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RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING 2019 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

RBR AOIT Seniors Man BucIT Help Desk In Support of RBR 1 to 1 technology initiative

“Bring us Computers in Trouble” or BucIT for short, is the name and the mantra of the RBR student-staffed chrome book help desk created this year to support RBR’s 1 to 1 technology program. This initiative, which brought Chromebooks to every student in school, often prompted the question, “What happens when these computers break?”

The RBR District Network Administrator, John Daniels, recently addressed that question, stating, “Last year when we rolled out the Chromebooks for the freshman class, we started to look ahead to a full 1 to 1 deployment for every student. We knew that would require more attention because the Chromebook was now a daily necessity in the classroom. Together with Jeremy Milonas and Mandy Galante the outline of a help desk initiative was created. Mr. Milonas approached students in AOIT and they were immediately onboard ready to put their tech skills to work.”

All the senior AOIT students, 18 in all, responded to the call. Their teacher, Mr. Milonas, created an ongoing Google sheet to schedule everyone’s shifts (two a shift) at a kiosk in the media center during lunch and study. Media Specialist April Bunn oversees the BucIT students. She assigns them the malfunctioning books she collects from students during the school day. She also lends out replace-

ment books to students while their computer issues are addressed by the BucIT team.

Jeremy Milonas reports, “The more complicated problems such as a screen breakage are referred back to the schools IT department. But more than 80% of the problems with the computers are fixed by our kids.”

Nick Principe jocularly comments, “It took me a while to figure out that some people are just not good with technology. They think I am a genius when sometimes I just turn the power button on and off a couple of times.” (Seriously), Nick adds, “Mostly we had battery, keyboard or Wi-Fi connectivity issues. The students can come into the media center and sit there while we diagnose the problems.”

John Daniels adds, “The BucITs have been a tremendous asset to the IT department. Having them on board has freed up IT staff to focus on other more complex day-to-day issues.”

In addition to the great service the BucIT group is doing for the school’s IT department as well as the student population, Jeremy Milonas sees another practical value to their experience.

He states, “It is a great opportunity for the student to learn to interact with clients from a help desk point of view.”



RBR BucIT team members Nick Principe and Emilis Riauba fix a student Chromebook battery as part of their Help Desk services supporting RBR’s one to one technology initiative this year.

While Jeremy Milonas organized the group this year as an elective course to receive community service hours for the shifts they fill during the school year, next year there are plans to run BucIT as a mandatory course. The course will take place during the mod hours and will carry one credit and a pass/fail grade

THANK YOU TO OUR CITIZENS REFERENDUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE!



RBR wishes to extend a special thank you to the hard-working and amazing members of our Citizens Referendum Advisory Committee, which aided the Board of Education in publicizing the December 11 Referendum. Their work was truly invaluable! They included: Cathy Blato, Laney Chace, Jill Eisenbraun, Maura Galligan, Carrie Glynn, Ann Goldman, Teresa Habns Hottmann, Patty Humes, Michael Kelly, Claudia Kelly, Kelly Cullen, Michele Lane, Jennifer McCabe, Peggy Mercereau, Susan Murray, Marilyn Pearlman, Mary Ellen Maida, Regina Cochrane, Jennier Salvo, Norma Jean Swiss, Amy Brynes, Meg Gerth, Rosie and Eric Perry, Jill Burden, Melissa Lemus and Christina Ryan. Some of our committee members are pictured left with our board members and administrators.

UPDATE ON BUILDING PROJECT

Over the past few months, a staff advisory committee with broad representation was established. In addition, we have reconstituted the Citizen’s Advisory Committee on the referendum to also advise on the ongoing building project. The staff committee met with Architect Joe DeCario to view the project plans and made an onsite visit to the Morristown High School to see recently renovated learning spaces. Our architect will be revising the plans based on input from our community and will share the updated plans this spring. We will need to submit final plans to the state this summer and expect to go out to bid for bonds in the fall.

We Celebrate our Students' Amazing

College Board Recognized Scholars:

Hannah Gazdus was one of 15,000 students nationwide selected as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. That represents the top 1% of over 1.5 million that take the PSAT in their junior year, upon which this scholarship is based. She will now com-



pete for the scholarship from which 7,500 students are selected. Additionally, **Paul Bikker, Maria Fotopoulos,** and **Brendan Loftus,** were recognized as National Merit Program Commended Scholars. Commended Scholars represent the top 2.5% of the 1.5 million students who took the exam. Additionally, **Amy Gardner,** and **Liam Landree** were recognized as 2018 College Board National Hispanic Scholars. These students were invited to apply to this program as they scored in the top 2.5% on their PSAT among all Hispanic and Latino test takers in the RBR region.

Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars were also honored in several categories:

•2018 AP Scholar with Distinction: **Hannah Gazdus** and **Dean Hottmann.**



These students achieved an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on 5 exams

•2018 AP Scholar with Honor: **Paul Bikker** and **Craig Scharmann.** These students achieved an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams.

•2018 AP Scholar Award: **Aidan Gilmartin, Matthew Izzo, Charlotte Jansky, Page Lootsma, Meghan Murray, Julia Schneider** and **Tyler Schwinn.** These students achieved a score of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams.

RBR Academic Letter Recipients

RBR awards a varsity letter to their academic superstars who have achieved high honor roll for all four semesters in the previous school year.



One special group of seniors within the varsity letter recipients were recognized for receiving straight As from their freshman through their junior years of high school, and, therefore, the proud recipients of three varsity letters. They were: **Amy Gardner, Charlotte Jansky, Page Lootsma, Lauren Marcolus, Kelly O'Donnell** and **Christina Wichmann.**

Other academic varsity letter recipients include: Seniors: **Jack Davis, Hannah Gazdus, Cori Martin, Sophie Navarro, Hannah Nishiura, Nicholas Principe, Julia Schneider.**

Juniors: **Ellie Chrampanis, Grace Conway, Anna Cuozzo, Eric Deykerhoff, Nettie Gaeta, Liva Helt, Julia Kirkpatrick, Alyssa McAvoy, Jack McCabe, Kiera McCarthy, Elizabeth Norton, Olivia Rogers, Benjamin Smelas, Michael Tobin, Katherine Villaluz, Sam Wasserfall, Kyle Weisman, Kira Dunnican, Tor Haugenes, Tess Hintelmann, Aron Wiener**

Sophomores: **Mathew Blankly, Luke Chrampanis, Elliott Colella, Alexa Dandrea, Grace Davidson, Natalie DellaRagione, Jack Drucker, Eleanor Fields, Ava Forbes, Hope Goldsmith, Gabrielle Jamieson, Georgia Landree, Owen Laughlin, Alex Lopez Luna, Elisabeth Maguire, Cara McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Ryan McGee, Margaret Mullaney, Cara Ostrowski, Christopher Paolino, William Paterno, Melinda Peters, Molly Sauer, Emily Sullivan, Bridget Thomas.**

RBR AOIT Team Takes Second Place in New



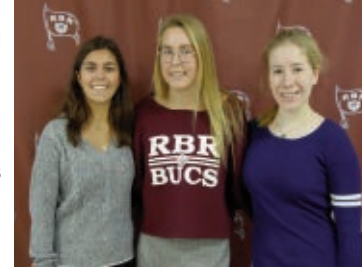
Jersey CyberPatriot State Championship

The team members include: **Sean O'Marra, Captain; Steven White, Rafael Martinez, Matthew Swaggerty, Matthew Izzo,** and **Dennis Dayan.**

RBR Female Cyber Security Team Wins Girls Go Cyberstart/Cisco Essay Contest

RBR technology students were among four teams in the nation that won the first annual Girls Go Cyberstart/ Cisco Essay Contest. **Mackenzie**

Wood, Tess Hintelmann,; and **Alessandra Swart,** who composed Team Bucaroo. The girls won an all-expense paid trip to the three-day professional cybersecurity conference in Pittsburgh, PA. this spring. RBR's



Lily Pena Wins Regional Poetry Outloud Contest



For the second year in a row, **Lily Pena** won the NJ Poetry Outloud Region 3 contest to represent Monmouth, Ocean and

Middlesex Counties in the state competition held in March at Ocean County College in NJ.

RBR String Major **John Simone** Selected to Honors Guitar Ensemble

RBR junior **John Simone,** is the first RBR student accepted into the prestigious NJMEA Honors Guitar Ensemble which brings together the top student classic guitar musicians in the state of New Jersey.



Melanie Mercereau Received Honorable Mention in New York Times Essay Contest

Over 2,000 students submitted essays from all over the country to the New York Times, December



Challenge to connect what you have learned in school to the world today. Melanie compared "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien and "Sisters in Arms Join the Fighting in Syria"

Sport Standouts & Team Highlights

Jackie Prestinanzi signs to Run Track and Field at Bryant University



Amazing Accomplishments

Ka'shaun Turner will play football at East Stroudsburg University,



RBR Girls Basketball

•Made the Shore Conference Tournament Quarterfinals for the first time since 1998 **BEAT RBC FIRST TIME IN 23**

YEARS; has the most wins since 1998 and ranked ahead of rivals RBC and RFH during the season for the first time in over 20 years

•**Meghan Murray** has joined all former RBR female superstars in achieving her 1000th point in basketball; She was named Shore Sports Network Player of the Week and she was ranked #5 in the Shore Conference Top 10

•**Girls Basketball Coach Truhan** hit a milestone of 350 career wins.

RBR Holds First Girls' State Wrestling Tournament in New Jersey History

On February 17, Red Bank Regional (RBR) hosted the first ever New Jersey Girls Wrestling Regional Tournament. RBR Athletic Director Del Dal Pra and Girls' Wrestling Coach Scott Ferris were key to organizing the tournament.

Athletic Director Del Dal Pra states, "We are delighted that 305 girls from 95 schools all participated in the event with all parts of the state represented from High Point to Lower Cape May and Red Bank to Trenton."



Wrestling Team Highlights

•School record for most dual meet wins in a season with 16 wins

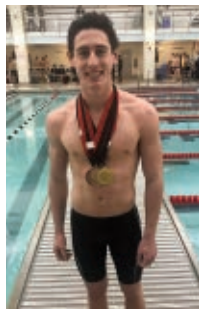
•**Sheridan Torres** placed 6th in the First Annual Girls' Individual State Tournament; and was the North Region Finalist

•**Justin Gooding** and **Philip Stolfa** (5th place) also qualified for NJSIAA Region 5 Tournament

Boys' Swimming

•Had a 9-4 record and placed 6th at Monmouth Counties

•**Pat Sullivan** broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke; at



Monmouth Counties, **Pat** placed 1st in the 100 breaststroke and was the Monmouth County champ! He placed 3rd in the 50 free and 2nd in the 100 breaststroke at Shore Conference; Pat qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 100 breaststroke and 50 free.

•**Theo Rennard** broke the school record in the 500 free. He placed 2nd in the 500 and 200 free at Monmouth Counties.

Girls Swimming

•Overall Record 10-3 and were 5th seed in the State Team Tournament, Group B North II

•RBR Girls Swim Team finished 4th place overall at Monmouth County Meet

•At Counties the Girls placed 3rd in the 200 Medley Relay (**Mairead Kelly, Zoe Appio, Jordan Sandoz, Tara Crilly**) and 3rd in the 400 free relay (**Mairead Kelly, Madelyn Marucci, Jordan Sandoz, Claudia Kelly**)

•**Jordan Sandoz** placed 3rd in the 100 fly at Counties; and 3rd in the 100 fly at Shore Conference; **Jordan Sandoz** qualified for Meet of Champions in the 100 fly.

Boys' Indoor Track

Brendan Loftus won Central Jersey Group 3 sectional championship in the shot put, Group 3 Championship, and the NJSIAA Meet of Champions- this was RBR's first Meet of Champions winner since 2007. **Brendan** also placed in the Monmouth



County Championship meet, as well as the Shore Conference Championships. **Brendan Loftus** combined with **Ryan McCarthy** to win the Group 3 Shot Put Relay, the first Group Relay championship since 2014. **Ryan McCarthy** qualified for Group 3 Championships in the Shot Put, as did Tyler Schwinn in the 3200 meter. **Ryan McCarthy** combined with **Connor Klein** to finish in sixth place at the Monmouth County Relay Shot Put Championship.

Boys' Basketball

•Advanced to the second round of the NJSIAA Tournament

•Reached finals of Albert E. Martin Buc Classic Tournament

•Named Team of the Week by Shore Sports Network

•**Liam Joyce** was named Shore Sports Zone Player of the Week

•**Liam Joyce** and **Matt Weidman** were named to the All-Tournament Team

•**Drew Valentino** was named game MVP at Long Branch's MLK Showcase

Girls' Bowling

Isabella Musumeci broke the bowling record board with a high average of 132 (4th in RBR history) and a high series of 503 (first in RBR history).

LISA BOYLE SELECTED AS RBR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Red Bank Regional has selected Spanish teacher Lisa Boyle as its Educator of the Year for 2019. She has been very involved in many aspects of the school community since she arrived in 2002. Senora Boyle has been the advisor to the Spanish National Honor Society for



at least 10 years. Before that she was the co-advisor for the multi-cultural club. Over the past three years she has stayed after school twice a week to tutor students in the RBR SOURCE community tutoring program. She fills in the time between the tutoring and class as the after-school detention teacher.

STACY LISS SELECTED AS RBR'S EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Stacy Liss, Red Bank Regional's SOURCE clinical supervisor, was

selected as RBR's 2019 Educational Services Professional. Stacy came to RBR in 1998 as a Social Worker and initially she was a member of the Child Study Team. She was an original member of the SOURCE, which Risa Clay founded with a state grant nearly 20 years ago. Since then, she has functioned as the head clinician, providing supervision for master level clinicians and interning graduate students.



Save the Date: Ridge Road Run May 19 at 8:30 am at RBR

The collaboration continues between athletic rival schools Red Bank Regional, Rumson Fair Haven and Red Bank Catholic in the common cause to promote suicide prevention and teenage mental wellness. The 5K is scheduled to begin at RBR this year on Sunday, May 19 at 8:30 am, followed by a one mile race at 9:30 am and kiddie dashes at 10 am. The kiddie dashes will take place on the RBR football field. Other festivities are planned to make this a fun community event. All proceeds will benefit the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County and other suicide prevention programs. Information and registration for the event can be found on the website www.RidgeRoadRun.org.

Thank you to our hard-working foundations



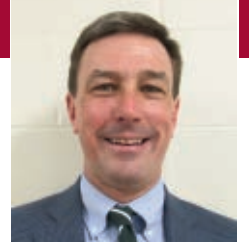
THE BUC BACKERS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LADIES LUNCHEON PICTURED ABOVE

AND
THE SOURCE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR SOLD-OUT LATINO SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

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Message from the Superintendent



Louis Moore, RBR Superintendent

Highlights for the 2019-2020 Budget April 12, 2019

While the district budget will not be finalized until May 1, this update provides some highlights for the spending plan for 2019-20. The development process this year has been challenging at times and we would like to thank the staff and community for all their efforts. A number of important changes have been made to the preliminary budget originally discussed at the Board of Education meeting held on March 20. Ice hockey and golf have been restored with participants bearing some of the costs; a transportation contract for athletics has been successfully negotiated; and our summer accelerated language program in French, Italian, and Spanish will be offered on a tuition-basis to new students.

Significant cost drivers in the budget continue to be transportation expenses, health benefits, and tuition costs for out-of-district placements. This includes special education, vocational, as well as other alternative programs. These increases are not unique to RBR and are of concern to many districts throughout the state, particularly because state aid has not kept pace with rising costs. Although goals for recruitment and enrollment of tuition-paying students have been met for the incoming 9th grade class, the district has experienced a decline in revenue from tuition-paying students since 2015.

Facing these limitations, the Board of Education finance committee worked with the RBR Administration to review allocation requests and identify areas for savings. Reductions were made in some assistant coaching positions, facility repairs, and equipment purchases but the impact on academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs has been minimized. Families are being asked to bear more costs for AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment programs as well as some athletic and summer enrichment programs. Our communities are being asked to contribute more in revenues.

With these targeted reductions and revenue enhancements, the budget supports the district's commitment to excellence for all students. A new alternative education program, Inspire Academy, will be initiated that will reduce out-of-district placement costs, better serve at-risk students, and utilize the Source for counseling services. Because reductions to the professional staff have been minimized, class sizes in core academic areas will be maintained.

The district's fiscal position has been strengthened by the passage of the facilities referendum in December 2018. This will support the creation of state-of-the-art learning spaces and other improvements with construction scheduled to begin in November 2019. These enhancements will benefit our total school program and stabilize the enrollment of tuition-paying students. In short, the proposed budget for 2019-20 reflects our commitment to our students, our school, and our values.

Louis Moore, Superintendent

Municipality	Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed value	Taxes per \$100,000 of Assessed Value
Little Silver	\$0.43 (1 cent increase)	\$430
Red Bank	\$0.49 (5 cent increase)	\$490
Shrewsbury	\$0.48 (-1 cent decrease)	\$480

These charts reflect the RBR portion of the tax levy per each sending district. The actual increase/decrease to the individual homeowners' tax bill varies with that household's actual assessment, which may go up or down every year.

Municipality	Average Assessment	Annual Regional School Tax
Little Silver	\$663,730	\$2,854
Red Bank	\$366,231	\$1,795
Shrewsbury	\$552,125	\$2,650

Superintendent Coffee

- Saturday, May 18, 2019
- To be held at the RBR Board of Education Office at 9 am



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