



UPDATE - January 8, 2021

Happy New Year Stangs!

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL VANDERVEER



Hello RHS students and families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you had a restful and refreshing Winter Break.

As there are just a few weeks before Semester 1 ends on January 22, I wanted to share some important information and updates.

Student Grade & Assignment Information:

As you may know, different types of grade and assignment information are available in both Microsoft Teams and in Skyward. All teachers post their assignments to Teams so that the Guardian Digest can pull from Teams in order to generate each week's assignment information for families. However, Teams is not the definitive list of assignments and grades. **The official place to view your student's assignments, assessments, items that have been marked "missing", weekly grades, and semester grades is Skyward.** If you have questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher.

Clarification - Grade Reporting for the 2020-2021 School Year:

LWSD and RHS have been tracking student progress and grades during remote learning. In order to support students and the challenges they may be experiencing during this time, the District has issued new grade reporting

guidance. This will be in place for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters, as well as applying to any courses students take during Summer 2021.

Student grades at the end of the semester will still be reported as A, B, C, D.

However, the following changes have been made:

- An N/No Credit grade will replace F grades for the 2020-2021 school year. An "N" grade does not earn course credit towards graduation and is "GPA neutral," meaning that it does not get averaged into the GPA as a zero as an "F" would.

Grading Options that may be selected by a student's teacher:

- A P/Pass grade may be awarded in a course. A "P" grade is only appropriate in specific circumstances. A "P" grade is also GPA neutral, but may influence applications at colleges and universities.
- An I/Incomplete grade may be awarded in a course. An "I" grade is only appropriate in specific circumstances. Once a student resolves the incomplete, the "I" will be replaced with the updated course grade.

Take care and enjoy your weekend!

Jill VanderVeer
Principal, RHS

2021-22 COURSE SCHEDULE

Online Registration

Online registration information for the 2021-2022 school year

Students will learn about registration during homeroom on January 12th. Students will need to log into their Skyward account from home and input their course requests.

"In house" refers to registration of *current* 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. In house students may register online with Skyward any day or time between January 12 and January 26 at 3pm.

8th graders that are registering will not have an open window like in house students. Instead, RHS counselors are working with the middle schools and "going" to their classes on info day, and then again on submission day.

**Tuesday,
1/12** Homeroom

- Homeroom teachers will play the **2021-2022 Course Submission video** during homeroom for current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.
- Students will submit course requests in Skyward.
- The LAST day to enter course requests in Skyward will be **on Tuesday, 1/26 at 3 p.m.**

RHS SPORTS CONDITIONING



RHS is very excited to begin sports conditioning on January 11. The steps below are for students interested in this optional opportunity.

- All students will sign up for SPORTS CONDITIONING in [Final Forms](#) (this is SEPARATE from signing up for a particular sport which many have already done).
 - Your physical must be up to date.
 - All forms must be signed indicating you will follow all safety protocols.
 - You will need to select a 1st sport AND a 2nd sport in case your first choice does not have enough participants. You will be allowed to train with ONE sport only (one hour, two times per week).
- Sign-ups will need to be completed by Thursday, January 7. Any sign ups after January 7th won't be able to participate the first week but will be eligible to participate in subsequent weeks.
- Sessions will be held Monday & Wednesday OR Tuesday & Thursday. Your session will be 4:15pm to 5:15pm OR 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
- Students-athletes will be temperature checked and will attest to being symptom free prior to entering the facility.
- All workouts will take place on campus and OUTDOORS.
- Students and coaches will be required to wear masks before, during, and after workouts.
- Students will be assigned into pods of six (6). Coaches will communicate with pods by the evening of January 10, 2021 via Final Forms and/or e-mail.
- There is no fee for these work-outs.
- No spectators. In order to reduce the risk of exposure non-participants are not allowed at these workouts.

- Transportation will be offered from local elementary schools if needed. This will be a choice when filling out your form.

UPDATES FOR SENIORS

CLASS
of
2021

New: Your name on your RHS diploma

Seniors, watch for an important email asking you to verify (or make changes to) the way your name will appear on your graduation diploma. Deadline to reply to the email is **January 22**.

Cap & Gown order due Jan 31

Be sure and fill out the information on the contact card. Once you submit your contact card, you will be directed to the National Achiever/Herff Jones ordering website to order your cap and gown.

[Contact card for ordering cap & gown](#)

Cap & Gown Questions? Call National Achiever/Herff Jones at 425-357-1338.

Or email support@nationalachiever.com

If students cannot afford their gowns please reach out to Mrs. Zambrowsky-Huls for assistance through *RHS Help*.

Senior photos due Feb 1

Senior photos to be used as yearbook portraits: Photos should clearly show the students face and not include any other people. Students must follow dress code and no words should be added to the image. The photo must be in portrait format. Please keep in mind that the image will be fairly small so it should be a close up of the student. Please check image size before uploading. Our program will not allow large scale photos, 5"x7" photos are preferable with a resolution between 75 PPI and 300 PPI.

To submit a photo, use the link below. Select the image you want to share and fill in the student's information such as name, grade, and email. If guidelines are not followed, we will use the seniors school ID photo in the yearbook. If students have not taken a school ID photo and their senior photo does not meet the requirements listed above, they will not be pictured in the yearbook.

[Click here to submit photo](#)

Graduation date

Redmond High School's graduation is scheduled for **Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:00pm at the UW Alaska Airlines Arena**. Please note that this is still subject to change depending on safety/pandemic parameters this spring.

ELECTRONIC REPORT CARDS



New: Families now have the option to *opt out* of paper report cards and only receive them electronically. Instructions to do so and also how to retrieve the electronic version of report cards are attached.

Click [here](#) for instructions.

AP UPDATE



For current AP Students: If you have IEP or 504 accommodations, please remember that you must request accommodations from College Board for your upcoming AP testing. If you have not applied for approval through College Board, you will have to test without accommodations. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Zambrowsky-Huls and she can look up what accommodations, if any, have been approved for you. If you have been approved for accommodations on the SAT or PSAT, you are also approved for AP! The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2021**. If requests are submitted after this date, there's no guarantee accommodations will be approved or appropriate exam materials will be shipped in time for the exam. It does take us a few days to submit any requests, so the sooner you submit your request, the better!

Remember, these approvals are done exclusively through College Board. RHS or LSWD has no say in what accommodations will be approved.

EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

Covid-19 Updates

Did you know LWSD has an Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) team that has been working non-stop since the pandemic began to provide a safe environment for students and staff? The ECC, with help from other district leadership, has created and continually updates the [LWSD COVID-19 Safety Plan](#). This plan includes a collection of guidelines from federal, state and local agencies on how best to address safety concerns related to COVID-19. The safety plan is currently in use to keep our staff and students safe who are learning and/or working in-person. In addition, the ECC provides support in many ways including having responsive Leads who provide guidance, answer questions and respond to positive and suspected cases in LWSD buildings. Leads include: Attestation & Screening, Communications, Custodial, Medical, PPE, and Security. The ECC Lead coordinates team actions and leads positive case responses.

An essential part of the COVID-19 Safety Plan is that each district building has their own COVID-19 Safety Team, which includes a Medical Coordinator (nurse) and is supported by the ECC. Each building COVID-19 Safety Team is put in place to help implement our safety policies and procedures at their specific site. Our Medical Coordinators' deep knowledge and professional medical experience make them an invaluable resource during this pandemic. Refer to this section in each edition of this newsletter for any changes to our COVID-19 Safety Plan. The most recent edition to our Safety Plan includes an updated definition of "close contact" as well as the Symptom Flow Chart our district uses.

[Click here to view the LWSD COVID-19 Safety Plan.](#)

YES SUPPORTS LWSD STUDENTS



Youth Eastside Services support groups are available for LWSD high school and middle school students at no cost for the 2020-2021 school year (all virtual). Click [here](#) for list of support classes offered for students.

YES also offers Fee-For-Service Agency based groups of classes and services available for students and families.

Click [here](#) for list of available **Community Resources**, such as Youth Support & Programs, Counseling (Mental Health and Drug/Alcohol), Support Groups & Help Lines.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION



For families of students:

Student mental health & suicide prevention

School breaks can open up a whirlwind of different emotions for students. The change in structure or loss of traditions, in an already odd year, can be tough for some students that may be already struggling. We want to share the following resources from the UW Forefront project. Here are some tips specific for parents/guardians, should you find that your student is struggling with mental health or thoughts of suicide.

[Safety steps to keep your family healthy](#)

More local resources can be found here:

[Resources from Evergreen](#)

[Mental health resources](#)

RHS Counseling team

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

We want your input!

RHS Equity Team Parent Outreach Survey

Thank you to the parents who responded so far. We really appreciate your input! We would love to see a higher participation rate. Please feel free to share this survey with other RHS parents in the community.

The RHS equity team is comprised of 29 certificated and classified staff members from every department in the school. Centering our work is the goal to make our school more equitable—a place where students, no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or ability, are able to access what they need to be successful. Specifically, this year one of our vehicles for this will be to engage the community more in our equity efforts. This survey is for info gathering purposes only.

Click [here](#) for survey.

PLAYGROUNDS, TRACKS, FIELDS



All LWSD playgrounds, tennis courts and tracks are open to the public on evenings and weekends. These will be closed to the public during the school day from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

All LWSD fields remain closed 7 days a week / 24 hours a day.

This is in accordance with city, county and state guidance.

Reminders:

- Large, organized activities are not allowed.
- Play is limited to groups of 5 or fewer.
- Face coverings and 6 feet physical distancing are required.
- Hands should be washed after play.
- Please note that some elementary schools have childcare on site until 6:00 pm. so play structures may be in use until that time.

LWSD will update our communities as more facilities become open to the public. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to slow the transmission of Covid-19.

WEATHER EVENTS & SERVICE OUTAGES



What to expect: Weather events & internet/service Outages

We know that our Pacific Northwest weather can be unpredictable. Please take a few minutes to review the information below so you know what to expect when there is a weather event or power outage during a school day.

Power and internet outages:

If a student/teacher experiences a power or internet outage:

- Contact your teacher or school to report the outage.

- If you lose power or connection during a Microsoft Teams class session and you are unable to connect, you should attempt to connect as soon as a connection is available.
- If your teacher is suddenly absent without notification from a Microsoft Teams class, you should leave the session and re-enter after 15 minutes. If the teacher is still absent from Microsoft Teams you may end class.
- The teacher will follow up with individual students or the class as soon as possible.
- You should take note of asynchronous activities you could do without an internet connection.
- You can also continue to work on previously assigned classwork.

Weather events (snow days)

Snow days during remote learning will work differently than a normal school year. If snow or inclement weather affects a school day, remote instruction will continue and in-person students receiving special services will shift to all remote learning for that day. There will not be late starts due to snow or weather events.

Announcements will be made to staff and families via our SchoolMessenger system (by phone, email, and by text messaging for those signed up), district website posting, and social media postings. We will also use FlashAlert.net, which reports directly to local media and provides text alerts to anyone who signs up.

COUNSELING NEWS



Want to make an appointment? RHS counselors want to let you know that **our appointment book is now up and running**. Need to talk to your counselor? Book a virtual appointment with your counselor! The process is all online and very simple.

- Go to our website, [RHS Counseling Center](#)
- Click on the BOOK HERE link at the top of the page, right hand side
- Find your counselor, fill in the questions, make an appointment that is convenient for you.

All meetings will be conducted through Microsoft Teams. Once you make an appointment, you will get an email invite for the meeting with the appropriate link to the Teams meeting. Questions? Reach out to your counselor.

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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

How to report an Absence

Reporting an Absence:

School attendance has always been important. Research has shown a correlation between student attendance and student graduation.

If your child is unable to attend school on either a synchronous or asynchronous day, please contact the school to report the absence. Each school has an "Attendance Line" phone number or email address for families to use to report the absence as excused. You can reach our school at rhsattend@lwsd.org. Or leave a message by phone at 425-936-1810.

[To see complete attendance information, click here.](#)

Informar de una ausencia:

La asistencia a la escuela siempre ha sido importante. Las investigaciones han demostrado una correlación entre la asistencia de los estudiantes y la graduación de los estudiantes.

Si su hijo no puede asistir a la escuela en un día sincrónico o asincrónico, comuníquese con la escuela para reportar la ausencia. Cada escuela tiene un número de teléfono o una dirección de correo electrónico de "Línea de Asistencia" para que las familias la usen para reportar la ausencia como excusada. Puede comunicarse con nuestra escuela en rhsattend@lwsd.org o llame al 425-936-1810.

[Para ver la información completa de asistencia, haga clic aquí.](#)

RHS CALENDAR

Coming Up....

Jan 11: Sports conditioning begins

Jan 12: Homeroom presentation about 2021-22 online registration

Jan 13: Virtual Future Freshmen Parent Night, RHS website (Counseling) 5 pm

Jan 18: MLK Jr. Day / No school

Jan 22: Last day of 1st Semester

Jan 22: Seniors: deadline for verifying your name on your diploma

Jan 26: PSAT / NMSQT for 11th graders

Jan 26: 2021-22 online registration closes

Jan 31: Seniors - Cap & Gown orders due

Feb 1: Seniors - Photos due for the yearbook

Feb 11-12: No school - Mid-Winter Break

Feb 15: No school - Presidents Day

TECH HELP AT RHS



For software issues, students should contact ftaccess@lwsd.org or phone 425-936-1322 for the Family Technology Access support line. This line includes automated call back and/or automated VM options as well as language interpretive services during our 7am - 7pm support 7 days a week.

For hardware issues, Redmond High offers in-person tech help. To access this service, use the driveway east of the main entrance labeled *Deliveries and Staff Only*. Park your car next to the sign for the library, and wearing a mask, walk up to the back door of the library. Note: this is an outdoor service, so *come dressed for the weather*. We are open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

If students forget their computer password – go to the RHS Library Teams page or email the library at Library-RHS@lwsd.org

If students forget their Skyward password – go to Skyward and click on “Forgot Password”

For help with parent access to district tools – Email parentquestions@lwsd.org

WINTER GROUPS FOR LWSO STUDENTS



A message from Julie George our RHS EvergreenHealth social worker: We are facilitating new virtual drop-in groups for both students and parents. Please take a look at our flyer and let me know if you have any questions. Remember that I'm also available to meet virtually for individual social/emotional support. Let your counselor know if you want some extra support or email me directly at c-jgeorge@lwsd.org.

Click [here](#) to see the flyer and for more information.

*Julie George, LICSW
School-based Social Worker*

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



Live Wednesdays

LWSD Career Panels

Live links to each session can be found in the calendar section of the College & Career Center website:

<https://rhs.lwsd.org/counseling/career-center>

- 1/13/21 WANIC General @ 12
- 1/13/21 WANIC DigiPen @ 1:30
- 1/27/21 Computer Science @1:30
- 2/3/21 Forensics @ 1:30
- 2/10/21 Health @ 1:30
- 2/17/21 Art @ 1:30
- 2/24/21 Psychology/Counseling @ 1:30
- 3/3/21 Food Careers @ 1:30
- 3/10/21 Engineering @ 1:30
- 3/17/21 Business/Consulting @ 1:30
- 3/24/21 Law & Politics @ 1:30
- 3/31/21 First Responders @ 1:30

Interested in WANIC for the 2021-2022 school year?

What is WANIC? WANIC is the **Washington Network for Innovative Careers**. The WANIC Skill Center offers high quality tuition-free technical and professional training for high school Juniors and Seniors. These year-long, advanced-level Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are based on rigorous academic and industry standards and prepare students for career and college readiness. WANIC programs offer dual credit opportunities (both high school and college credit) and/or lead to industry certifications. Programs are designed in three period blocks allowing extended time to not only learn the theory of a subject, but to also get authentic hands-on lab experience. All classes earn Occupation Education high school credits and may offer other course equivalencies towards high school graduation requirements. Online registration will open on February 2, 2021.

Classes include:

- Automotive Technology
- Cisco Networking
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Careers
- DigiPen Art & Animation
- DigiPen Music & Sound Design
- DigiPen Video Game Programming
- Fire & EMS
- Health Science Careers/Nursing
- Medical Careers
- Sports Medicine

To learn More about the WANIC program- please join us for 2 upcoming "Live Wednesday" events. This is open to students & parents.

WANIC presentation: Wednesday January 13 at 12 noon. Live link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9bgfzro>

Digipen presentation: Wednesday January 13 at 1:30 pm. Live link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8sswmw2>

Questions? Contact Andrea Cothran at acothran@lwsd.org

