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RFH Community,

Today marks the beginning of Spring Break 2020, a spring break unlike any other. **Please take the time to relax, recharge and enjoy your family.** The third quarter concluded today, and in alignment with the Governor's Executive Orders, we will continue the fourth quarter with our Digital Days Plan, that is, by having our dedicated teaching staff provide online instruction. At RFH, we are committed to as many days of face-to-face teaching as possible, and maintaining as many of our spring student activities as possible. While we may need to cancel some of our events, we remain committed to a spring sports season, junior and senior awards ceremonies, the senior prom and graduation. **The Junior Prom has been rescheduled for June 10, 2020.**

There are some important things that you should know about the remainder of the school year:

- The spring administration of NJSLA testing for Math, Language Arts and Science is canceled.
- AP tests begin during the week of May 11 and will be administered at home.
- Fourth quarter EMPAs are canceled.

Thank you for your questions, support and flexibility as our entire RFH community has come together to adjust to a new kind of school day. **The creativity and flexibility demonstrated by our teachers, and learning demonstrated by our students makes RFH unique in its commitment to maintaining rigorous instruction during this unprecedented time**. In only three short weeks, and with only a few hours notice, we transformed everything that we had ever known about school into an online version of a school. The students' and teachers' ability to adjust to this new way of teaching and learning makes us proud. #RFHPride

The fourth quarter will begin with a continuation of our Digital Days plan. Based on the

input of teachers, students, parents and administrators, the following parameters will be in place for the fourth quarter.

While the building remains closed during the fourth quarter,

- Assignments will be **posted** by 8:00 AM on Monday Thursday each week.
- The **due date** for any assignment will be 8:00 PM (Monday Friday), with at least 24 hours given for each assignment.
- Fridays
 - \circ $\;$ Two hours will be reserved for office hours for individual meetings with students.
 - \circ $\,$ No new assignments may be posted on Fridays.
- Specific time slots have been set aside for interactive video sessions so that students can participate in those sessions offered by teachers.
 - Students are reminded that they are required to follow the school dress code while they are on video.

Please talk to your children about the importance of social distancing. We are doing everything we can to observe the Governor's Executive Orders and contribute to the prevention of the spread of the virus. We have stored our athletic equipment and closed our stadium. We have limited the number of staff onsite at RFH each day. Our clinician from Rutgers University Behavioral Health and an administrator are on site each day in case of emergencies. We have posted resources on our website should you or your family need wellness support or suggestions during this time. Please access our Student Wellness page at https://www.rumsonfairhaven.org/domain/98.

Dr. Handerhan sent suggestions to our students about how they can practice "social distancing" while engaging in spring break activities. Our English teachers posted a list of great books to read during spring break, and our coaches posted workouts online. Many colleges have posted updated virtual campus tours.

We remain optimistic about reopening during the fourth quarter, and the ability to have our students, teachers, and families back on campus. Stay well!

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