

Phoenix Notes

Renaissance High School

January Edition

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Upcoming Events

RENNI CARES KICK OFF MONTH

Class of 2026 Notification 1.14

MLK Observance 1.17

Wellness Day 1.21

Final Exams 1.26 & 1.27

Semester 1 Ends 1.28

Semester 2 Begins 1.31

Report Card Day 2.4

Family Survey Opens 3.14



Principal Stroughter's Corner

Happy New Year! I feel blessed and honored to begin another year as your principal and look forward to what is to come.

This month marks the end of the first semester. Students should be sure to close this month out strong. Ensure all things are in order and preparation for final exams begin. Note that the marks for the semester are included on the transcript. Semester grades include the first and second quarter, meaning everything from September is included in this final marking. The goal is for all students to do their best in hopes of making the Honor Roll or Principal's List so that college acceptances become inevitable. Stay focused and do your best!

With the unpredictable nature of the virus, school may be called to virtual at any point. It is important that students remain flexible as there may be a bit of back and forth between in person and virtual. At Renaissance, our expectation is that all students and staff maintain good work ethic while recognizing the difficulties that virtual learning may bring. As we continue to navigate through these trying times, our promise is to nurture the educational and social emotional well being of our students and staff. Your continued support in this effort is expected and appreciated.

Renni Cares

Part of the responsibility of the school resides in the safety and security of its stakeholders. As such, RHS Administration along with NHS and Senate will launch a new campaign, referred to as Renni Cares!

Renni Cares is a student-centered initiative aimed at providing information and opportunities for students to positively shape and impact a culture of CARING on all levels within our high school. There will be a wealth of activities included throughout the rest of the year.

Renni Cares student ambassadors will begin visiting seminar classes in January to survey the needs of the students. Planned activities include but are not limited to: Wellness Day, motivational messaging, Principal monthly Share Talks, Wellness Wednesdays, student recognition, and more.

Be prepared to see, feel and show how Renni Cares!



After School Tutoring

- Monday – Thursday, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Saturday School 8:30am – 12:30pm
- Teachers available for ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Students on academic probation & those with attendance make up time must report.
- Students reporting to tutoring must be in the room and out of the hallway by 3:30pm.

Delayed Return to School

As you should have heard at this point, Dr. Vitti has decided to delay the return to school after the break. There will be no in person or virtual school January 3 – 5, Monday – Wednesday. The district will announce plans for Thursday and Friday, January 6 – 7, on Wednesday, January 5th.

During these times off, the district is requesting that students get tested through Lynxdx. There are 10 sites available for walk in. The Renaissance site is appointment only. To make an appointment, go to <https://lynxdx.health/dpscd>.

Effective January 31st, all students must have a consent form on file for Covid testing or they will be placed in the virtual school for second semester which begins January 31st.

Be prepared for online learning, ensure that students can access all classes on Teams, including seminar. If a device is needed, there will be an opportunity to sign one out. Stay tuned for more details.