



Winter Bulletin

Dear Students and Families,

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to extend my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy new year in 2020.

Our year has already been filled with remarkable academic, athletic, and artistic accomplishments. A number of exciting initiatives will continue as we move into 2020. Early in the new year, we will see the start of the renovation and expansion projects made possible by last year's referendum. (I will be providing details as soon as our construction timeline is finalized.) Our staff will continue to strive to ensure all students make the most of their potential.

Buc pride runs deep. Because of the work of our remarkable staff and wonderful students and the support of our families and communities, RBR continues to be a living monument to democracy, opportunity, and inclusion.

Have a restful and relaxing break! Below please see Mr. Clark's Winter Bulletin.

Louis Moore
Superintendent

UPDATES:

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we already in **December** and that we are halfway through **Marking Period 2** of the 2019 - 2020 School Year. We hope you enjoy **these** snapshots! Keep in mind the pictures below are just a sample of the remarkable work that goes on every day at RBR. For updates on daily happening at RBR, please follow us on **Twitter @rbrhs**. As always, our [Daily Bulletin](#), [District Calendar](#), and [Athletics Calendar](#) can help you stay aware of upcoming events at RBR. Enjoy the highlights below, and **thanks for your support. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a wonderful new year.**

Julius Clark
Principal

THE CORE -Teacher, Student, Curriculum



Students Teaching Students

Students in Mrs. Scanlon's Spanish 3 Honors class recently took on the challenge of teaching a lesson to the Little Bucs in our pre-school program. The lesson was a great success and a lot of fun!



Live From RBR: Student Podcasts

Coming to you LIVE from the RBR podcast recording studio, and under the supervision of Library Media Specialist Ms. April Bunn! Ms. Bunn received the professional Podcast recording equipment from a generous Buc Backer Foundation Grant. The current recording studio spaces have been popular with an incredible variety of classes. All students are welcome to use studios for projects during study hall or after school. Our newly renovated library will include a dedicated professional-style recording space.



RBR Educators Expanding Using of Data

RBR teachers and administrators are participated in a workshop this fall on using data to improve student achievement. This year, the RBR staff is employing Link-It to systematically use data to improve instruction and target student learning needs. Link-It is used nationwide and by over 100 schools in New Jersey to assist educators with data analysis.

RBR Community Service and Student Activities



The Spirit of the Holidays

Our student council did a great job raising funds and purchasing gifts for the “Adopt a Kid Program” that provides gifts and holiday cheer to many children. Special thanks to RBR English teacher, Cassandra Dorn.



Cyperpatriot Update

This year there are 55 participants across all four grade levels making a total of ten teams--the most RBR has ever had. In a national competition involving over 3,500 teams, three RBR teams have advanced to the Platinum level, six to Gold and one to Silver. Mr. Jeremiah Milonas and Mr. Christopher Watson serve as advisors.

RBR Brings “Moby Dick Rehearsed” to the Stage



Moby Dick Rehearsed is a theatrical exploration of Herman Melville’s novel that takes place in the 20th Century at a Theater Company in New York City. It was written by Orson Welles to explore the parameters of theater and literature.

Our cast brought a new interpretation and featured a female Captain Ahab, played by Lucie Chantepie in a role-reversal of the vengeful captain.

What is unique is that this play is set in the theater during a rehearsal for Shakespeare’s King Lear and the audience gets to experience what happens when director, Jacqueline Conforti, decides to stop rehearsal and begin rehearsal for Moby Dick.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Jennamarie Devito -

Red Bank Regional has selected science teacher Jennamarie Devito as its Educator of the Year for 2020. Ms. Devito joined RBR in 2006 and in addition to her work in the classroom, she coaches multiple sports and advises a number of activities. Ms. Devito is a respected colleague who actively collaborates with all stakeholders to ensure the success of her students. As written by one of her students, “Ms. Devito is motivated in helping others and has a smile on her face that brightens everyone’s day.”

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**



Michael O’Krepki

Red Bank Regional has selected Mr. Michael O’Krepki as its Educational Services Professional of the Year. Mr. O’Krepki is an educator who has won the respect and admiration of his students and colleagues. He currently serves as a one-on-one aide and assistant coach for the Boy’s tennis team. However, his impact on students extends beyond the classroom and tennis court as evident by the multiple nominations he received from students. “He is a great role model and friend,” one student wrote.

Guidance Update



In November, RBR Guidance hosted its second “instant decision day.” Students had the opportunity to take part in a 'one on one' interview with admission representatives. RBR seniors received 86 acceptances from eight schools (Rider, Georgian Court, Stockton, NJIT, Ramapo, Seton Hall, Kean, and Fairleigh Dickinson) and were awarded over \$3.4 million worth of merit scholarships.

ATHLETICS



We are proud and excited for Jordan Sandoz, Claudia Kelly, and Liva Helt who signed their National Letter of Intents. Liva will be attending Columbia University for soccer; Jordan Sandoz is attending the University of North Carolina for swimming, and Claudia Kelly will be attending Coastal Carolina University for lacrosse.



RBR Girl's Tennis Team earned their first-ever sectional title and Krishna Kanuga was named 2019 NJ.Com girls tennis Coach of the Year.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A few “before” and anticipated “after” renderings of the new spaces coming to RBR. The project includes a synthetic turf field, 10 new classrooms, and many upgrades to other instructional spaces. The project is scheduled to begin early in 2020 and be completed in Spring/Summer 2021.



EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE ENGINEERING BLDG



EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE STEM CLASSROOMS



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

7 - BUC Backer Meeting
10 - Winter Dance Show
14 - Poetry Outloud
23, 24 , 27, 28 - Mid-terms

February

4 - BUC Backer Meeting
9 - SOURCE Fashion Show
11 - Vocational Meeting