



RBR GUIDANCE UPDATE

April 2019

- ★ RBR Guidance continues ***“Guiding BUCS on the Go!”*** follow us on **Twitter** and **Instagram** [@RBR_Guidance](#) and through [Guidance 101](#) by Texting “8e324b” to 81010. In 2019, these are great places to get real time updates and reminders on Scholarships, Guidance Events, and more.
- ★ ***Scheduling for 19/20:*** Reminder all Course Waivers and requests for changes are **due by April 15th** to Guidance. School Counselors will continue to register incoming 9th through the end of April and early May. Placement Testing for incoming 9th grade students will take place at sending schools or at RBR throughout May and June. Contact Mr. Fusco or Mr. Donohoe with any questions regarding placement testing.

College and Career Readiness Updates

- ★ The [Monmouth County Guidance Director’s Association](#) will be hosting the annual ***Spring College Fair*** at Brookdale Community College featuring representatives from over 200 colleges and universities. This year’s fair will be held Thursday April 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Collins Arena.
- ★ Back by popular demand, with the continued support of the [BUC Backers](#), Mr. Randy Levin will present ***“The Top Ten Mistakes Students Make on their College Application Essay”*** on April 16th at 7pm in the Commons. Students and parents would certainly benefit to attend Randy’s pertinent and useful presentation!
- ★ On May 1st, the **Senior Graduation Survey** will open on [Family Connection \(Naviance\)](#). This survey provides the high school with important information regarding post-graduate plans. All seniors will be expected to complete this survey prior to receiving their caps and gowns for Graduation.
- ★ Red Bank Rotary will be working again this year with RBR Guidance to host the **Red Bank Rotary Career Day**. Participating students 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 2nd. Interested students see Mr. Desiere to confirm your spot.

- ★ On May 16th at 7pm, all underclassmen (especially rising seniors) are encouraged to attend *Next Steps for Juniors and Underclassmen* reviewing the college application process in detail including the financial aid and scholarship process. Mr. Ed Zamora will return to co-present this event.
- ★ **Senior College Decision Time Already?** As colleges send their acceptances and financial award packages, remind your senior to bring the letters to his/her school counselor. All scholarships and awards are noted in the graduation program, even those awarded by schools your child has decided not to attend. We depend on you for this information.
- ★ **FREE MONEY!** Thanks to the overwhelming support graduating seniors receive from the local RBR community; we are still adding local and national **scholarships** through [Family Connection](#) (Naviance) and [Remind101](#).
- ★ 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.
- ★ Interested in getting involved in more **community service**? Check out our [link](#) on the RBR Guidance website 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.

Grading, Enrichment and Academic Support

- ★ **Third marking period** report cards will be posted by April 9th by logging in through the [Genesis Parent Portal](#). As the end of the year is quickly approaching, now is the time to contact the Guidance Office to speak with a School Counselor regarding academic issues or issues accessing the parent portal or other concerns.
- **Don't forget Homework Help!** In the Media Center after school Mon - Thurs up until 5:15pm. It's a great space for students to get "HW" done and have the support of RBR teachers.
- ★ **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".
- 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.
- 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. Submission of ILO Timesheets and completion of Health requirements are **necessary** to meet state graduation requirements.

- ★ ***ILO Personal Financial Literacy (PFL)*** should now be completed for all seniors anticipated to graduate in June 2019. Ms. D'Amico will be opening up this opportunity for juniors looking to get a head start on getting this graduation requirement completed. Please email Ms. D'Amico or stop down to your School Counselor to discuss further.
- ★ **Any students with a NC** on report card is in violation of the district attendance policy. Please contact Mrs. Stone in the Attendance Office to arrange a meeting with the Attendance Review Committee as soon as possible.

Standardized Testing and Assessments

- ★ Due to recent state changes to NJDOE graduation requirements and testing, the ***Spring 2019*** NJSLA [assessment](#) will now be administered over four half days from April 11th - April 16th. Students grades 9 & 10 will be tested in English Language Arts and Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2. Students grade 11 will only test if they have not already demonstrated proficiency on another assessment. Contact Guidance for information regarding the [changes to the graduation requirements](#) for your child.
- ★ Throughout the first three weeks of May, all students enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) course will take their exams for the courses they are enrolled in. For more information on taking these exams, please follow the link for [AP exams](#) or [IB exams](#). If you have any questions on the upcoming AP or IB testing at RBR, please contact Guidance Office.

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