

RAM REPORT

October 24th, 2021

We Are Family!

REYNOLDS RAP

This week will be an exciting week in RamNation! Students, staff, families, and community members will be participating in our 40th Anniversary Homecoming Week activities! From the dress-up days, to lunchtime activities and special events such as the Spooky Walkthrough, Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally, and Homecoming Game and Dance, this week has something for everyone. I look forward to seeing tremendous participation from all members of our school community.

New to Homecoming Week this year is a special day for seniors on Wednesday. We are combining a Senior Assembly (which will include important information about graduation and senior activities), our Senior Class panoramic photo in the stadium, an opportunity for either a senior breakfast or lunch (these are assigned) with a Civics Literacy test that is required for the first time this year. Details about the events, schedule, and room assignments for this day have been emailed to all seniors and parents. Please review the information before Wednesday.

And finally, this week is Red Ribbon Week, where we give time and attention towards the dangers of substance abuse. Details for all this week's activities are included in this newsletter. Have a Great Week, and Go Rams! -Dr. Reynolds

WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

Homecoming Week!

Homecoming Week is finally upon us, and we have lots of fun activities planned, including a Homecoming Dance on Saturday. Tickets are on sale through My School Bucks through tonight, and then again at the door for \$40.00

Monday: Good vs. Evil

Dress as your favorite superhero or villain. Drive-In Movie: *Beetlejuice*, 7 pm in the Student Parking Lot

Tuesday: Class Dress-Up

Freshmen come as pumpkins, sophomores as ghosts, juniors as vampires, and seniors as witches/wizards Spooky Walkthrough in the Auditorium
6:00 pm: Pumpkin Hour
7:00 pm: Full Haunted House Experience

Wednesday: Pink Out (seniors in black)

All students dress in pink except seniors who wear their senior shirts or black
*Special schedule of events for seniors on this day. Check your email for details.

Thursday: Costume Day!

Dress in your Halloween costumes, but no masks allowed.

Homecoming Parade at 1:20 pm

Friday: Spirit Day - Zombies v Students

Wear your Lake Mary colors as either a Zombie or a Student. Pep Rally at 1:20pm
Homecoming Game at 7:00 pm

Saturday: Homecoming Dance

7:00 pm at Don T. Reynolds Stadium

Athletics Update

Football

Friday: Home vs. Oviedo (Homecoming).
7:00pm

Cross Country

Friday: District Championship @ Sperling
Park in DeLand. 8:00am

Girls Golf

Tuesday: District Championship @ Debary
Country Club. 9:00am

Boys Golf

Monday: District Championship @ Spruce
Creek Country Club. 11:30am

Boys and Girls Swimming

Friday: District Championship Meet @ Lake
Brantley. 5:00pm

Boys and Girls Bowling

Monday: District Championship @ Airport
Lanes. 8:00am

Special Congratulations

Congratulations to the girls bowling team for an amazing regular season. The team finished with a perfect undefeated record of 16-0 and head into the district tournament on Monday as the team to beat. The team is led by Sophomore Frances Baksa who leads the county with an average of 186 and Freshman Layla Holtzapple who is second in the county with a 149 average. Good luck ladies!

Congratulations to the girls golf team for winning the Seminole Athletic Conference Championship. Freshman Ryleigh Knaub was the overall winner, shooting a 3-under par 66. Senior Izzy Pellot finished second with a 1-under par 68. Senior Angela An finished third overall at even par 69 and Sophomore Arenui Faana began the day for the team with a hole-in-one on her first shot of the day and finished fourth. Freshman Mara King also played great golf in helping the Rams to the championship.

Congrats to our cross country team for their outstanding performance at the SAC championship. Sofia Lantz and Brendan Hamilton received First Team All Conference. Hope Schoewetter, Emily Branham, and Jacob Bormet received Second Team All Conference. Go Rams!

Student Activities

Girls Basketball Tryouts begin Monday right after school in the gymnasium. The JV team is looking for freshmen and sophomore athletes who want to be a part of this successful program. If you are interested, show up on Monday after school in the gymnasium or go see Coach Malmberg in 1-246.

Chess Club is Back!! If you are interested in learning the game of chess or would like to play competitively feel free to join us every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Mr. Ortiz's room 1-172 aka the monster door in the corner of the Ref room. Free snacks are available for all who participate. Remember we meet ever 1st and 3rd Wednesday, room 1-172. All students are welcome.

Blood Drive: JROTC is sponsoring a blood drive on campus this Tuesday, Oct. 26. Students who give blood will receive a snack, drink, and gift. Final sign-ups will take place tomorrow during both lunches in the vending hallway.

Homecoming Tickets: Ticket sales on myschoolbucks.com end tonight, and pre-purchased tickets are available to be picked up through October 28th in Bookkeeping on ODD day lunches only! Tickets are still available for \$40 at the door! Guest forms will be accepted through Thursday.

For the Animals: The LMHS Key Club is collecting for our local animal shelters. At this time the club is collecting canned dog or cat food as well as small boxes of dog or cat treats. Please drop off any donations to the box in front of Mrs. Hoffman's room, room 121. Key Club members, don't forget to label your donations for Key Club points. Thank you so much for your support!

Law Club: The Law Club will be meeting in Room 1-203 immediately after school on Wednesday. All are welcome to join!

Student Services

Persistence Matters

Persistence can be viewed as the difference between one's success and one's failure. Often, some of the main reasons a person fails to achieve their goals and dreams in life is because they give up too soon. To achieve a goal, you must be patient and persistent. So, never give up and be willing to grow.

Junior Credit Checks November 8-12

Junior families have begun receiving letters that include a course summary for their child to assist them in confirming courses taken and credits earned towards graduation requirements. The week of November 8, counselors will begin conducting credit checks with students through their U.S. History class. If you are SCVS or D/E students, you will need to go online and schedule a meeting for your credit check.

Student Email

Students, please ensure that you are checking your email at least twice a week. Students, email is a primary way for many to communicate. To get to your school email, you will log on to your Clever Portal and select the Office 365 application. From there, you can check and respond to important information and review school announcements that are sent to all students and families. If you are having any trouble accessing your school email, please come to the Student Services Department located by the front entrance of the school for assistance.

UF Scholarship

Students who are planning to submit a college application for the University of Florida, there is an upcoming webinar, hosted by Honors Scholars. The 1-hour session will provide time for Q&A and allow prospective applicants to learn more about UF, the Honors Program, and these exciting scholarships. The webinar is scheduled for Monday, October 25 between 6 – 7 PM. Students may register using this link:

https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WAWPChadTU-vg4FI699gLg_

Note that applications to the University of Florida and the Honors Program is a separate process and that deadline is November 1.

Student Services Cont'd

Bright Futures:

This application lets the state of Florida know you are graduating this year. On November 3, Counselors will meet with students through their English class to complete this application. It is recommended that you use your Social Security number. This application should take only 15 minutes to complete at the most. **YOU DO NOT NEED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS MET BEFORE YOU APPLY. APPLY TODAY!**

All requirements are completed while in high school (GPA, SAT/ACT test scores and volunteer hours). Consider making sure your volunteer hours are turned in before Winter Break.

FAFSA

This application can be cumbersome. We are here to help! You will need your parents' income information to complete this application. Your family can schedule a time to meet with our TRIO Connections representatives virtually or in person if they want assistance. See attached flyer for FAFSA help sessions.

This Week's Mental Health Lessons October 23-31 is RED RIBBON WEEK, which is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. All 6 of this week's mental health lessons focus on drug and alcohol prevention.

Lesson #24: What is Substance Abuse?

Lesson #25: Teen Substance Abuse #1 High School

Lesson #26: Teen Substance Abuse #2

Lesson #27: Prevention of Vaping

Lesson #28: Marijuana Abuse

Lesson #29: Alcohol Misuse

Please talk to your children about these lessons to find out what they learned and to speak openly about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Especially with homecoming this week, now is a great time to set your expectations. You may also want to discuss the repercussions of students being caught with alcohol or drugs at a school event, which may include suspension from school and extra-curricular events, as well as arrest.

Testing Update

PSAT/SAT Results

Results for the PSAT and SAT that was taken on Wednesday, October 13th should be available online by mid-December. Students can create a College Board account at www.collegeboard.org. If students have any issues in signing up for an account, they can contact College Board for additional help. Students can set up a College Board account at www.collegeboard.org and can link their account to Khan Academy where they have access to official SAT practice items.

ACT Results

Results for the ACT that was taken on Tuesday, October 5th should be available online at www.act.org by mid-November.

Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE)

Beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in the 2021-2022 school year and thereafter, each student must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by achieving a passing score on an assessment and by successfully completing a civic literacy course. s 1007.25(5)(b).

On Wednesday, October 27, 12th grade students have been scheduled to take the Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE). All students and parents received an email last week with the testing time and room number. To effectively maximize the day, the Senior Assembly and Panoramic Picture have been scheduled as well. Specific details are attached.

This exam consists of approximately 80 multiple choice questions and it one 160-minute session. To learn more about this exam, please visit the FLDOE website at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19858/urlt/Florida-Civic-Literacy-Exam-K12-FAQ.pdf>. More specific information has been emailed out to all parents and students.

Helpful Resources to Review for FCLE

- <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/civics-practice-test-2008>
- https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/flash-cards/M-1779_%28cut-out%29.pdf
- <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/the-2020-version-of-the-civics-test/study-for-the-test-2020-version>

National SAT/ACT Testing Dates

Students can register through College Board (www.collegeboard.com) and ACT (www.act.org) to take these tests on a Saturday National Testing Date.

SAT – November 6, December 4, March 12, May 7, and June 4

ACT – December 11, February 12, April 2, June 11, July 16

If you have any questions about testing, please contact kathleen_aslin@myscps.us