

"Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field?"

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What a wacky weekend of fall weather! On Saturday it felt like August followed by more seasonal October rain on Monday. Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy their Columbus Day holiday weekend.

This year, we are adding two part-time Student Support Supervisors positions at RJG. These positions have been designed to provide more student supervision and support during the more unstructured times of the school day, specifically during lunch periods and after school. If you are interested in either of these positions, please send a letter of interest to Marie Altieri, Director of Personnel or to me at 16 Charter Road, Acton, Ma. 01720.

Information regarding Parent/Guardian Conferences scheduled during December and early January will be coming out with report cards next month. While the upcoming conferences are a great way to check in on your child's progress, they can seem very short and are more than a month away. As such, if you have current questions and/or concerns, please contact your child's teachers right away. While teachers are not routinely at their desks, they can be reached by phone or e-mail. If you would like to meet with your child's team of teachers, simply contact the RJG Counseling Office to schedule a team meeting.

Some of you may receive interim reports next week. An interim report does not necessarily mean a failing grade and sometimes, an interim report can be sent home to communicate good news! In general, however, interim reports are typically sent home mid-term when changes in behavior or performance need to be communicated. Should you receive an interim report and have related questions, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

Last year, R.J. Grey Junior High School offered four Parent/Guardian Forums in order to providing relevant resources and educational support to our families. Based on parent and guardian feedback, these forums were well received and informative. Accordingly, we will continue the forums this year. Our first Parent Forum will be on homework and is scheduled for early December. Please keep an eye out for the date! Future topics include Stress Management, Discipline at RJG, and Safety in Cyberspace. If you have a specific idea you'd like us to consider, please send it along as soon as possible.

AB Clothing Sales are back! Help 7 Red support local and international hunger relief efforts! Orders for AB Sweatshirts, flannel boxers and now flannel pants will be taken each morning next week from 7:15-7:30am in the lobby.

- Sweatshirts are \$25
- Boxers are \$15
- Flannel Pants \$22

Payment must be made when placing your order. Checks and cash will be accepted.

Finally, tonight, Tuesday, October 9, I will hold my first “Drop-in Hour” from 6 –7 PM for parents who might want to stop by the office, ask questions about the school, and/or share ideas. In past years, I have had a number of great conversations with parents during this time, and I look forward to continuing our dialogue. Please join me.