

“Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Tuesday, November 10, marks the end of the first marking term at RJ Grey, and students are scheduled to receive their report cards during the week of November 23. While our teachers have done a wonderful job providing students and families with consistent feedback since the beginning of school, this will be the first “official” RJG document of the year.

For some, report cards will reflect the ease with which students have made the transition to the junior high. These students have made the adjustments necessary to succeed at the middle school level and are performing as expected. To these students I say “Congratulations!” This is a great way to start the year but essential to keep up the high caliber of work.

For others, the information provided in the report cards may indicate that a transition is still in process, and there is room for personal growth. This is not inherently a bad thing or reason to be discouraged. The report card is only one tool for assessing progress and performance and ultimately can be a great compass for carving a path for improvement. Now is a great time for students to reach out to their teachers and counselors to build in the supports necessary to ensure a successful year.

This Tuesday evening, from 6 to 7PM, I will be holding my monthly drop-in hour. Feel free to swing by to say hello, share any thoughts or concerns, or simply to grumble about “that team” that won the World Series.

Regarding student photographs, please be reminded that any student who wishes to have a re-take can do so on Thursday, November 12. Herff Jones will be at RJ Grey on that day for re-takes as well as for taking initial photos for any students who were absent on the original picture day. Students who want to have a re-take must bring in their original packet of photos to submit to Herff Jones.

Annual postural screenings will take place during gym classes on Thursday, November 19, for 7th graders and on Friday, November 20, for 8th graders. Screenings will be conducted by the school nurses and physical education teachers. Parents/guardians will be notified only if further evaluation by a health provider is indicated. Parents/guardians of students who are presently under treatment for spinal problems are encouraged to inform the school nurse in writing as soon as possible. For questions/concerns related to the screening process, please contact Erin Livie, RN at 978-264-4700 X 3318.

Finally, this is a reminder that school will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veteran’s Day.

Have a great week.