

RedHawk Express

February 7, 2021



Graduation 2021

With less than 82 school days left until Graduation Week it is time to start discussing how things are going to look for this year. Memos will be coming home with grads this week with specifics, but we are certain that any form of large gathering will not be possible by June. This means that Graduation 2021 will look very similar to graduation 2020.

On Thursday June 24, 2021 graduating students will all have a personalized walk across the front steps of RHS with family watching from the bus lane as they receive their high school diploma and other awards. This format for graduation was very well received across the district last year with many parents suggesting we consider making the format permanent.

In order to enrich the Graduation experience we will be working on;

- An Extra-Curricular Awards Video Ceremony.
- A Formal Graduation Video with speeches & major awards
- A Final Day at School for the whole Class of 2021 inside RHS

The obvious omissions from this line up of events are Prom and Safe Grad. While we will continue to brainstorm alternatives that meet with Public Health guidelines this is disappointing news for our graduates. I will be hosting a TEAMS meeting for interested parents on Tuesday Feb 16 at 6pm to consider any new ideas that I can vet through Public Health. If you would like to be included in that meeting please e-mail me - christina.barrington@nbed.nb.ca

Please rest assured that we will be working hard with our Grad Class Executive and our RHS staff to make Graduation 2021 all that it can be. What I know for certain is that we will make each graduate feel as unique and special as we know they are and they will not be left wanting.

Weekly Schedule Feb 8-12 (Adjusted)

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

Feb 15-19

Monday – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

Upcoming Events

Thurs Feb 11 & Fri Feb 12 =

Pink and Red Days

Monday Feb 15 – *Family Day*

Supporting Your Students @Home

COVID Orange Phase restrictions remain in place at RHS and some students are starting to feel COVID fatigue with masks and physical distancing. This week I am asking parents and guardians to discuss the following with their students to support the work of our staff in keeping students safe;

1. **Downloading the COVID-19 App:** please help your teen understand the importance of accurate contact tracing, especially in light of the arrival of the UK variant. The App can make contact tracing faster and far more accurate!
2. **Mask Wearing** – Students must always wear their masks with the exception of when they are eating. They can only eat in homeroom and at lunch time – during both times they should be at least 6ft apart. Teachers continue to remind students of this distancing requirement.
3. **Washroom Limits** – we have limited the use of student washrooms to one person at a time. This change is in place due to the fact that groups of students were found consistently in washrooms without masks on and not practicing physical distancing. We require parental support with this rule as those found breaching the rules could be suspended.

Reminders and Celebrations

SNOW DAYS → A reminder that should we have a SNOW Day the students who would have attended on that date will come the next day. For example – should we have a snow day on Tuesday of this week the L-Z students would then come on Wednesday and A-K students would not return to school until Thursday.



Profile Pictures & On-Screen Backgrounds for Live Calls – A reminder to all students that your profile picture on TEAMS should be school appropriate. TEAMS is an extension of your classroom and as such is subject to the same expectations we would have around your behaviour in school. Offensive pictures or slogans used in this space could result in limits on your student accounts and further consequences. When in doubt – have your parents/guardians approve your choice. The same expectations exist around what is viewable on screen when you choose to turn your camera on – please consider using the “blur background” feature if you cannot find an ideal spot for your daily calls.

Celebrate – Thank you to the SRC and parent Liz Tait for helping to decorate our halls for the start of Semester 2. We realise that we do not get to celebrate much this year but we can celebrate successfully managing an entire semester spanning Yellow, Orange, Red phases and even a positive case at RHS! Students are all to be commended for persevering.

SRC Events – Red and Pink Days will be held this Thursday and Friday. Students can also look forward to the release of our own “Bachelorette” video the following week.

82 School Days until Graduation.
The countdown is on...



Struggling to help your High School Student stay on track?

Let our "Off Days" High School Support Program
help save their grades and your sanity!

PROFESSIONAL TUTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
KV OASIS YOUTH CENTER
STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021, FROM 9 AM - 3 PM

Healthy Lunch will be provided
Email dev@kvoasis.com or
call (506) 847-2383 to register