

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Roughriders,

I hope this communication finds you well. First of all, thank you to the entire RHS school community for their flexibility and understanding as we work through our unpredictable Colorado weather. Moving forward, it is important for all to know that our schedule changes will always focus on maintaining instructional balance. Under the 4x4 Block schedule, each period is equal to 2 instructional days with the traditional approach. If we lost the balance because of unplanned days off, some students would be as much as 2 days ahead of their peers. This idea would make things very challenging for our staff to keep their units and scope and sequence equal. This philosophical approach will hopefully allow more clarity for our families as they adjust along with us to changes.

As mentioned last week, our counselors met with our 9th-11th graders today to go over courses for the upcoming fall 23-24 school year. When you get a moment, please have a conversation with your child about today. The deadline for our incoming freshmen to submit their classes is 2/24.

The past two days I have had the fortune of attending the CASE conference in Loveland. This is the Colorado Association of Secondary Educators. During this event, I had the ability to attend several small breakout sessions centered around multiple school related topics. These are sessions that are practical and applicable to my position as Principal and offer me an opportunity to reflect on current practices and perhaps implement new ideas. Of course, the highlight of our Wednesday session was the Keynote address from Peyton Manning. He spoke for about an hour regarding leadership, perseverance and decision making. Since he is such an icon here in Colorado, I assume he could have almost said anything, and the crowd would have ate it up, but truthfully, he offered quite a few anecdotes about life, was very funny, and drew insightful comparisons on education and his life in football.

A big congratulations to our RHS wrestling team at the State Finals. Nine of our athletes qualified and 6 placed at state. Here is how they did:

113 Cade Liniger 6th place
126 Chris LaLonde **Champion**
138 Travis Long 4th
165 Hayden Roof 6th
175 Sergio Cantu 4th
190 Bronco Hartson **Champion**

Congratulations to all of the coaches especially Coach Montoya and Coach Kratz.

As this was a shorter week, I will leave it at that this week. Good Luck to our Girls Basketball team on their continued playoff run. Come out and support them this Friday night at RHS.

As always, have a safe and restful weekend.

David Benson
RHS Principal