



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

As we conclude a short week for students, our administrators will be joining our Board of Education tomorrow for a full Saturday 2021-22 BOE budget workshop. Tune in to hear about the work of our schools and how this work connects to our District budget.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmly,

Susie

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A Few Bits

School Status

Wednesday's communication indicated that our elementary schools will remain in hybrid this coming week. We will update families again on January 27.

Reminder

Early dismissal on January 29th: asynchronous afternoon for students grades PK-12.

Health and Safety

The Town of Ridgefield, Fairfield County, and the State of Connecticut have seen a slight decrease in new case rates of COVID-19 in the last seven days. We continue to monitor cases in the community and in our schools, and we ask that everyone partners with us to continue vigilance in mitigation efforts by wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and staying home from school if you have any symptom of COVID-19.

SAT Subject Tests

The College Board announced that they will be discontinuing the SAT Subject Tests in the U.S.

If your student is currently registered, their registration will be automatically canceled and fees will

be refunded. Please check specific college websites for information on how this will impact college admissions. RHS counselors are available to answer questions specific to your student.

SAT Essay

The College Board announced that they will be discontinuing the essay portion of the exam after June 2021. Students can register to take the SAT with the essay through June 2021. Students who have already registered for the SAT with the essay and would like to cancel that portion, can change their registration through the College Board website with no fee changes. RHS counselors are available to answer questions specific to your student.

Food Service

The *Build your own Deli and Salad* preorder is set up and ready to go for all RHS students and staff. Linked [here](#) is some more information. Any student or staff member can place an order for pick up, up to two days in advance, using the Nutrislice app on their phone, tablet, or computer.

Cut off time for orders is 7:00 a.m. on the day of school!

As we continue on our hybrid model for next week there will be no SES/BMES weekend meals next week. As always, evening meal pickup is available at the East Ridge Middle School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Budget Announcement

The full-day BOE Budget Workshop schedule can be found [here](#). It will be a virtual meeting held on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Times on the schedule are approximate.

RPS Highlights

Enjoy the RPS News [here!](#)

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#): In this week's episode, the head of the Ridgefield High School's Art Department, Michael Rivera, brings on two students to talk about their art experiences. Ryder Dadasovich, a sophomore who has been exploring photography and film making, and Beatrice Altopp, a senior who did improv and is now focusing on three-dimensional art. We talk about what inspires them, how a modern art student creates, and opportunities that our students can explore. Thanks for listening!

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Connecticut Learning Hub available to families: found [here](#).