

Hello Demon Families! This is Principal Freeman with your weekly update! I hope everyone has enjoyed the full 4-day weekend! Last Wednesday marked the last day of the 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester. Starting Monday, students will begin their journey into our 2nd semester. I am looking forward to the fresh start that a new quarter brings on! 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:

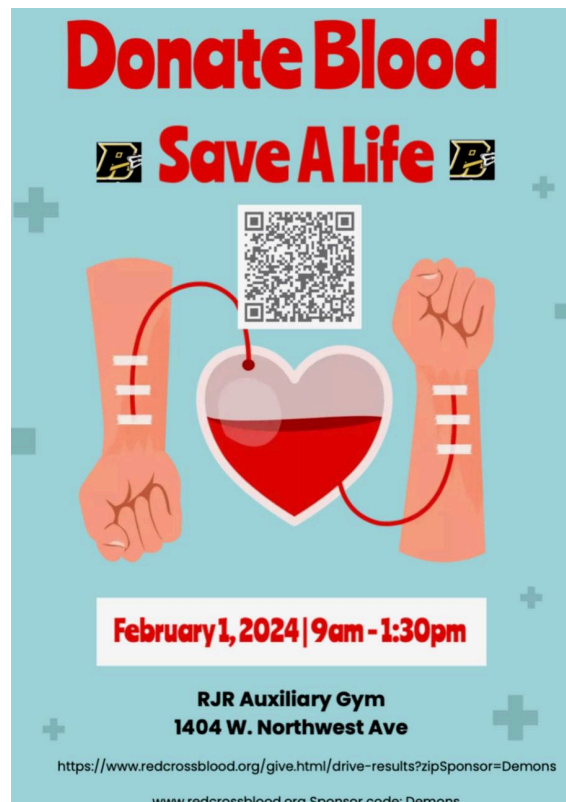
R.J. Reynolds High School has been named a National Merit School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools. This designation is based on our demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme.



ACCESS testing will begin this week. It is a state required test for our multilingual learners. ACCESS measures what students know and can do in English in the domains of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. This test requires 4 separate administrations for each ML student. We will begin testing on January 31st and will finish testing by the end of February.

January 31st is the absolute last day to order senior tribute ads for the yearbook. Order yours at yearbookordercenter.com with code 10595. Yearbooks can be ordered from the same link. Contact Stephanie Walters if you have questions.

Student IDs will be distributed in homerooms this week. Even if they are absent during the scheduled homeroom times, students should go by their homeroom at some point to pick it up from their teacher. Homeroom teachers are also the ones who received any ordered school pictures. Please direct photo ordering questions to Strawbridge Photography.



- **PowerSchool Parent Portal: Stay on top of your students' attendance, grades and assignments by setting up your PowerSchool Parent Portal account.**

- 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:

A photographer from Strawbridge Studios will be at our school on 2/8/2024 to photograph our Cap & Gown pictures.

Please see the digital poster and a digital price flyer on our website and social media. Included below is a link that will allow parents to sign up to receive updates via email.

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/clients/r-j-reynolds-high-school/cap-gown-pictures-2-8-2024/optIn>

Happy end of 1st semester! Attached is a scholarship newsletter that highlights RJR specific scholarships that can be applied to through the One-Stop Application on WS Foundation. There will be a second newsletter with "direct apply" RJR scholarships in the next few weeks.

Remember that the FAFSA is now open! Also, please request mid-year transcripts if you need them (they are not automatically sent) and follow procedures at colleges closely (some require you to self-report midyear grades).

Please reach out to Student Services if you need assistance!

Attendance:


Attendance Matters! Attend. Achieve.

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:

<div>  REYNOLDS HIGH THIS WEEK AT RJR HIGH #GODEMONS </div>						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO EVENTS	TRACK AT JOL MEET 5:00	BASKETBALL AT PARKLAND JV BOYS 4:30 V GIRLS 6:00 V BOYS 7:30	NO EVENTS	DIVING REGIONALS AT GAC	BASKETBALL VS GLENN HALL OF FAME NIGHT JV BOYS 4:30 V GIRLS 6:00 V BOYS 7:30 TRACK AT JOL MONDO ELITE EVENT SWIMMING REGIONALS AT GAC GIRLS WRESTLING REGIONALS AT AL BROWN	TRACK AT JOL CONTINUED GIRLS WRESTLING REGIONALS CONTINUED

Congratulations to our Girls' Wrestling Team on their Runner Up finish in the Midwest Regionals this past Saturday!

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 29th-
Start of Third Quarter/Second Semester

Tuesday, January 30th-

Wednesday, January 31st-
ACCESS Testing Begins for Multilingual Learners

Thursday, February 01st-

Friday, February 02nd-
Happy Friday!
RJR Hall of Fame Inductions

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