



RBR GUIDANCE UPDATE

MAY 2018

- The [NJSLA-Science](#) is a new state exam this year that will be administered to all juniors on the mornings of May 29th and 30th during the regular scheduled school day. Student testing locations will be available outside of Guidance. More information is available at <http://measinc-nj-science.com/> or contacting Mr. Sabino in Guidance. Any juniors that are absent will be required to take the assessment during make-ups on June 5th and 6th.
- Fourth marking period interim reports will be available on May 17th by logging into [Genesis Parent Portal](#). The last day of the fourth marking period is June 14th. Final Exams will start on June 15th - June 20th. Any questions or concerns can be directed to teachers or by contacting the Guidance Department.
 - ***Don't forget Homework Help is still available!*** 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 always an option!*** Available everyday during lunch and study halls, the school 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 through June. 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. Students that have not already registered for online health courses are past due.
 - **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 **juniors** interested in getting this requirement met prior to the end of the year, see your counselor or Mr. Sabino.
 - **All outstanding 2017/18 AP and IB balances** are overdue. New this year, parents can also pay outstanding balances through their [MySchoolBucks.com](#) account. Please reach out to the Guidance Department if you haven't resolved this payment. Thank you.
- All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) course will be completing exams through May 25th. For more information, please follow the link for [AP exams](#) or [IB exams](#). For individual testing questions, please contact the Guidance Office.

- Thanks to the overwhelming support graduating seniors receive from the local RBR community; there are still local scholarships to apply to through [Family Connection](#) (Naviance). **Most remaining scholarships for Fall 2018 have deadlines that are fast approaching!** For any specific questions on particular scholarship opportunities, please contact Ms. McLaughlin in Guidance.
- On May 23rd, through the [Brookdale Early Bird Program](#), the RBR Guidance Department will take students to Brookdale for a tour and course registration. After completing the Early Bird program, the only step remaining is completion of the FAFSA and tuition payment. Permissions slips are now due to Guidance Office.
- **Reminder to all Seniors:** The Graduation Survey is now available by logging into your [Family Connection](#) (Naviance) account (under “About Me” tab and “Surveys to Take”), In addition, all seniors must provide copies of their college acceptance and scholarship letters to RBR Guidance. All scholarships and awards will be noted in the graduation program, even those awarded by schools a student has decided not to attend. We depend on you for this information. **Seniors need to provide this information by May 25th to have it accurately reflected in the Graduation Program.**
- The RBR Guidance Office is happy to again offer programs during Summer 2018 to help prepare students for college. **The Summer College Application Workshop** will help rising seniors to get a head start on completing up college applications prior to September. **The August SAT Prep Courses** (morning and afternoon sessions) will provide enrichment and preparation to rising juniors and seniors for the August 25th SAT. Space is limited and scholarships are available if needed. These applications will be available on the www.rbrhs.org website and in the Guidance Office by the end of the month.
- At 6:30pm on May 22nd, the Guidance Department will host the **“Next Step for Juniors and Underclassmen”** presentation on the college application process and review how to apply for financial aid through FAFSA, grants and scholarships. All students and parents are encouraged to attend.
- The Guidance Department has completed 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 were due by April 15, 2018 to Guidance.** There will be no schedule changes in the fall except for those resulting from summer school attendance or errors.
- 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.