

RedHawk Express

January 31, 2021



A New Beginning

Semester 2 is like a reset button for all of us at the high school level. We are looking forward to this new beginning as we welcome students on Wednesday and Thursday! Semester 2 allows students to set new goals for attendance, work ethic and academic achievement.

The teachers at RHS likewise set new goals for the semester including goals about improving their content delivery using technology and improving our collective assessment practices. We will be refining our re-assessment plans for this semester and we have already set some common goals for hybrid learning as listed in the table below.

To this end teachers have spent any preparation time left after grading was finished to get their TEAMS set up for Feb 3, 2021. I want to thank our staff for their efforts towards continuous improvement in their teaching practices.

A reminder of the few things that are changing at RHS for Semester 2.

RHS Changes

Alternate Day calendar model –

A-K and L-Z will strictly alternate. *Please remember that weather disruptions will move the schedule forward.

Today We Will – Each class will open with a 10-minute call where attendance will be taken and the expectations for the day will be explained.

Class Notebook – will be used for all classes for;

- A standard cover page.
- Course Syllabus
- Daily or Weekly Outlines

Assignments Tab – All assignments which count for marks will be here.

OASIS Supports – Students needing extra help on @home days should see the Ad on page 3 and consider registering for the program.

Weekly Schedule

Feb 1-5

Monday – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

Feb 8-12

Monday – L-Z

Tuesday – A-K

Wednesday – L-Z

Thursday – A-K

Friday – L-Z

Upcoming Events

Grad Yearbook Write-up's are DUE this week! See the Class of 2021 Channel on the Rothesay High News TEAM!

Supporting Your Students @Home

Hybrid learning has been a strain on many of our students and in a recent survey they asked for assistance in the following areas;

1. **Organizing @Home workspace and schedule:** please consider helping your student reset/tidy their working space. They should consider the backdrop for times when cameras are turned on. ***Students should also all have a set of headphones with working microphone so they can interact with their peers on the daily calls.***
2. **Physical Fitness and Mental Health** – We will share tips during morning announcements throughout the week – stay tuned! Tip#1 is to schedule both time for movement as well as screen free activities. The obvious time is during lunch hour (12:25-1:25 daily)
3. **Mental Health & Addictions** – while it is not uncommon for teens to experiment with alcohol and drugs during their high school years it is unusual this year that they have so much free time in which to do it. The decreases in student activities and sports have sent some young people looking for substitutes. Portage Atlantic is offering a timely webinar on the topic and I cannot encourage all parents enough to consider attending. You can never have too much information in this area!

Reminders and Celebrations

IMPORTANT SEMESTER 2 UPDATE → A-K and L-Z students will always alternate days one after the other in Semester 2.

If there is a snow day the students who should have been in school will attend the following day and the schedule will move forward.

Example: If the L-Z students are scheduled for Thursday and there is a SNOW Day then the L-Z students will attend on Friday.



Profile Pictures & On-Screen Backgrounds for Live Calls – A reminder to all students that your profile picture on TEAMS should be school appropriate. TEAMS is an extension of your classroom and as such is subject to the same expectations we would have around your behaviour in school. Offensive pictures or slogans used in this space could result in limits on your student accounts and further consequences. When in doubt – have your parents/guardians approve your choice. The same expectations exist around what is viewable on screen when you choose to turn your camera on – please consider using the “blur background” feature if you cannot find an ideal spot for your daily calls.

Grad Yearbook Write-Up's – Grade 12 students are reminded to head to the Rothesay High School News and Notices Page and their Class of 2021 channel to submit their YEARBOOK Write Up. The Deadline is this week and students who do not submit will be left with a generic quote “Good Luck to the Class of 2021” alongside their photo. Please take the time to submit your quote right now!

87 School Days until Graduation.
The countdown is on...



Struggling to help your High School Student stay on track?

Let our "Off Days" High School Support Program
help save their grades and your sanity!

PROFESSIONAL TUTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
KV OASIS YOUTH CENTER
STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021, FROM 9 AM - 3 PM

Healthy Lunch will be provided
Email dev@kvoasis.com or
call (506) 847-2383 to register



You are invited to Portage's free webinar titled: *Teens and Drugs - Your Questions Answered!*

On February 3, log on to learn more about specific signs to look out for when it comes to your teen and drugs or alcohol. Further, hear leading experts in the field provide information on exposure to drugs and alcohol and how to start a meaningful conversation within your family. Join us to learn how to open-up that difficult dialogue and have an open and honest discussion with your adolescent. Hear about one family's first-hand experience during our live testimonial and get to know a little more about Portage's services. Questions are welcome throughout the webinar and will be addressed anonymously toward the end.

The webinar will be held on [February 3th at 7PM](#). Please click on the attached **PDF to register** or by clicking right [here](#).

A confirmation email and Zoom link will follow.

For any other questions, please contact Carol Tracey at 506-472-4847 or by email at ctracey@portage.ca or Jessica Martella jmartella@portage.ca