

# RedHawk Express

January 3, 2021



## Keep Calm, Carry On & Mask Up

Happy New Year to our RedHawk Community from the staff of RHS. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to the Nest this week. With four weeks remaining in semester 1 it is important that students remain focused on their learning and work hard on their @home days to stay on track for Re-Assessment Week (Jan 25-28).

As we return to school, we will be supporting the Minister of Education's Mask Up campaign. This involves a voluntary return to Orange Phase school rules, including the wearing of masks at ALL times and 6ft physical distancing. This initiative is a preventative measure to help protect our community from transmission of Covid-19 after the holiday season. We thank all students in advance for their participation in this campaign.

### *Re-Assessment Week - A brief explanation*

The staff of RHS are excited to offer students to the opportunity to master content that they struggled with the first time around. The educational foundation for our choice to offer re-assessment is a concept called "[Mastery Learning](#)" - given the gaps that most students had entering Sept 2020 we feel this is the best way to ensure that students are best prepared to enter Sept 2021 (whether back with us at RHS or at the post-secondary institution of their choice)

### **COUNTDOWN TO RE-ASSESSMENT WEEK**

**Mon Jan 4 – Fri Jan 15** – Students consult with their classroom teachers about re-assessment opportunities. At this time students should ensure all summative (for grades) assignments are completed and up to date.

**Mon Jan 18 – Fri Jan 22** – Students finish up their last units of study – this is the last week to submit outstanding assignments.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Jan 4-8

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – A-K

#### Jan 11-15

Monday – A-K

Tuesday – L-Z

Wednesday – A-K

Thursday – L-Z

Friday – L-Z

### Upcoming Events

January 25 -28 – Re-Assessment Week

Tuesday January 26 – PSSC Meeting (Virtual)

January 29 – No School for students (unless we have a weather disruption)



# Supporting Your Students @Home

## ***Re-Assessment Week – RHS 2020-2021 (initially shared Dec 13)***

Teaching has changed dramatically since March 2020. Learning has become harder in 2020. As a result, the way we measure student learning needs to change. Instead of high stakes, comprehensive exams Rothesay High School will be offering students a chance to display their ability to learn and develop mastery of a topic or skills during our Re-assessment Week!

### ***What does this mean?***

Between Monday January 25 and Thursday January 28 students, in consultation with their classroom teachers, will be offered up to TWO opportunities to display their increased skill or knowledge of their courses. The bell schedule will remain the same and students are expected to attend as follows: Mon & Wed = A-K and Tues & Thurs = L-Z.

### **How?**

Students must be up to date on their assignments to be eligible for re-assessment *otherwise the re-assessment week will be used for catch-up!* Students who are up to date will consult with teachers about which assignments and tests can be revisited and will make their selection prior to Friday January 15.

### **Why?**

We recognize that in addition to learning new subject matter students have been learning how to use TEAMS, how to independently manage their time at home and how to get help in this hybrid learning model. Re-assessment opportunities provide an opportunity for a student, who might have struggled at some point during the semester with the learning model, to focus on an area of weakness and demonstrate their growth.

## ***Reminders & Celebrations***

**UPDATE! Travel over the Holidays** – Just a point of clarification for families. If a student has to travel for custody arrangements they are exempt from the provincial self-isolation guidelines, ***EECD revised their advice on Dec 17, 2020, which now means students CAN attend school as soon as they return.*** If this situation applies to you please reach out to 847-6204 and we can advise you on the specifics.

**Sports** – Many teams competed over the holidays and I will post a mid-season update in the RedHawk Express next week. Players, coaches and families are welcome to share pictures & score updates with me via e-mail or on Twitter if they would like to see them in the weekly newsletter.

**Give Back to Grad Class!** – Please remember that if you return bottles and cans to the KV Redemption Centre you can donate your proceeds to the 2021 Grad Class!

**Gratitude Wall** – We opened a gratitude wall a few weeks back on TEAMS and we converted it to a living gratitude wall just outside the main office. If you want to submit a gratitude message for a student or staff member at RHS please send it to [christina.barrington@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:christina.barrington@nbed.nb.ca) and I will be sure to add it!

