

# Superintendent's Report 09-17-19



RFH welcomed the staff back to school on September 3 and 4. Faculty worked on goal setting for the new year, and annual training in important topics related to student safety. The Rumson Fair Haven High School Foundation, who provided the funds for our new digital displays for announcements and flyers, also addressed our teachers inviting them to apply for grants for innovative projects in their classrooms. You can support the Rumson Fair Haven High School Foundation by visiting their website, <u>rfhfoundation.org</u> and attending their fundraising events. The next RFH Fundraiser takes place on October 2. We also had the help of Rumson PD in opening up our entrance in the West Lot. Students and parents are responding favorably to the additional entrance.



The students arrived on Thursday, September 5, and quickly began tackling the challenges of their new classes. Students used their Chromebooks to enroll in Google Classroom, where they were able to answer questions, collaborate with their classmates and submit assignments. More than 550 parents attended Back to School Night. In addition to touring the updated learning spaces, parents shared that they were impressed with the enthusiasm of our teaching staff.

## **Athletics and Activities**





The Student Activity Fair takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 18. All students are invited to meet with club leaders during ninth period. RFH currently has wins in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, with both having exciting overtime wins against Manasquan yesterday, Field Hockey, Girls' Tennis, Girls' Volleyball, Cross Country, and an historic first football win against RBC, the first time we've beaten RBC since 2002. (Photo by Patrick Olivero, appearing in the Two River Times) Stay tuned for a community wide event coming up in October. The entire RFH community, including all of the parents of Rumson and Fair Haven are invited to participate in Kindness Week.

# **District Goals Update**

# Goal 3: Evaluate the effectiveness of the administrative team/tasks.

A revised organizational chart is part of the policy reading for tonight. The organization allows the superintendent more direct oversight in the areas of curriculum alignment and professional development. Additionally, a monthly reporting process has been established for the purpose of collecting information and informing conversations.

#### Goal 5: Student Wellness

A series of activities have been planned related to Student Wellness. The webpage has been updated with resources for students and families. Dr. Fico and our counseling team are available to work with students individually and in groups, and we expect to add additional staff through a partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare in the coming weeks. Additionally, we are partnering with organizations throughout the community to provide additional information. In addition to R+FH Kindness Week which kicks off with an assembly for parents on October 7, there is also a night of learning scheduled at Brookdale Community College on October 3, 2019. More information can be found on our website about both.

# Save the Date!





#### The Effects of Addictive Substances and Behaviors on the Adolescent Brain

Presented by Stephen L. Dewey, Ph.D.

September 26, 2019 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Rumson-Fair Haven High School Auditorium | 74 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760

Parents & Community Welcome

### **Save the Date!**

Dr. Steven Dewey Thursday, Sept. 26 7:00 PM

> Student Wellness Resources