

# PHOENIX NOTES

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## Principal's Corner

For many of us, December 2020 couldn't get here fast enough. We have all had a challenging year and would love nothing more than to move forward.

My greatest lesson during this time has been resilience. I have stretched as a leader and have learned more about myself and others. I am grateful for this lesson as I have been reminded that when challenges face me, I can get through it if I work hard and believe. Many of our children have learned this same lesson and are continuing to learn it. We must be supportive of their growth and lend a hand when we see that they are at the brink of breaking. Assure them that they will get through this and they will prevail. Now is not the time to let up, it is the time to continue pushing the pedal. We shall overcome! Stay vigilant!

## Quarter 2 Schedule

We have been living into our new schedule for a couple of weeks now. The schedule was addressed due to an overwhelming concern from students, parents and teachers. After many discussions, planning and surveys, we developed a schedule that we believe is suitable for everyone.

Our schedule mirrors our former one in that we will meet with all classes on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday we will meet with our odd hour classes and on Thursday, we will meet with our even hour classes including seminar. Please make sure students attend all classes every day. Students should

log into Teams to meet with their teachers during class time. Teachers are also using Schoology, PowerSchool and Saavas, just to name a few. Verify that your student knows where to get all information related to class and is engaged and turning in work on time. Each afternoon, all teachers are available for office hours. All students should have been invited to all their teacher's office hours and can join them on Teams when needed. Take advantage of this time to get work done and meet with teachers.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Free Covid Testing @ Renaissance**  
12/3, 12/9, 12/17  
**Qtr 1 Student Recognition** 11/30  
**Financial Aid Workshop** 12/9  
**Winter Dance Concert** 12/10  
**Winter Vocal Concert** 12/17  
**PTSA Meeting** 12/17  
**Schools Closed** 12/21 – 1/1

**Anyone who claims to be a leader must speak like a leader. That means speaking with integrity and truth.**

-Kamala Harris



## Remote Learning Tips

Consider these things to ensure your student is finding success during remote learning.

~Make sure your child is getting up early enough to eat breakfast and get dressed prior to first hour. Please make sure they are wearing nothing that can be distracting and take away from the teaching and learning.

~All students should be at their workstation ready to focus and participate with cameras on when class starts.

~While in class, it is important that students have their video camera on (with a background if you chose) and microphone muted unless called upon.

~Students have a dedicated lunch time, so students should only be eating small snacks, if anything, during class.

~Students should use the bathroom in between classes to avoid missing instruction.

~Remember monitor grades on Student/Parent Connect.



### Athletic Update

According to MHSAA, winter sports will begin with practices on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to the pandemic and closures, we are waiting on the final word. As soon as we get more information, we will alert try-out information for those sports that were not able to hold them.



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Class of 2024:  
Piecing Me Together

Class of 2023:  
Things Fall Apart

Class of 2022:  
The Help

Class of 2021:  
Invisible Man

For your leisure reading time!

## NOTES FROM THE COUNSELORS

**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:** Apply for Financial Aid after October

1st. [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) Next Financial Aid Night **December 9<sup>th</sup>** Check with each college in which you are applying for merit-based scholarships and deadlines. Check for memorial and alumni scholarship opportunities at each college in which you may qualify. **Make sure you sign up for Ms. Nichol's remind Remind code** For Last Name (A – L): rhsseniorsa-l@rennidpscd Remind code For Last Name (M – Z): rhsseniorsm-z@rennidpscd Check out the Class of 2021, College Board Opportunity Scholarships. <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/> Remember it takes work to receive most scholarships! You won't know if you don't try.

**Juniors:** 2020-2021 LEDA Scholars Application for Juniors deadline December 14th. For questions about the LEDA Scholars program, application, or application process please contact your counselor and go to the following link : <https://ledascholars.org/>

**All Grades** Expect Respect Character Trait for the Month of **December** is Generosity: Any student interested in submitting an essay or poem on the following, please email them to [Melissa.jones@detroitk12.org](mailto:Melissa.jones@detroitk12.org) by Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. **Topics:** 1.You do not have to be rich to be generous. 2. Giving freely without expecting anything in return. 3. Do all the good you can. 4. Find your gift and give it away.