

PHOENIX NOTES

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Principal's Corner

It's May! Spring has sprung and our seniors are getting antsy! 😊 We have successfully completed state assessments and will quickly move into AP testing.

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to publicly thank our teachers for the work that they have done towards the increase in rankings according to US News and World reports. In each category, national, state and metro area we moved up significantly. We remain #1 in the district. Post-pandemic, we plan to continue to do great things for student achievement. We are proud of the work that we have done, however, we realize there is plenty more to accomplish and achieve. Students and parents, without you we would not be who and what we are. Continue to work hard and learn to be great in and out of the classroom. I believe in all of us and know that we will achieve. Phoenix Rise!

Advanced Placement

As you know, Renaissance High School has a lot to offer. One of the things we are most proud of is the offerings of college level courses. Students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, have the ability to earn college credits if they score well on the exam at the end of the course. Each and every core course and many electives have an AP course associated with it. Students can also earn college credits by taking IB courses and/or being an IB Diploma candidate. Students begin this program during their junior year and take the courses for two years with an exam at the end of their senior year.

College credits will be granted based on performance on those exams. Finally, students who take dual enrollment courses will also gain credits towards college. This option does not require a score on an exam at the end. These courses are college level, taught by professors from the college. This is the opportunity for FREE credits that will go towards a college degree. All students should take advantage of this opportunity. In the past, we have had students start college with enough credits to enter in as a second semester sophomore. This is something you do not want to miss out on. Please see your counselor for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AP Testing begins 5/3
Senior CPR Training 5/6
Vocal Spring Concert 5/18
8th Grade Open House 5/19
Senior Pinning & Awards 5/20
Dance Spring Concert 5/21
Orchestra Spring Concert 5/27
Senior Excellence Awards 5/27
Senior Finals 5/26 & 5/27
Senior Clearance Day 5/28

My values-going back to my childhood-were always based on respect for all people and rejection of bigotry and racism.

-Keith Ellison



Senior Activities

As the seniors approach their final full month of their high school career, we are gearing up plans to honor them. Beginning this month, we will host a number of events to honor their accomplishments and provide an opportunity for them to gather together as a class. We are extremely proud of the class of 2021 and look forward to what they will do in

the very near future. Seniors please plan to attend these events as they have been put together just for you!

May 19th: Senior Pinning and Awards

May 25th: Excellence Awards

May 27th: AP NMSI Event

May 28th: Senior Clearance Day

June 5th: Senior Prom

June 7th: Graduation Rehearsal

June 8th: Graduation

Please pay attention to the notes that will be coming out regarding guidelines to attend these events.



Athletic Update

Spring sports are well underway, and our boys and girls track and field teams are doing fantastic. Look for them to make a huge impact in the state. There may still be time to get involved. For more information, contact AC Lopez @ joshua.lopez@detroitk12.org



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Class of 2024:

The Language of Mathematics by Keith Devlin

Class of 2023:

Chaos by James Gleick

Class of 2022:

Games and Mathematics by David Wells

Class of 2021:

How to Think Like a Mathematician by Kevin Houston

Administrator Office Hours, 1pm – 2pm

Monday: C. Powell, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Tuesday: J. White, Dean

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Wednesday: V. Stroughter, Principal

<https://tinyurl.com/StroughterWeeklyOfficeHours>

Thursday: S. Sims, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Friday: L. Grady, AP

<https://tinyurl.com/AdminOfficeHours20-21>

Counseling Office Hours, 12pm – 1pm

Tuesday: G. Duncan, H – O

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Wednesday: M. Jones, A – G

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Thursday: M. Bell, P – Z

<https://tinyurl.com/CounselorsOfficeHours20-21>

Share Talk: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month

Student Share Talk Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/RHSSStudentShare>

Parent Share Talk Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/RHSParentShare>

Notes from the Counselors

The Expect Respect Character Trait for May is Cooperation. This month we will focus on Mental Health Awareness.

Decision day was May 1st and colleges asked applicants to signal their plans of attending a particular college by signing a letter of intent to enroll, along with submitting a deposit to hold their place in the freshman class. The Counseling Department would like to congratulate our seniors as they celebrate the hard work, they put in over the past four years. The sacrifices they made to earn great grades, score well on their standardized tests, and participate in a robust number of extracurricular activities – the result? You were accepted into some stellar schools. Now comes the time to celebrate and announce the College or University you have decided to attend. The Renaissance Senators have been preparing a video of each senior celebrating as they announce their college or university of choice. The video will be broadcasted live to the entire student body on May 3rd starting on 1:30pm.

Senior clearance day is May 28th. At that time, we will approve your completion of high school with only final exams to complete. Students should bring all books and materials assigned to them, turn in scholarship report, complete Xello, turn in all college acceptances, complete CPR training and turn in OCLEX hours (RHS seal requirement). A detailed form will be provided with instructions for senior clearance day.