

RBR GUIDANCE UPDATE

“PSAT Results Addition” December 2017

- The October 2017 PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT results are now available online through www.collegeboard.org. Follow these [directions](#) on how to access your student’s test scores online. Shortly, the printed test booklets and score reports will also be provided to students. These [results](#) are important to review as they provided detailed breakdowns of each student’s performance. There are a number of resources available on the CollegeBoard website that will allow you to better understand, interpret and utilize these scores. Additionally, contact your school counselor to set-up an appointment to review and discuss preparation tips for future standardized testing.
- All students who take the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 8/9 have access to free, personalized SAT practice through a partnership with [Khan Academy](#). Students can link their CollegeBoard accounts with their Khan accounts to use their scores to create a personalized learning plan. All of these resources are free. See your school counselor for additional questions on how to get started.
- Red Bank Regional is happy to share that we again earned recognition on the prestigious [AP Honor Roll list](#). The CollegeBoard “recognizes school districts committed to increasing access to AP for underrepresented students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. AP Honor Roll recipients are committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among motivated students of all backgrounds.”
- On December 15th, 2nd marking period interims will be posted through the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) and mailed home. If you need help registering to access these reports, please contact Ms. Monteforte (ext. 214). Please contact the Guidance Office to speak with a school counselor with academic or other concerns.
- **Parents of Current Freshmen:** Beginning Monday, December 18th, Mr. DeCotis will begin meeting with all current 9th grade students and parents to discuss college/career planning and schedule courses for the 18/19 school year. To best accommodate your schedule, you will be able to choose an appointment date and time through the [Genesis Parent Portal](#).
- **Parents of Current Sophomores and Juniors:** Beginning Monday, January 8th, sophomores and juniors will begin meeting with their school counselors and parents to discuss college/career planning and schedule courses for the 18/19 school year. To best accommodate your schedule, you will be able to begin scheduling appointments on December 18th through the [Parent Portal](#).
- At 7pm on Jan. 10th, the Guidance Department (with support of the [BUC Backers](#)) will host a presentation to educate students and parents on 2018-2019 course offerings including [Advanced Placement](#)(AP), [International Baccalaureate](#) (IB) and Dual Credit (college and high school credit) courses here at RBR. Come learn more about the terrific opportunities for **ALL students** to become AP scholars with distinction, earn an IB Diploma and be best prepared for college,

scholarships and successful careers.

- On December 19th, Kean University representative is coming to RBR to speak about the terrific opportunities that their [EOF](#) program can provide to college-bound students. Contact the Guidance Office if you'd like to learn more about EOF opportunities.
- This year, RBR formed a [Response to Intervention Team](#) (RtI) to assist struggling learners. This team will assist with students by providing specific assessments in math and language arts as well as individualized interventions. If your child is identified as requiring this type of assistance you will be notified in writing. Contact the Guidance Office for any questions regarding to getting your child support through RtI.
- Parents and Students that missed the **College Application Presentation for the Class of 2018** and **College Financial Aid Night** presentations can access the powerpoint presentations [here](#). Please contact or stop down to Guidance to speak with your school counselor for any questions regarding the college application process, completing the FAFSA, scholarships, etc.
- ***Don't forget Homework Help!*** Available in the Media Center after school Mondays-Thursdays up until 5:15pm. Homework Help is intended to provide a great space for students to get their "homework" done and have the support of one of our RBR Staff.
- ***Peer Tutoring!*** Is available everyday during lunch and study halls. The guidance counselors work with peer tutors to provide support to students in need of academic support or just want some help on earning the "A".
- As many schools offering rolling admissions, counselors are continuing to meet with seniors regarding **college application submissions**. Make sure to follow-up directly with your school counselor *at least 2 weeks* prior to deadlines to make sure transcripts, recommendation letters, and additional supplemental materials are sent out on time.
- **All juniors** just finished meeting with school counselors to review utilizing Naviance and continuing on their path of reviewing college and career choices. Parents are encouraged to also utilize [Naviance/Family Connection](#) and setting up their own accounts. Any questions, please contact Ms. Monteforte or Mrs. Bodin in the Guidance Office. .
- Interested in helping out your local community and providing **community service**? Follow the [link](#) to community opportunities to give back locally and beyond. If you know of additional community service opportunities in the community, please contact the Guidance Office to let us know.
- Reminder for ***ILO Physical Education (PE) students***: Monthly timesheets are due down to Mrs. Bodin in Guidance on the 5th of each month. Additionally, all ILO PE students are required to complete their health education component online at your own cost via a pre-approved Educere course information already provided to you. To print the monthly ILO Timesheets, please follow this [link](#) and see Mr. Sabino with any questions.

- Seniors scheduled for ***ILO Personal Financial Literacy (PFL)*** should have already connected with Ms. D'Amico on how to register for the online Everfi.com course. Successful completion of a financial literacy course is required to meet state graduation requirements. All seniors that have not already met their financial literacy requirement are expected to have this course completed by the end of the first semester (2nd marking period) in order to be in good standing for June graduation. Any questions, see your counselor or Mr. Sabino.

