

*“Patience is also a form of action.”*

**Auguste Rodin**

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Recognizing that I just sent an election reminder last Friday, it is worth sending one more. Tomorrow's election (November 7th) is going to cause significant disruption to the flow of morning traffic. We apologize in advance for this inconvenience.

Specifically, Charter Road will be blocked off for all traffic between 6:45AM and 8AM and will be reserved for school buses only. Although bus transportation will proceed as normal, parents and guardians will only have access to the campus from Rt. 111, by the Blanchard Gym entrance, and student drop off will only be allowed in the lower lot.

**There will be no access to the front loop.** This one day change will likely result in a traffic delay on Route 111 and difficulty entering the campus. Please plan your morning and drive to school accordingly. As always, your patience and cooperation will make this very important day as relaxed as possible.

This past Thursday, I had the opportunity to share some RJG highlights and program initiatives with our school committee. Topics included information regarding home/school communication updates, our demographic trends, the RJG School Improvement Plan for the year, and more. Some specific student highlights included information on our recent 7th grade social, our new Star Wars Club, and dress-up day on Halloween. As a result of winning last year's coat drive, Anton's Cleaners provided a delicious ice cream party for the entire school and a check for \$1,000, which was donated to our local food pantry. I would like to thank Max Hoffman, and Xenia Jarostchuk for sharing their perspective on life at the RJG from a student's perspective. They were terrific!

Finally, I want to make a few comments about our students use and/or experimentation with various colognes and body sprays. As our young adolescents are going through the normal stages of puberty, some odor at the end of the day is expected. It is also normal to want to try different products. That being said, rather than using perfume and other fragrances, students are encouraged to use and/or reapply deodorant, particularly following PE classes. While students may choose to keep deodorant in their lockers, it is also available in the nurse's office. In general, we would appreciate it if parents could have a conversation with their children about the appropriate use and application of body sprays. Unfortunately, masking body odor with fragrances is not effective and actually makes it uncomfortable for others.

Please remember that in recognition of Veterans Day, school will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Have a great week.