

“A baseball game is simply a nervous breakdown divided into nine innings.”
Earl Wilson

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This is going to be a very exciting week for all Red Sox fans. After a week of sleep deprivation, sports enthusiasts are entering week number two. This is an exciting time and should not be ignored. With that said, school is still a priority, and a good night's sleep is essential. Parents (and teachers too!), please use common sense. Whether it's taking a nap after school or simply going to bed and finding out the score in the morning, please try to balance the excitement of baseball with school work and overall physical health.

This upcoming Friday, we are holding our first 7th Grade Social. From 2:30 to 4:30PM, RJG 7th graders will have the opportunity to dance, chat, or just hang out. Tickets are on sale all week during homeroom for \$4. This includes the cost of admission, a cookie and a drink. It will be a blast!

Parents and guardians, while we want to believe that every form and piece of paper sent home in your child's backpack is immediately given you, I realize that this is not always the case. Accordingly, I am including a copy of a letter that was sent home last week regarding the grade eight class trip to Minuteman Regional High School:

Every fall the entire eighth grade class at RJ Grey visits Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington for a tour of the school and a chance to learn about their unique programs. This year's trip will take place on Thursday November 1st. Our eighth graders and their teachers will leave RJ Grey at 10:00 AM and travel by school bus to Minuteman. Lunch will be provided. Following the tour, our students will return to the junior high by 2:00 PM. There is no cost for this trip.

This is a terrific opportunity for our students to learn about the curriculum at Minuteman and to see this school as a viable alternative to attending Acton Boxborough Regional High School. In addition, our students learn about the many Minuteman extracurricular programs that are available to them this year

Each year, the RJG administrative team reviews our Building Evacuation Plan which was created by RJG staff and the Acton Police and Fire Departments. This plan includes emergency procedures for building evacuations as well as for emergency procedures where evacuation is not required (“Shelter in Place”). To ensure that our safety procedures are current and appropriate year to year, administrators and staff prioritize the updating and practicing of all safety procedures during the first few months of school as ongoing evacuation drills are beneficial to ensure that everyone is ready in case of an

emergency. We have and will continue to teach our students the various emergency procedures we have in place and to offer practice opportunities throughout the year. School safety is paramount in all our minds and preparation is a key component for keeping RJG a safe environment.

This Thursday, October 25, will be the final day to purchase AB sweatshirts, boxer shorts, and flannel pants. Many parents have asked if there is a way for them to purchase these items as gifts for their children without their sons or daughters knowing. The answer is yes! Complete the attached order form and return it to our front office with your payment by this Thursday. Even if your child is the one to deliver your order form, by labeling the envelope "Hunger Relief" we'll be able to keep the surprise. You will receive an email when it's time to pick up your order. Thank you for supporting 7-Red's hunger relief efforts and encouraging school pride at the same time.

Lastly, there were a few calls last week regarding some understandable confusion regarding this year's Picture make-up day. Unfortunately, the wrong date was listed in the school calendar. The correct date is Friday, November 9th.

Have a good week,

Craig