

# RBR GUIDANCE UPDATE

March 2018

- ★ By March 7th, the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) will have **third marking period interim reports** posted. Through the Portal, there are links to email teachers directly regarding any questions or concerns regarding a particular course. Additional support is always available by contacting the Guidance Office.
  - ***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”.
  - 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. If you haven't already registered for your health course, please do as soon as possible.
  - **Seniors** scheduled for ***ILO Personal Financial Literacy (PFL)*** should have already completed the course. Successful completion of a financial literacy course is required to meet state graduation requirements. Any questions, see your counselor or Mr. Sabino.
  - **All outstanding 2017/18 AP and IB balances** are due at this time. If you haven't already done so, please submit your payment to Guidance Department. New this year, parents can also pay outstanding balances through their [MySchoolBucks.com](#) account. Please reach out to the Guidance Department if you are having any problems with payments. Thank you.
- ★ The ***Spring 2018 PARCC assessment*** will be administered over six half days during the testing window from April 18th - April 25th. Students grades 9 - 11 will be tested in English Language Arts. Students grade 9-12 will be tested if enrolled in an Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2 mathematics course. Please refer to the [Winter Principal's Bulletin](#) for more information on the specifics of when students will be tested. Contact Guidance for information regarding graduation requirements or any questions.

- ★ **Attention all Seniors**, if you haven't done so already, please make sure to complete the [FAFSA](#) by April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for financial aid. If you have any questions please stop down to the RBR Guidance Office to speak with your counselor or contact your college's financial aid office.
  - Need help paying for college this fall? **Scholarships** are the answer! Thanks to the overwhelming support graduating seniors receive from the local RBR community; we continue to add local and national scholarships for RBR seniors through [Family Connection](#) (Naviance) and [Remind101](#). If you need help accessing these sites, please contact the Guidance Office. For any specific questions on particular scholarship opportunities, please contact Ms. Shalene McLaughlin.
  - RBR Guidance will be hosting [Brookdale Community College](#) for [EOF](#) Meetings on March 7th and a 2nd round of [Accuplacer](#) Testing on March 28th. If you have any questions regarding, please see Mrs. Lombardo or Mrs. Greene.
  
- ★ The Guidance Department is close to completing all **2018-19 Scheduling** Conferences. All parents and students are reminded that course requests are viewable by logging into the [Genesis Parent Portal](#). **All Course Waivers and requests for changes are due by April 15, 2018 to your School Counselor**. There will be no schedule changes in the fall except for those resulting from summer school attendance or errors.
  - Students that have registered for any [IB](#) courses for next year, are reminded to submit their [IB Applications](#) as soon as possible. Any questions, contact Mrs. Boyle or Mrs. Powers.
  
- ★ Red Bank Rotary will be working again this year with RBR Guidance to host the Red Bank Rotary Career Day. Participating students will have an opportunity to job shadow various fields of interest and attend a luncheon to further network and process their experience later that afternoon. This year's Career Day will be held on May 3rd, 2018. Interests students should reach out to Mr. Desiere in the Guidance Office.
  
- ★ At 7pm on April 10th, the Guidance Department (with support of the [BUC Backers](#)) will welcome [Randy Levin](#) to educate students and parents on the college application process, particularly best approaches to the stressful college essay component. Randy's presentation will be held in the RBR Auditorium and is beneficial for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.
  
- ★ 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.

- ★ 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.



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