health Center. All prescribed and over-the-counter medications must be submitted directly to the school's pharmacy as follows:

Towne Apothecary Pharmacy
Office Phone: 203-266-7801
Fax: 203-266-5321
Address: PO Box 9, Bethlehem, CT 06751

Towne Apothecary Pharmacy processes prescriptions through insurance carriers. If Towne Apothecary does not participate in your insurance plan, or if the claim is rejected by your insurance company, the cost of the prescription will be charged out of pocket.

Parents are responsible for all charges pertaining to prescription medicines, treatments, diagnostic tests, referrals, and transportation for any illnesses and injuries that are not covered by their health insurance plan.

Medication Compliance

The School operates under the premise that medication(s) prescribed by the physician will help support your child to be most successful during his or her

years at Rumsey Hall.

Parents are responsible for maintaining a supply of medication at home for coverage during school holidays and off campus visits.

Allergies

Parents are expected to notify Rumsey Health Center if their child has food or other allergies that may require medical attention. Below is the process the School will follow in gathering and planning for a student with an allergic condition. Students who may require additional accommodations or other safety plans will be handled on an individual basis.

- Rumsey Health Center carefully reviews allergy information uploaded by parents onto Magnus Health. Parents are responsible to share allergy updates as needed.
- Parents must provide an Allergy Action Plan on Magnus Health that identifies any prescribed medications for treatment - signed by both parent and physician.
- Rumsey Health Center shares an ongoing list of student allergies with Dining Services and the appropriate Faculty.
- Dining Services is responsible for coordinating meal planning to ensure that an allergy free food is always available to each student identified with a food allergy at every meal, including meals prepared for off-campus travel.
- The Food Service Director meets with each child to discuss their food allergy and alternate food items available.
- Rumsey Health Center trains all Faculty at the start of each academic school year on anaphylaxis, recognizing symptoms and emergency protocols. Faculty are also trained on Epi-Pen administration using an auto-injector trainer. The School maintains a record of all training.

As per Medical Director's Written Orders, Rumsey Health Center places stock Epi-Pens in secured First Aid Boxes strategically placed on Campus (i.e., Dining Hall, Gyms and Dorms). Prescribed and stock Epi-Pens are kept in a secure location at the Health Center.

Food Allergies During Off Campus/Travel:

- **Off Campus Athletic Events:** The Athletic Department provides a complete Sport Roster for each athletic team which identifies student lunch assignments and any student with a known food allergy. Each Thursday, the Athletic Director emails to all Faculty a document that identifies the teams traveling off campus for games, and which of these teams will be departing early and thus, require bag lunches. Food

Service Director prepares appropriate travel lunches, including allergy free lunch for any student identified with a food allergy. The Food Service Director labels any lunch bag for any student with an allergy requiring a special allergy free lunch.

- **Field Trips** – Faculty members responsible for trips are required to notify the Health Center and Food Service Director of any off campus field trip if lunches or other meals will be needed. As with athletic events, the Food Service Director is responsible for ensuring that there is an appropriate lunch for a student identified with a food allergy and a lunch bag is labeled for such child.
- Magnus Health 911 Emergency Lists are placed in each bus. This list contains the names of students with known allergies, identifying the specific allergy.
- Health Center provides medical supplies (Epi-Pens, Inhalers, Allergy Action Plans, First Aid Kits) to Faculty as needed for any off-campus event.

Recreational Activities

Bicycles - Students are allowed to bring bicycles to school, but must agree to accept responsibility in the following areas:

- Students must wear a strapped helmet at all times when riding a bike.
- Students can ride their own bike or Rumsey bikes. No borrowing or lending bikes.
- Students ride single only. No riding double.
- No riding on the grass or after dark.
- Bikes must always be ridden carefully, not recklessly.
- Bikes may not be parked where they block entrances or exits of buildings.
- Riding bikes on school streets during times of arrival and departure of day students is dangerous and not permitted.
- In order to promote optimum responsibility, all bike owners are required to bring a chain and lock to keep bikes secure when not in use.
- Students who do not follow these procedures will lose bike privileges for a period of time that will be determined by the Dean of Students.

Roller blades, Skateboards and Scooters

Outdoor use of rollerblades, skateboards and scooters is permitted on weekdays between 5:00 p.m. and dusk and on weekends if the child has signed permission on the activity form. Strapped helmets must be worn. No motorized scooters or hover boards are allowed.

Movies and Internet Shows

Weekend movie trips are offered to local theaters. The movies selected are rated G, PG or PG13. Movies that students watch on campus must also be rated G, PG or PG13. Students are not allowed to watch R rated movies or Mature rated shows.

Video Games

Students are allowed to play video games rated E (everyone) or T (teen) on personal

computers or hand held devices. Students are not allowed to have game systems such as Nintendo or Xbox in their rooms.

Sex, Drug and Health Education

The school, as an educational institution, feels a responsibility to provide drug, health and sex education for its students. Programs and classes dealing with these subjects will be scheduled throughout the year.

Study Hall

The purpose of the study hall is to provide an atmosphere of quiet study and a formal meeting place for the student body and faculty. It will be kept neat and orderly at all times. The study hall is not a storage area for athletic equipment.

Telephone Calls

Boarding students may use the dorm telephones in the evenings. They should have a calling card or call collect. Day students can only use office phones with permission of an administrator. Should a parent need to contact their child during the school day, it is requested that they call the office in the morning before 11:00 a.m. Messages can be forwarded to the children at lunchtime and the child can then return the parent's call during free time from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. or in the evening. It is difficult for the office to contact students in the afternoon, and therefore, it is asked that such calls be limited to emergencies only.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is collected in the Study Hall and in the Lower School. Lost articles can be claimed each day. Periodically, a handout is made at the morning meeting or at recess. To make matters easier, it is suggested that ALL BELONGINGS BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME. STUDENTS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BELONGINGS. The School will not assume responsibility for lost, missing or stolen items.

Visitors

Students are allowed to have visitors. Arrangements must be made with the office in advance to ensure that the student will remain on campus to receive his or her guest. Visitors must check in at the Main Office upon arrival on campus.

Weekends

All weekends are open, with the exception of the first weekend of the school year and the weekend of Fall Term Exams. All weekends end Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND LIMITATIONS: When your child takes a long weekend this means: he or she may leave Friday after their last class if they have no athletic contests. Please keep in mind athletic contests scheduled for these weekends (Friday and/or Saturday), as students are required to participate. When your child takes a short weekend he or she may leave Friday after sports, by car.

All Weekends End Sunday Evening by 7:00 p.m.

PARENTS MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY AT NOON IF

THEIR BOARDING STUDENT IS TAKING A WEEKEND, TO GIVE PERMISSION AND ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION. THIS INCLUDES DAY STUDENTS WHO INVITE BOARDING STUDENTS FOR THE WEEKEND. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A WEEKEND.

Return To Campus

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL BOARDERS RETURNING ON SUNDAY CHECK IN WITH A DORM PARENT OR THE WEEKEND HEAD BY 7:00 P.M. In case of problems, the school answering service should be contacted by calling (860) 868-0535. Consistent lateness will result in loss of weekend privilege.

Lower School Weekends

Lower School students are permitted to leave campus following their last commitment on Friday.

COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

The following prizes are awarded at the end of year Academic Award Ceremonies and Commencement each year:

Prizes for the Top Scholars In Each Form (I – VII)

The Edward B. Whitney Prize for Excellence in Declamation

Annual Dining Hall Prefect Award

Prize for the Greatest Improvement in Scholarship

With name engraved on the Moran Cup

Charlotte Underwood Library Award

To the Library prefect who, by the diligent and conscientious performance of his or her duties, has most significantly contributed to the efficient handling of the Rumsey Library.

Prize for the Boarding Scholar Having the Best Conduct Record

Awarded to a male and female with their names engraved on the Tyson-Barnes Cup

Lawrence Larkin Computer Achievement Award

A prize established in 1983 by Lawrence Larkin, Class of 1916, given annually to the boy or girl who has shown the highest level of appreciation, understanding and usage of the computer.

Richard M. Wachcic Junior Athletic Award

Established by the parents of Robert Jordon Flatow and awarded to a male and female member of a junior athletic team who best exemplifies those qualities of character, sportsmanship and leadership which Richard Wachcic inspired in the hearts of his players as a Rumsey Hall coach.

Greatest Improvement in Athletics

Presented to a male and female athlete

Best All- Around Athlete

Presented to a male and female athlete

Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

Presented to a male and female athlete with their names engraved on the John E. Calhoun Honor Cup

The David Loyd Memorial Prize

Awarded to that student whose love of books and learning, and whose thoughtful, kind and gentle disposition personify the exceptional contributions to the Rumsey Hall community of former teacher and administrator, David Loyd.

J. Mitchell Magnoli Memorial Award

Given in memory of Mitch Magnoli, a student at Rumsey from 1967 to 1977, son of former Head of School Louis G. and Janice Magnoli. This award recognizes that member of the VIth Form whose spirit and attitude exemplify the Rumsey values of honesty, kindness, and respect which Mitch believed in so strongly. Mitch was many things to many people. Most significantly, he had a sense of humor, was genuinely nice, hard working and charitable.

Rose Algrant Memorial Scholarship Award

Given in honor of a beloved French teacher at Rumsey who served on the faculty from 1942-1985. This scholarship is awarded to that Rumsey student who has demonstrated exceptional appreciation and enthusiasm for the study of a foreign language.

Memorial Award

An honor and prize established by a classmate in memory of William Wait Clements, Class of 1924. The prize is awarded to that student whose example of steady industry and firm citizenship has earned the respect of the faculty and the trust of his or her classmates.

The Faculty Cup

Awarded to that scholar in the Senior Class recognized by the Faculty for his or her consistent academic achievement, loyal commitment to the Rumsey Hall community, and service in support of others.

Alfred L. Hart, II '65 Fine Arts Prize

An award for effort and interest in the arts, given by Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Hart in memory of their son, a former Rumsey Hall student, who, as an actor and poet, devoted himself to search for the meaning of life through the arts.

Ryan J. Whelan '89 Memorial Scholarship Prize

An award established by family, friends and classmates, to honor the memory of Ryan Whelan, Rumsey Hall Class of 1989, faculty member from 1998 until 2002. This prize is awarded to that student whose character and conduct reflect the values of teamwork and friendship that Ryan believed in so deeply and demonstrated through his actions.

The Scott Evans Seibert '92 Memorial Scholarship

Scott Evans Seibert was the permanent class president of the Class of 1992. He was best known for his warm smile, his concern for others and his gentle caring ways. He put the needs of those around him above his own in a most genuine, natural way. Scott knew at a young age that family and friendships were what mattered most in life. This award was established by Scott's family and friends in celebration of his life and in recognition of the wonderful work of the Rumsey Hall teachers.

The Duff Community Service Cup

Recognizes exceptional volunteer service by a student who shares time and talent to enrich the lives of others in surrounding communities.

Award For Excellence

An honor and prize awarded to that student whose performance in the areas of high academic accomplishment and integrity of character has been consistently in the best tradition of Rumsey Hall.

Marjorie Hull Barr Prize

Established in memory of one, who for many years taught at Rumsey Hall with joy and love in the first three forms. The prize is awarded to the outstanding citizen-scholar in the Lower School.

Henry B. Van Sinderen Memorial Award

Established for Rumsey Hall in 1968 by C. Tenant Sons and Company of New York in memory of Henry B. Van Sinderen, who throughout his long and productive career lived the philosophy of "love thy neighbor as thyself" in word and deed. He believed in "action for good." Mr. Van Sinderen was instrumental in establishing the present Rumsey Hall campus and was an inspiring force for the development of America's youth through our school. As far as enduring good works are a part of immortality, Henry Van Sinderen will live for generations to come through the students of Rumsey Hall.

The Gabriella Bass '94 Award

Awarded to the senior who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in the arts. The award is given by Mr. Hyman Bass and Ms. Dorothea Goldys-Bass in honor of their daughter, Gabby, a graduate of the Class of 1994.

John F. Schereschewsky, Jr. '47 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1978 by friends of Rumsey Hall in memory of John F. Schereschewsky, Jr., Class of 1947, Head of School from 1965 to 1969 and Director from 1969 to 1977. As teacher, coach, administrator and friend, John F. Schereschewsky, Jr. brought to each of his activities warmth, intelligence and love for his fellow man. He was also that rare teacher whose enthusiasm never waned, but rather increased year by year. Whether it be student, associate, parent or friend, he sought the best for them and was willing to give full measure of his talents to help bring this about. Those whose lives he touched are richer human beings for having known him.

Prize for Perseverance and Worthy Endeavor

In memory of Mr. J.H. Murch, a former master at Rumsey Hall, late Head of School of Princeton Country Day School. With this cup goes the honor of having the winner's name engraved on the Murch Cup.

Award For Leadership

An honor and prize awarded to that student who has shown steady acceptance of responsibility for his or her own actions, and whose influence has been cast in persistent, effective support of the basic spirit of Rumsey Hall.

Award For Merit

An honor and prize awarded to that scholar who, throughout his or her Rumsey Hall career, has consistently shown in praiseworthy action an acceptance of duty before privilege in the fields of academic study, service to his or her school community and steadfast effort for good.

The Cody Montana '08 Memorial Paddle Out Award

In 2008 the School theme, Paddle Out, encouraged students to discover their gifts, share their talents, and get involved. Instead of just standing on the beach watching, Paddle Out! Cody Montana embraced a Paddle Out philosophy, enriching the community with his infectious, smile and fearless passion for life. The Montana Paddle Out Award is presented to that student whose attitude and actions reflect Cody's joyful spirit and his natural ability to always see the best in others.

Head of School's Cup

The highest honor awarded by the school to a student is the engraving of his or her name on the Head of School's Cup, and the awarding of a prize cup established by Mrs. John Rumsey Sanford and her daughters, Mrs. Tankersley and Mrs. MacLeod, in memory of the founder of the school, Lillias Rumsey Sanford. Annually this honor and prize is awarded to that scholar, who by his or her attitude, conduct and

achievement has done the most to promote the best interests of Rumsey Hall, and who is held by the faculty to have exerted a consistent influence for good on his or her fellows.

Other End of Year Awards:

Effort List and Dean's List Prizes

Best Male and Female Track Athletes

Norm Couch Fishing Prize

Dorm Citizens of the Year

Sixth Form Batons

Departmental Awards

President's Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence and Achievement

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AS STATED IN YOUR SIGNED
ENROLLMENT CONTRACT**

I understand that until my obligation to pay the fees, tuition, and charges is fulfilled, the student may not be allowed to take final exams or participate in Commencement Exercises and may be denied credits earned, including those credits earned towards the fulfillment of the School's graduation requirements. I also understand that the student's term grades, comments and transcripts shall be withheld if I am not current on all payments due. I agree to pay the collection costs and reasonable attorney's fees in the event any action is brought to enforce collection of tuition, fees, and charges payable under this agreement. I understand further that interest at the rate of one (1) percent per month (12 percent annual rate) will be added to all accounts over 60 days old. The meaning and effect of this contract will be determined according to the laws of the State of Connecticut.

A transcript or records shall not be sent to any school or institution until all charges (including incidentals) have been paid in full."

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Student Dormitories:

Cutler Cottage	(860) 868-0535 ext. 170
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Commonly Used Numbers:

Hickory Stick Bookshop	(860) 868-0525
Kee Limousine	(860) 355-4509
Washington Pizza	(860) 868-0198
G.W. Restaurant	(860) 868-6633
Hidden Valley Eatery	(860) 619-0660
White Horse	(860) 868-1496
Washington Market	(860) 868-7351

SCHOOL SONG

Dear Old Rumsey

Down in the valley where the trout stream lies,
Dreams of my childhood days gone by,
Down where the Berkshire foothills end,
Lies not a school, but my dearest friends.

I want to go back to Dear Old Rumsey,
Hearin' ya' call, I'm comin' back to you next fall.
My home in the Glen, in the Shepaug Valley
Even though I was small then
I felt so tall when I went to Rumsey Hall.

Remember football, Clef Club, Red and Blue.
Effort List and Blackballs, too.
Since I've been away from you,
Life's been one long weekend blue. Please

Carry me back to Dear Old Rumsey.
I had a ball those lovely years I spent at Rumsey.
Down on the banks of the Bantam River.
Even though I was small then
I felt so tall when I went to Rumsey Hall--to Rumsey Hall.

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