

# RedHawk Express

April 11, 2021



## Adjusting to Change

The full return of students to RHS has been postponed for at least 2 weeks according to the Government of New Brunswick. The decision will be revisited on April 23 and just like today we will adjust to the decision at that time. Our students have proven time and again that they can move forward with almost constant change and we are very proud of them for doing so.

There is no doubt that this news was very disappointing to most students who looked forward to attending classes with all their friends and peers. We understand your disappointment and hope that we will be together soon enough.

## School Wide Events

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing some school wide surveys, provincial assessments and even some filming of an orientation video for future RedHawks. Here is a sampling of a few.

1. **Tell Them from Me** – ALL students will be completing a survey during P4 classes on Mon Apr 12 and Tues Apr 13. This survey provides data on student experience and perceptions of school. The data from these surveys often guides decisions at the provincial level.
2. **English Language Proficiency Assessment/Re-Assessment (ELPA/R)** – For ALL Grade 9 students and a small number of Grade 11/12 students who might have missed the assessment during their grade 9 year. This is a reading comprehension test, done online. We will complete this during P1 & 2 on Tues April 20 & Wed April 21. (Information is attached on Page 3)
3. **Hybrid Learning Survey (Q3)** – Will be completed over the next two weeks to gather data on the successes and challenges of our current learning model.
4. **Grade 10 FSL Reading Assessment** – All Grade 10 students will complete this assessment in May. Stay tuned for more details closer to the time.

## Weekly Schedule

Apr 12-16

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – NO SCHOOL

Thursday – A-K

Friday – L-Z

Apr 19-23

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

## Upcoming Events

April 12 & 13 → Report Cards Issued in Homeroom

Wed April 14 (9am–12pm)

Thurs April 15 (4-6pm) → Virtual Parent Teacher Conf.

POSTPONED → Class of 2021 Graduation Planning Meeting

# Supporting Your Students @Home

## Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wed. April 14 (9am to 12pm) & Thurs. April 15 (4-6pm) on TEAMS.  
You can schedule 10-minute conferences with as many teachers as you require. Here is how you book and how you can prepare.

- 1) Click on this link and follow the directions – [BOOKING LINK](#)
- 2) Ensure you have the TEAMS app downloaded to your phone or tablet. NOTE: If you are using a laptop or desktop computer you can simply click on the link to join the meeting.
- 3) Review parent portal (PowerSchool) to review grades to determine which teachers you may need to see. Remember to click on the grades to see if there are missing assignments or signs of difficulty.

\*NOTE: If you had trouble with TEAMS and would like a phone interview instead please include a request on the booking form.

## Reminders and Celebrations

**Teacher Appreciation** → Our hardworking PSSC is coordinating a Teacher Appreciation Event this Wednesday. If you would like to contribute, they are still look for items to add to the goodie bags being created for all staff. You can contact [liz.tait@oakvillelanedental.com](mailto:liz.tait@oakvillelanedental.com) for more details. The staff of RHS is so appreciative of this event and grateful we could wait until we were in the Yellow!

**School Clothing** → Moving forward we will be working Estey's to launch an online RHS clothing store and it will be ready for summer 2021! In the meantime, our own Marcus Blanchard, Class of 2021, will be selling school clothing online and in person here at school. The website is here <http://mb-design-supply.square.site/> and the flyer is on page 4.

**Grad Events**– The variants have thrown a wrench into any forward planning at this stage but for the sake of coordinating grad week here are some firm dates.

- Grad BBQ & Yearbook Signing – Friday June 18
- RHS Grad's Choice Awards – Tuesday June 22 (Formal Attire)
- Outdoor Graduation Ceremony – Thursday June 24

**Theme Days** → **Change of plans!**

Looking ahead to April 12 -16 the SRC invites students to prepare outfits Thursday April 15 (Ultimate Red & White Day Part 1) and Friday April 16 (ULTIMATE Red & White Day Part 2)

**45 School Days until Graduation!**  
The countdown is on...



## **ELPA/R - Message for students, parents, and guardians:**

The *English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment (ELPA/R)* is normally administered during the high school exam period in January. This year, at the request of the school districts, it has been delayed and will be administered between **April 19 and May 5**. *At RHS it will be done on April 20 & 21.*

The *ELPA/R* is an assessment of student reading comprehension skills. It is compulsory for all Grade 9 students and is a graduation requirement unless an exemption is granted. Students who are unsuccessful or who missed the assessment in Grade 9 may participate again in Grade 11 and Grade 12, if necessary.

This year will be the first time the *ELPA/R* will be delivered online. In preparation, a short practice test will be available beginning on April 6. Students will be able to access this from school or home as often as they wish. This will provide the opportunity for students to become familiar with the assessment format and to explore the available accommodations. *Students at RHS will complete the practice session with their teachers between April 12 - 16.*

Please ensure that students:

- check their devices prior to April 6 to be certain they meet the technical requirements of the online platform – Internet Explorer will NOT work – most other browsers will work!
- alert the school if they do not have access to a suitable device so that alternative measures may be taken.
- bring their devices to school on the day of the assessment fully charged and with a charger.
- explore the practice test in preparation for the assessment.

**This assessment may not be completed on a smartphone.**

**The *ELPA* must be written while students are at school.**

For this year only, Grade 9 students who are unable to come to the school during the administration period will participate in the assessment in Grade 10. For information about available accommodations and conditions for exemption, please consult the [Protocols for Accommodations and Exemptions Guideline](#).

### **Content**

To ensure alignment with our provincial standards, a review committee of New Brunswick educators selected the content of the assessment. Students have 90 minutes to complete the assessment, with up to 90 extra minutes, if needed.

#### **Text Types:**

- 4 Literary texts
- 4 Informational texts

#### **Question Types:**

- Literal Responses 20%
- Inferential/Interpretive Responses 60%
- Personal/Critical/Evaluative Responses 20%

### **How are the results reported?**

Students receive individual reports. In addition, results for each school and school district are published on EECD's website, under [Reports on Achievement](#).

### **Where can I find more information?**

Information about the *ELPA/R* can be found on the Education and Early Childhood Development website under [Assessment and Evaluation \(High School\)](#).



# Rothesay High School Spring Sale



**Logo Jersey Shirt**  
Available Size: Sm - XL

**\$15**



**Logo T-Shirt**  
Available Size: Sm - XL

**\$12**



**RHS Men's Jacket**  
Available Size: Sm - XL

**\$35**



**RHS Ladie's Jacket**  
Available Size: Sm - XL

**\$35**



**Logo Mask**  
2 Ply \* Nose Piece \*  
Adjustable Loops

**\$5**



**RHS Bag**

**\$10**



**Kindness Bracelets**

**\$3 Each**  
**2 For \$5**



**Rothesay High  
Signature Bracelet**

**\$5**



**Rothesay High  
Sticker**

**\$3**



**Marcus Blanchard  
Custom Sticker**

**\$3**



**Sticker Pack**

**\$5**



**Combo Pack**

**\$10**



**RHS Bundle**

**\$20**



**On The Go Bundle**

**\$13**



**RHS Swag**

**\$18**

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