



ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY UPDATE
JUNE 2020

A MESSAGE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

I wanted to start the newsletter this month sharing a message from Superintendent Dr. Cron on the death of George Floyd and the peaceful and violent protests that have occurred across the nation.

While we continue to navigate through the Covid-19 pandemic, on May 25th we were confronted by video footage of the senseless murder of an African-American man, George Floyd, and the historic protests, both peaceful and violent, that have erupted in cities across the nation and world, including here in Boston. As educators, we have an obligation to help young people make sense of the world and to guide them toward creating a more fair and just society. Just as Covid-19 has highlighted racial and economic inequities in our society, the death of George Floyd is a reminder that institutional racism exists and must be acknowledged and addressed.

Schools play an important role in shaping the hearts and minds of children. If we are to become the truly free, forward-thinking nation we aspire to be, we must recommit ourselves to social justice and peace through education. Rockland Public Schools is committed to promoting social justice and racial equality in our schools. In the fall and beyond, faculty and staff will engage in targeted professional development activities to support their work with students in this area.

Now, more than ever, students need adult support to make sense of what they are seeing on TV and online. Here are three resources that may be helpful as we work together to support all of our children.

- [*Supporting Vulnerable Students in Stressful Times: Tips for Parents*](#)
- [*Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice \(Southern Poverty Law Center\)*](#)
- [*Talking to Kids About Discrimination \(American Psychological Association\)*](#)

As a school community, we want you to know that our staff is here to support you. Please reach out to any of our building

principals or to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Alan Cron, Ed.D.
 Superintendent*

REMOTE LEARNING END OF THE YEAR NOTES:

Term 3 academic work needs to be submitted to teachers no later than Monday, June 8th as term 3 and final grades will be available on Friday, June 12th at 3 PM. The week of June 8th through June 12th will be used for teachers to assess student learning and provide feedback to students. Students are expected to be accessible from June 8th through June 12th to review teacher feedback and make any needed revisions. Guidance counselors will contact students and families after grades close on who should plan to take summer school to recover any lost credits.

SENIOR PROFILES:

Thank you to Ms. Lannin Cotton who has been working hard to write and publish senior profiles. Check out these profiles below:

- [Class of 2020 Profiles #8](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #7](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #6](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #5](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #4](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #3](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #2](#)
- [Class of 2020 Profiles #1](#)

SENIOR PARADE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH:

Thank you to the entire Rockland community for turning up to support our seniors for their parade throughout the town, including stops to each elementary school. Thank you to the Police and Fire Departments for supporting the schools with resources to keep the event safe for all.



LOCKER CLEANOUT SCHEDULE:

RHS students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be allowed to enter the building through the RHS Main Office entrance at the designated dates and times below to empty belongings from their lockers and return any textbooks.

Students must wear a mask to pick up their belongings from their lockers and remain 6 feet apart from all other students and staff members when inside the school building. Students, when arriving to empty their locker, will check in at RHS Main Office Entrance, and check out at the RHS Main Office Entrance when they are done as only 5 students will be allowed to clear their belongings at a time. When inside the school building, students should only touch their own locker and the belongings inside their locker. Students should return all textbooks at this time as well to each individual teacher's classroom by dropping the textbooks outside each classroom teacher's door.

	Students with Last Names & Time Slot	
Monday, June 8th	8-9AM	A
	9-10AM	B
	10-11AM	C
	1-2PM	D
	2-3PM	E
Tuesday, June 9th	8-9AM	F
	9-10AM	G
	10-11AM	H, I
	1-2PM	J, K
	2-3PM	L

Wednesday, June 10th	8-9AM	M
	9-10AM	N
	10-11AM	O
	1-2PM	P, Q
	2-3PM	R
Thursday, June 11th	8-9AM	S
	9-10AM	T
	10-11AM	U, V
	1-2PM	W
	2-3PM	X, Y, Z

CHROMEBOOK RETURN:

Chromebooks are to be returned the week of June 15th, Monday-Friday, between 11 AM - 1 PM. Drop-off will be at the front of the Middle School. Please stay in your car and line up along the Middle School student drop-off loop. Someone will come to your car to retrieve the Chromebook.

Please drop-off according to the following schedule:

Esten School Monday, June 15th
 Jefferson School Tuesday, June 16th
 Memorial Park Wednesday, June 17th
 Middle School Thursday, June 18th
 High School Friday, June 19th

MCAS TESTING:

For students in the Class of 2021, 2022, and 2023, the competency determination in STE (Science) will be awarded upon demonstration that the student earned credit for a course in the relevant subject matter and demonstrated competency in one of the four tested disciplines (biology, chemistry, introductory physics,

technology/engineering) during their high school career. The process and timeline for awarding the modified CD will be announced at a later date. Students in the class of 2024, who are in grade 8 this year and will enter grade 9 next year, are expected to participate in STE testing in 2021 or 2022, according to their school or district plan for high school STE testing. Members of the class of 2022 (this year's sophomores), will take the 10th grade English language arts and math MCAS tests during the 2020-21 school year.

SUMMER READING:

[Here](#) is a recommended Summer Reading List & Assignment for this summer. Students are encouraged to participate.

In each selection, the main characters face life-altering struggles yet are able to persevere through them. Have you faced a challenge or struggle that changed you? In a one page document, please write a short summary of the book, and explain how your challenge affected your life, for better or for worse. Relate your struggle to the main character's struggle and compare how you reacted to your situation as opposed to how the main character reacted. If you could give advice to someone based on your experience, what would you tell them?

Responses are due to Ms. Kemp (jkemp@rocklandschools.org) by September 10th.

GUIDANCE NEWS:

Here is information on SAT's and ACT's. Keep in mind that many colleges will be test-optional for your class, but you still may want to take an SAT in case one of your schools requires it.

- [2020-2021 SAT and ACT test dates](#)
- [How to Register for the SAT's](#)
- [How to Register for the ACT's](#)
- [Here](#) is more detailed information about registration for upcoming SAT's.

[Here](#) is a great article written by a college Dean to Juniors who are understandably worried about college admissions - hopefully it will put your mind at ease a little!

For students who will be seniors next year, you can begin working on the Common App now! The Common App is one application accepted by many colleges and universities, and virtually every senior applying to four colleges will have at least one school that uses the Common App.

- Find out more about the Common App [here](#).
- Which colleges use the Common App? You can check [here](#). More colleges may add on to Common App for 2020-2021.
- There are many terms used in college applications. This [application dictionary](#) may be helpful!

- Check out [How the First Year Common App works](#) and the [application guide for first time users](#).
- This [checklist](#) will help you gather the materials you will need as you fill out your Common App.
- [This video](#) explains exactly what information will “rollover” on August 1st. You can then continue to fill out information based on the colleges you plan to apply to.
- [This form](#) has RHS-specific information to help you fill out the Common App.
- The Common App also has an essay question. The writing prompts can be found [here](#).
- There will also be a new prompt for 2020-2021 regarding the Coronavirus. Details about this new question can be found [here](#).

Citizens Bank is hosting a series of webinars for college-bound students and families.

Financial Aid Basics

Designed for rising seniors and their families to help understand financial aid, preparing for and starting the FAFSA form this fall, and understand financial aid components like scholarships, grants, federal loans, and how to finance the gap. This live session includes time to ask questions and have them answered by our experts.

- Tuesday, June 2nd 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11th 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 16th 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 25th 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Your Financial Future

Learn the importance of establishing an account, managing a budget, and saving money to accomplish your financial goals.

- Tuesday, June 9th 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 17th 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 23rd, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 30th 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these, or other sessions they offer, can register [here](#).

TOP DOGS:

RHS TOP DOG CLUB

**Julia
Yeadon**



**Class
Of
2020**

In Recognition of:

- Excelling academically as a National Honor Society student; completed internship in the preschool
- Participating actively in Student Government Council; attending SEMASC Fall & Winter Conferences and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference; served as two year class representative
- Performing fantastically in multiple roles in *Marcus is Walking*
- Competing athletically on the varsity cross country and spring track teams
- Volunteering as a Freshmen Mentor
- Working part-time at the Big Y in Norwell as a cashier

Plans to:

- Attend 4 year college
- Pursue studies to become a teacher

RHS TOP DOG CLUB

Jordan
Cunningham



Class
Of
2020

In Recognition of:

- Performing fantastically as Oliver Warbucks in school production of *Annie* and took on multiple roles in fall play *Marcus is Walking*
- Participating for three years in the Harvard Model Congress, 4 day conference in Boston
- Participating in the UNH Wildcat Marching and Pep Band Day Clinic; actively involved in the Choral Program
- Competing athletically on the cross country, baseball, and swim teams
- Organizing a “Green Day” to support Abington when they were dealing with a tragic loss within their community
- Working part-time as a swim instructor at Goldfish Swim School

Plans to:

- Attend 4 year college
- Major in Musical Theatre or Music Performance

STRESS AND COPING SKILLS 101:

[This virtual training](#) on stress, coping skills, and resiliency is brought to you by the Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative and the Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative. The training includes information on stress, coping skills, and resiliency.

RHS SENIOR SURPRISES SENIORS:

Senior Selena Peguero Martinez delivered Cake Pops around Rockland and Brockton on May 23rd.



SPORTS:

The MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) is convening a COVID-19 Task Force to examine the potential impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on the Fall 2020 season and the 2020-2021 school year. This task force will examine practice requirements, fan attendance, re-socialization efforts, protocol, procedures, transportation, etc. At this time, the MIAA is not planning to make any changes to the start date of the Fall 2020 season. The scheduled start date for Fall 2020 practice is Monday, August 24th, except for football which may start practice on Friday, August 21, 2020.

The MIAA on May 13th voted to allow each school Principal to determine 2020 Fall athletic eligibility requirements for each student until the first marking period. Students must earn 4 credits (passing four classes) to be eligible to participate in fall sports.

SUMMER VACATION:

Thank you to our students, staff, and families, for their flexibility as we have all managed this health crisis and economic fallout on both personal and professional levels. We are going to be working this summer on creating multiple plans for the re-opening of school. In the meantime, please encourage your children to take time to recharge, stay safe, and be well.