

**Hello Demon Families! This is Principal Freeman with your weekly update! I hope that everyone is having a great weekend! I also hope that everyone was able to uplift and celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. by attending one of the many special events through Monday, or engage in an act of service, whether organized or random – they all make an impact! Please remember that every day at school is important and we hope to see all students at school all week.**

**R.J. Reynolds  
High School**



#### **VISION**

RJR is the place where everyone wants to be.

#### **MISSION**

RJR fosters an inclusive space that informs, inspires, and empowers through academics, arts, and athletics. We equip and support students to achieve their dreams.

#### **VALUES**

We build relationships that are empathetic and inclusive.  
We believe that growth is essential.  
We value the interconnectedness of our community.



### **Topic**

### **Specifics**

#### **News and Notes:**



**“The time is always right to do what’s right.”- MLK, Jr.**

- **As we close out the 2nd quarter, 1st semester, and prepare for exams and EOCs, please strongly encourage your students to utilize extended learning (ELP) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for additional help and to make up any missed assignments and work as allowed by their teachers.**

## **BANK OF AMERICA** **Looking for High School Student Leaders**

- Bank of America Student Leaders program has provided more than 3,500 community-minded high school juniors and seniors with tangible work experience, leadership development, financial education, and service. Students get first-hand experience in serving their communities through a paid eight-week summer internship with nonprofits in their local community. They also get to see how nonprofits, governments and businesses collaborate to meet local needs by participating in the national Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. To learn more and to apply at: [www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders)

The deadline for submitting applications for the 2024 program year is 11:59 pm eastern time on Wednesday, January 17th.

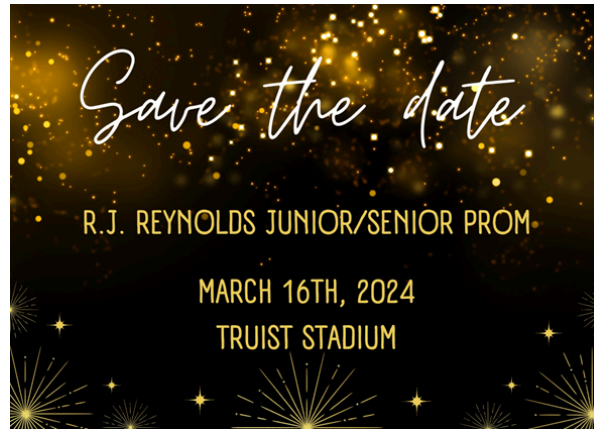


[RJR Fall 2023-24 Exam Schedule.pdf \(wsfcs.k12.nc.us\)](#)

### [General Exam Information](#)

- PowerSchool Parent Portal: Stay on top of your students' attendance, grades and assignments by setting up your PowerSchool Parent Portal account.
- Pre Order your yearbook until January 15th.  
[www.Yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.Yearbookordercenter.com) School order code= 10595  
Senior tribute ads are on sale until January 20th while supplies last.

- Yearbook is hosting an art competition for current RJR students, and the winner will get a \$100 gift card. The deadline is February 1st and details are on the RJR website.



#### Seniors:

In this month's scholarship newsletter, there are several scholarships that have links to documents/applications for applying.

See the newsletter [here](#). Pay particular attention to the People Helping People scholarship through the SECU. You must start that application by following these [procedures](#).

As always, please adhere to application procedures and deadlines and reach out if you need help.

#### Attendance:

Attendance Matters! Attend. Achieve.

#### Exam Exemptions:

**In non-state end-of-course exam classes only, students in grades 9-12 may be exempted from the final exam in a one-unit of credit semester block course, a two-unit of credit year-long block course, or a one-unit year long course with a grade of "A" and no more than five (5) unexcused absences during the school year, a grade of "B" and no more than three (3) unexcused absences during the school year, or a grade of "C" and zero (0) unexcused absences during the school year.**

**Please note when counting absences, that excused absences do not impact a student's ability to qualify for an exam exemption, only UNEXCUSED absences count.**

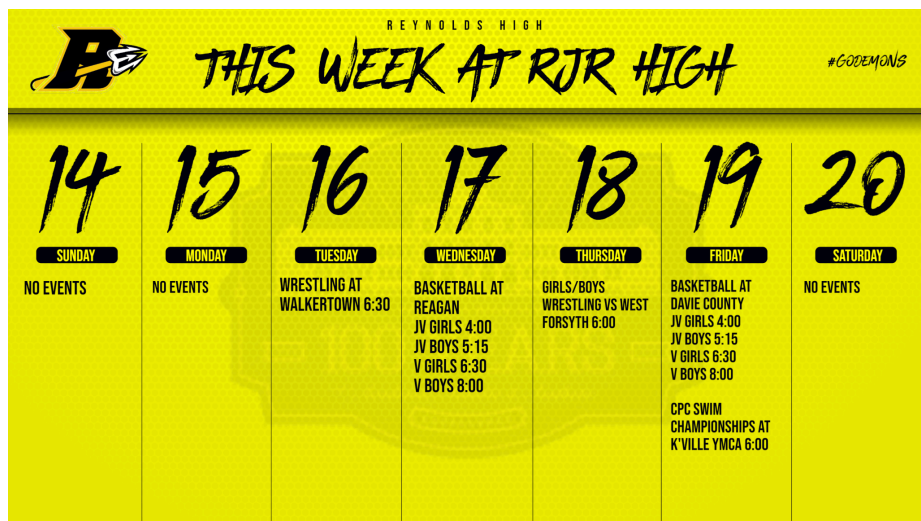
**Also, students are NOT exempted from EOC exams (English 2, Math 1, Math 3 and Biology), regardless of grades and attendance.**

**Bus Stop  
Information:**

To check on your current bus stop or to request a bus stop, click on the link below. You will need the correct spelling of the student's last name and their student id number, also known as the student lunch number.

[CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A NEW BUS STOP OR CHECK ON YOUR CURRENT ONE.](#)

**Athletics:**



**Important Info:**

- **Tickets** – ALL tickets will be sold through Go Fan. **NO cash ticket purchases for any home contest at RJ Reynolds. - We only accept credit/debit cards.** Please help spread this information to your coaches and parents. Links to our athletic contests can be found prior to contests using this link <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC1938>
- **WS/FCS Clear Bag** -procedures are for all home events. There is a sign at each location for what is allowable inside. <https://wsfcsathleticzone.com/clear-bag-policy/>
- **NFHS Streaming** – Contests in the main stadium and gymnasium are streamed through the NFHS Network using this link: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/reynolds-r-j-high-school-winstonsalem-nc>

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Monday, January 15th-**  
**MLK, Jr. Holiday**

**Tuesday, January 16th-**  
**SIT Meeting 4:00pm- Media Center**

**Wednesday, January 17th-**

**Thursday, January 18th-**  
**1st Period Exam/EOC**

**Friday, January 19th-**  
**Happy Friday!**  
**2nd Period Exam/EOC**

**Thank you for your time this evening! We look forward to seeing you bright and early Tuesday morning at R.J. Reynolds HS, where we are All In at the place where everyone wants to be!**