

*“You must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose”*

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Now that the weeks of constant rain are behind us, trying to get those canceled youth soccer, baseball and softball games rescheduled before the summer is quite a challenge. The weather ranging from bright sun to hail showers adds more to the excitement. I hope you had an enjoyable weekend.

Except for a handful of make-up sessions, RJG has completed this year’s MCAS testing and everything went quite smoothly. The students did a great job and helped maintain a respectful and quiet testing environment. I would like to thank the entire staff of RJG for making everything work so well with special acknowledgement to Megan Hatt, Denis Reedy, Janet Rodero, Caroline O’Brien, Margaret Gibbs, Mike Bertone, Lilly Green, Marcia Charter, and Lori Siegal for organizing this monumental task.

Don’t miss the Spring Band concert this Tuesday night at 7:30PM. Mark Hickey, the performing Arts Director for Acton and Acton-Boxborough, has been working with our talented 7th and 8th graders all year, and this concert promises to be an outstanding show.

Being a member of the student government is a wonderful opportunity to experience a leadership role and to have a voice in improving the communal experience for all members of the RJG community. Monday, May 24, is the day for Grade 7 Student Council Officer Elections, and elected officers will be announced. As such, this will be an exciting week of campaigning. Parents and guardians; please encourage your child to learn about the candidates and make decisions not on friendship but instead on who they believe will do the best job. Unfortunately, I also need to ask your assistance regarding appropriate behavior. Although rare, we have had a few incidents of negative campaigning and vandalism. RJG is and has always been a supportive and respectful community. Please help us maintain this expectation.

Midterm Reports for Term Four will be mailed this week. As I have mentioned before, midterm reports provide valuable information regarding student grades and performance half way through a term. Sometimes a midterm report provides good news. Sometimes a midterm report provides suggestions for improvement.

We have less than a month left to the end of the year, and RJG is busy as ever. Important information regarding end of year field trips will be coming soon. Students are working hard but should be encouraged to stay intrinsically motivated right through to the end of the year. Summer vacation is almost here.

Have a good week.