

“The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.”

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While the weather a week ago allowed us to remain in denial regarding the impending winter, the wind chill this weekend makes it impossible to ignore that winter is here. Ignoring the fact that there will always be a group of delusional teenagers who see nothing wrong with wearing flipflops and shorts in the arctic weather, it is time to accept reality and dig out the winter coats.

I want to remind parents and students that at RJG, the level of heat varies from room to room. Some are on the warm side while others hold on to a bit of a chill. Accordingly, I highly recommend that everyone consider wearing layers to school and have a sweater on hand for comfort.

With the Thanksgiving break almost here, please be sure to let the office know if your child will be out of school for one or multiple days. Knowing about such absences ahead of time allows us to better prepare in the classroom and at the front office. We also ask that you contact us in writing if your child is being picked up during the school day by someone other than a parent or guardian. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Have any parents and guardians noticed that the pile of clothing in your child’s room is getting smaller? I hate to tell you this, but it is probably not because of a dramatic improvement in putting things away. It is more likely that these items are currently sitting in our Lost and Found. Please make sure students check to see if their items are still in the school building before it is too late. We will be emptying the lost and found collection on Wednesday, November 26, and donating the items to charity.

As another reminder, we will be following a special schedule this Wednesday, November 26. After following a truncated schedule, students will attend an all school Thanksgiving Assembly which will include student speeches and performances by the school Chorus and Band. This is a wonderful time for students and faculty to pause and reflect on the blessings we have as a school and as part of the Acton-Boxborough community as a whole. Following this assembly, students will be dismissed at 11:06AM for the Thanksgiving break.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend.