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Parents/Guardians,

We are now down to just 2 weeks remaining in the 3rd 9 weeks. Please encourage your child to make sure all assignments are turned in and that they finish the 9 weeks strong! Sometimes students get a case of "spring fever" as Spring Break gets closer, so any encouragement from home helps a lot! Please take time to read the following information...

1. We really appreciate all of you that were able to attend our SSP conferences and Parent/Teacher conferences recently!

9th grade parents: There have been a few questions regarding the Concurrent Pre-AP Biology class available for 10th graders at RHS. Students who take this course have the opportunity to earn college credit through ATU at the same time as earning a high school credit. If your child has signed up for this class, or you are interested in getting your child signed up at this point, there are a couple of requirements that must be met. First, students must complete the application for concurrent classes, which involves registering for Arkansas Tech. These applications are available in the RJHS Counselor's office. The second part of this process is for the student to take either the ACT or the Accuplacer test and earn a qualifying score. The last ACT test that students can take to meet the deadline entrance for this class is April 14th. Registration for this test can be completed on act.org by March 9th and the cost is \$46. After March 9th, a late registration fee will increase the price. The other test, the Accuplacer, will be given on the afternoon of April 13th at ATU. Permission slips for the Accuplacer are available in the RJHS Counselor's office. The cost of this test is \$30 (cash only) and students will be provided bus transportation for this test. If you have any questions about any of this information, please email the 9th grade counselor at susie.harvison@russellvilleschools.net or call the RJHS office at 968-1599.

2. There will be a free ACT prep class from 6 to 8 pm in Room S210 at Russellville High School on Monday, March 5. This class is designed to help students who have never taken the test or to help students to raise their scores from a prior test. Students should bring a pencil and a calculator if they have one. All other materials will be provided. Students should be at the front door at 6:00 pm if they want to attend. The class will end promptly at 8:00 pm. If you would like more information about the class, please email Ms. Janet Winn (janet.winn@russellvilleschools.net). The next actual ACT test is April 14.

3. **8th grade parents:** If you attended the mandatory parent meeting for RJHS cheer and dance tryouts this past Friday night, please remember tryout clinics are this week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 and tryouts are Friday beginning at 4:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Boles at leslie.boles@russellvilleschools.net.

4. **9th grade parents:** Cheer and dance tryouts for RHS are the week before Spring Break. If you have any questions about tryouts, please contact one of the coaches for next year's teams:

Dance: maegan.pollack@russellvilleschools.net

Cheer: madeline.maness@russellvilleschools.net

Here are the tryout dates and times:

Cheer (varies a little from what is in the packet)

Mandatory parent meeting March 11th @ 2pm

Monday March 12th clinic 4:15-5:45 Mandatory tryout clinic

Wednesday March 14th clinic 4:15-5:45 Mandatory tryout clinic

Friday March 16th tryouts beginning at 4

Dance (listed correctly in the packet)

Mandatory parent meeting March 11th @ 2pm

Monday March 12th clinic 4:15-5:15 Mandatory tryout clinic

Wednesday March 14th clinic 4:15-5:45 Mandatory tryout clinic

Thursday March 15th tryouts beginning at 4

5. Congratulations to the March student of the month, Haley Rogers, and teacher of the month, Coach Whittington!

6. Congratulations to the RJHS Choirs for earning superior (I) ratings in performance and sight-reading yesterday at CPA last week. We had 4 choirs from RJHS compete!

This week at RJHS...

Monday:

Geometry tutoring in Mrs. Hale's room at 7:30 am

PTO meeting at noon in the RJHS Library

Soccer games v. Conway (UE5G students wearing a school t-shirt get in free)

Tuesday:

Algebra 1 tutoring (8th grade Pre-AP and 9th grade Regular) 7:15 am in room 226 (DuVall)

Geometry tutoring (9th grade Pre-AP) 7:25 am in room 134 (Hale)

Treble Ensemble Choir rehearsal 3:15-4:30 (every Tuesday)

8th grade Math and 9th grade Algebra tutoring after school until 4:15 pm in room 205 (Humphreys)

Practice Meet in Russellville

Wednesday:

Geometry tutoring (9th grade Pre-AP) 7:25 am in room 134 (Hale)

8th grade Math & 9th grade Algebra tutoring 7:30 am in room 205 (Humphreys)

8th graders meet with Mr. Harpenau about test data during Social Studies class

CSU (Christian Student Union) meets during lunch, 8th and 9th grade

8th grade Symphonic Woodwind Sectionals 3:20 - 3:50

Thursday:

Algebra 1 tutoring (8th grade Pre-AP and 9th grade Regular) 7:15 am in room 226 (DuVall)

Geometry tutoring (9th grade Pre-AP) 7:25 am in room 134 (Hale)

Soccer games v. Northside (Dwight students wearing a school t-shirt get in free)

Friday:

Geometry tutoring (9th grade Pre-AP) 7:25 am in room 134 (Hale)

Solo ensembles during class periods

NJHS meeting in room 305 during TEAM

Petitions to run for Student Council due

9th graders meet with Mr. Harpenau about test data

Last day to register for the April 14 ACT test (without a late fee)

Saturday:

Other upcoming important dates...

3-16: Last day of 3rd quarter

3-19 through 3-23: Spring Break

4-9: NJHS Induction 6:30

4-13: Accuplacer Test

4-14: ACT
5-10: Talent Show
5-15: Choir's Broadway Revue
5-17: Whirlwind Day
5-28: NO School (Memorial Day)

Repeated Information:

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is open to all parents/guardians. They meet at noon during the first Monday of each month in the RJHS Library. The next meeting will be tomorrow, March 5th.

9th graders have the option of earning exemption from semester tests in May. Here is the exemption policy as stated in the handbook: *During the second semester only, students in grades 9-12 will be exempt from the final exam if they have 80% or higher and have missed no more than 4 total days, excluding school-sponsored trips/absences. Students who are exempt and choose to take the final exam will NOT be penalized regardless of the grade they make on the final exam. This policy will not impact semester classes that only meet second semester.*

*Please note that only school-related absences do not count toward exemption (field trips, school-sponsored games, etc.). Also, missing more than 10 minutes of class is considered an absence and 3 tardies to a class is equivalent to an absence. Exemption is based on teacher records and is class-specific. As stated in the handbook, classes that only last one semester are not included in this policy.

