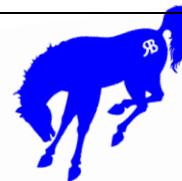


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Rancho Bernardo Families,

As we get closer to our Winter Break, I would like to remind our community that while this school year has had its challenges, we have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to. Our fall athletic teams had tremendous seasons, with several of our teams going into the postseason for some really exciting playoff games. Last month our RBHS Bronco Players performed the play "Peter and the Starcatcher" which was really fun to see. We are looking forward to our performing arts concerts, including Band, Dance, and Choir.

Speaking of championships, our Rancho Bernardo Royal Regiment had a fantastic performance at SCSBOA 6A Field Championships and received 1st Place High School Music and 1st Place Band (gold medals and highest award at championships). Congratulations to our Instrumental Music students and staff!

Winter sports are underway and this is the beginning of a very busy and exciting season for our athletes. Please come out and support our student athletes as they compete. Our Fight Against Hunger Club led an extremely successful food drive. I am proud of the work our staff and students put in for this worthy cause. Our ASB has LOTS of fun activities planned next week for our students. All of our clubs and ASB are very active right now, and it's very exciting to see our students getting involved in extracurricular activities. The amount of Bronco Pride is amazing.

As you probably know, the Board of Education will be discussing start times for all Middle and High

schools next month. There will also be discussion about the next phase of summer construction for RBHS. I am very excited to see the completion of this whole school improvement project. Next summer we are scheduled to finish the job that was started last year. I hope to get some sketch up drawings to share with our community soon. From the early drafts I've seen, our campus will look drastically different next school year in our outdoor common areas. It's long overdue, and it will look beautiful.

As always, we are all very grateful for our students, teachers, staff, parents, and the wonderful Rancho Bernardo community.

I would like to wish everyone a restful winter break. I hope you find the time to enjoy the company of family and friends.

Sincerely,

Hans Becker
Principal

Broncos, buy your Yearbook now! Yearbooks are currently \$70 and will increase to \$80 on Jan. 1, 2022. There are a limited number of yearbooks produced each year and the only way to guarantee a yearbook for your student in June is to place your order now. Yearbook purchases can only be made online at <http://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/757611>

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bronco Families,

Wow, time is really flying! It's already Quarter 2 and soon we'll be heading into our Winter Break. The PTSA membership has surpassed 200 but we've got plenty of room for more members. Students, teachers, and any and all family members can join to support the RBHS community.

The Board and Committee Chairs have been busy. Thank you to Marci Lee, Liz Bowers, and volunteers who decorated our campus with red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week, which is always a good reminder for our students to stay drug-free.

Student Services is working hard to wrap up this year's PUSD Adopt-a-Family program. If you are interested in helping or donating items that are still needed, please contact Liz Bowers at ebowers@powayusd.com. For more information please see www.adoptafamilypusd.com.

Our Senior Celebration plans are underway and we are excited to have both a Disneyland trip and the Grad Nite at Party Pals back for our 2022 graduates. The RB Community Foundation generously granted the PTSA \$5000 to help make Grad Nite available to every graduating senior. We'll definitely need some volunteers to help when the tickets go on sale. More information coming soon!

We wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season. We hope you will join us as a member, contributor, volunteer, or participant in PTSA activities. Thank you, and please feel free to reach out to me any time at CascioFamilySD@gmail.com.

Take good care,

Maggie Cascio

Senior Disneyland Trip June 3 Senior Grad Nite June 8 Save the Dates!

We are hard at work planning Senior Celebration activities. Our Senior Disneyland Trip is planned for June 3 and Grad Nite is planned for June 8. Please stay tuned for more information coming soon!

BRONCO ATHLETICS "SPORTS SCOOP"

Bronco Athletics had a very successful fall season, with all seven programs competing past the first round of CIF. Girls' golf were league champions again. Girls' Volleyball were Div. 1 CIF runner-up's. Girls' cross country runner Jacey Farmer placed first in San Diego CIF Div. 1 and 5th in CIF State.

Now that the fall season is complete, winter season is underway. As a reminder, there is an admission fee for all basketball games and wrestling matches. Prices are set by the North County Conference. In accordance with the CDPH, masks are required for spectators for indoor sports, which includes basketball and wrestling. Please plan accordingly when attending these games/matches. As always, Bronco athletes and spectators continue to "Pursue Victory with Honor."



Counseling Corner

The counseling team is wrapping up our fall support groups; two groups focused on anxiety, one on emotion regulation, and one on managing academic pressure and stress. We started a new group called Broncos Reaching Academic Goals (BRAG) which focuses on organization, time management, and goal setting for the future.

College applications are coming to a close here very soon. You can feel the relief on campus that CSU and UC applications have been submitted. Counselors continue working hard to submit letters of recommendations for the universities who use the Common and Coalition Applications.

We are gearing up for course selection presentations and meetings in March where we will be going into classrooms providing course selection workshops as well as meeting individually with students.

Students enrolled in our Career and Technical Education courses which are articulated with Palomar College (Photography 1-2, Screen Print 1-2, Intro to Engineering and Design 1-2, and Digital Media Production 3-4) have completed the first step of paperwork to receive free college credit! Stay tuned for the second step of the process in January.

Is your student interested in attending a community college after high school? If so, here is a resource [link](#) which outlines information for admission to our local community colleges.

As the college application season transitions, you should be thinking of your options regarding financing school. The San Diego Foundation does a great job of offering a common application for local area scholarships. It works very much like the Common App for those of you who are

familiar. Typically, the SD Foundation application opens on Dec. 1 but it has been delayed. It would behoove you to check the website regularly, so that you know when the app goes live. I will try to update you if I receive notice beforehand. Also, there is a list of non-San Diego foundation scholarships posted on the Counseling Canvas page for your convenience. It is updated once a month.

AP exam registration will start again on January 18 and come to a close at the end of February. All fall and yearlong AP classes are not in the Late Registration window. Spring Only classes will begin registering as soon as quarter 3 begins. Please reach out to Mrs. Curry at nacurry@powayusd.com if you have questions.

Maureen Changnon, Counselor A - C

S.T.A.B.L.E. AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for being honored as "Self-Aware" students by our staff members:

Chloe Dedrick
Brayden Kaelin
Brandon Kao
Christian Kelsey
Lynn Kim
Trace Lasky
Lauren Levy
Noah Luken
Sam Murray
Khalid Noman
Devon O'Dell
Alex Philip
Riley (Mars) Pratt
Michael Russell
Logan Shojgreen
Juliana Van Bakel
Le'Kevis Williams
Mia Whitman

STUDENT SERVICES

CHOIR NOTES



Hello RB Families,

Wishing all of you a healthy and rejuvenating holiday season. Thank you to the families who participated in our recent Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generous donations amounted to filling four cars to help PUSD families and senior members of our community. Shout out to all the RBHS and BHMS student volunteers who helped make the food drive a success. Our Thanksgiving program had an extremely generous addition this year by local non-profit organization 3XL who donated 22 fully cooked turkeys and all the trimmings from Vons. Thank you Walter and your team of volunteers! You helped many families enjoy a delicious meal.

It has been a busy time in Student Services preparing for our annual Adopt-a-Family program. Several classrooms and organizations on campus did some shopping and gift card purchasing for this year. The time and generosity of this program is always humbling. Thank you to those who have participated by either helping your student shop, adopting a family through the AAF headquarters or sending in gift cards for the occasion. If you are looking for further information on this program feel free to reach out to me at ebowers@powayusd.com.

As we wrap up 2021 I would also like to thank the families who continue to donate healthy wrapped snacks and water to Student Services. There are students on campus who benefit from your continued generosity. Student Services is a place where students pop in throughout the school day for water, microwave use, snacks and a safe place to talk or just hang out if they need to.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2022!
Liz Bowers/Student Services

The Award Winning RBHS Choirs will perform their Holiday Concerts on Tuesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the RBHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. We will be performing traditional and new holiday pieces.

We hope that you can join us to celebrate the holidays. If you are planning on attending you must wear a mask. We are looking forward to see you all at the concert, and we thank you in advance.



Spring Musical Auditions for Disney's Freaky Friday!

Would you like to perform or work backstage with the RBHS Drama Students? Auditions and interviews for the Advanced Theatre Study & Performance Class for Term 2, which produces the Spring Musical, will be held on Jan. 11 and Jan. 12 at 2:30 pm in the PAC. Please plan to come both days. Please prepare a one-minute song to sing (actors) or prepare to speak about your theatrical goals (technicians). There is also a technical theatre course for Term 2 that helps build the sets and make the props for the musical. Let your counselor know you are interested. For more information, please see <https://rbbroncoplayers.com/auditions/>

Upcoming Improv Shows

The RB Improv Team invite you to attend their upcoming comedy shows on January 27, February 17, April 7, and May 5. All shows are at 7:00 pm in the RBHS PAC. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and may be purchased at the door, cash only. All audience members will be required to wear a mask while inside the theatre.

ASB WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

DEC. 13 - 17

Get ready for a week of fun! Lots of activities and surprises coming your way from ASB!

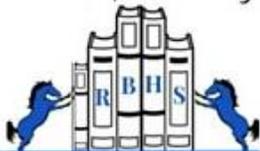
Tues. 12/14 Tacky Sweater Tuesday
Sport your tacky/ugly sweaters all day

Wed. 12/15 Snow Gear
Bust out those beanies, snow suits and goggles
San Diego is gettin' chilly
Holiday Window Decorating ends

Thurs. 12/16 Holiday Head gear
Grab that Santa hat, holiday headband, or
or reindeer antlers to wear to school
*Winners announced for the Window
Decorating contest*

Friday 12/17 Bronco PJ DAY
Final day before break - let's get cozy!

Rancho Bernardo High School
Friends of the Library



"A Blue Ribbon School Needs A Blue Ribbon Library."

Barnes and Noble December Bookfair

For your purchases made from December 16 - December 24 at the CMR location, Barnes and Noble will contribute a percentage of the sale to RBHS FOL. Vouchers are available at the RBHS library. Purchases may also be made online by

entering the special code **12620969** at check out, towards the bottom of the webpage.

FOL Team

Parents, you are invited to join the FOL team And to attend our monthly meetings. We also encourage students to join the FOL student board. Students can earn community service hours by participating in FOL activities.

FOL Membership

We need your support more than ever. Your support is vital for the RBHS Library's continued success. Memberships start at \$20.00. Please see

<https://rbhsfriendsofthelibrary.org/memberships>

RBHS FOL Needs You!

Would you like to help RBHS buy library books for your students without spending a dime?

1. At Ralphs, see <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>
 2. Sign in to your Ralphs account or make one
 3. Search for your Organization
 4. Enroll in GF748 (RBHS School Library)
- Every time you shop with your Ralphs reward card, Ralphs gives RBHS FOL a small donation (and it costs you nothing, but you do have to sign up each year).

Happy Holidays from FOL!

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