JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

BULLDOG NEWS

The High School Band and Choir concert was held on Monday, December 9th. The middle school bands were also invited to participate in this concert. The audience was treated to many enjoyable Christmas tunes.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the end of our first semester, I strongly encourage you to continually check your student's progress in their coursework. You can monitor grades and attendance by logging into the PowerSchool parent portal. If you need additional assistance with PowerSchool, please contact the high school office. We would be happy to help you.

The end of the semester means exam time. Please encourage your student to begin studying and preparing for exams well in advance of the testing date. If your student needs additional support with material, encourage them to reach out to a study partner or make contact with their teacher. Exams are scheduled for January 14th, January 15th (half day), January 16th (half day) and January 17th (half day).

We are happy to partner with you for your child's educational experience. It requires a collaborative effort between the school and home to ensure our students reach their full potential. You are encouraged to communicate with our teaching staff if your student is having any difficulties, or if you are in need of assistance in any way. The best way to contact our teaching staff is via email. Our staff directory can be found at http://www.ravennaschools.org/ourdistrict/staffdirectory/

High School can be a rewarding, yet difficult experience. Four years can pass incredibly fast. I implore you to continually have conversations with your student regarding their plans for the future. I often tell our students, the decisions we make now can impact the situation we find ourselves in five, ten, or twenty years from now. Together, we can make sure our students are successfully prepared for life after high school.

In Education,

Justin Wilson, Principal
Ravenna High School

Calendar of Events

Jan.	8	Student Council Meeting - 7:00 am
	10	NHS Blood Drive - HS Rubber Gym - 7:00 am
	11	Saturday School - McFarren's Room 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
	13	Band Boosters Mtg. - VerMeer's Room - 2:45 pm FFA Chapter Meeting - Block's Room - 2:45 pm Board of Education Meeting - Media Center - 7:00 pm
	15	1/2 Day of School - Dismissal @10:51 am
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	17	1/2 Day of School - Dismissal @10:51 am
	18	Saturday School - McFarren's Room 8:00 am - 12:00 pm BABR Poker Run
	20	Band Booster Mtg. - Rm. 104 - 2:45 pm BABR Meeting - Rm. 107 - 7:00 pm
	22	LEO Club Meeting - Media Center - 2:45 pm
	23	HS MCC DE/EC Presentation - 5:30 pm
	24	HS Band Griffin's Game Performance - VanAndel Arena - 4:30 pm
	29	FFA District Leadership Contests LEO Club Meeting - Media Center - 2:45 pm
Feb.	1	Saturday School - McFarren's Room 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
	5	Student Council Meeting - 7:00 am LEO Club Meeting - Media Center - 2:45 pm
	6	FFA State Officer Interviews - Regional Level
	10	FFA Chapter Meeting - Block's Room - 2:45 pm Board of Education Meeting - Media Center - 7:00 pm
	12	FFA Regional Leadership Contests LEO Club Meeting - Media Center - 2:45 pm
	14	1/2 Day of School - Dismissal @10:51 am
	17	NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER BREAK BABR Meeting - Room 107- 7:00 pm
	19	LEO Club Meeting - HS Media Center - 2:45 pm
	22	Saturday School - McFarren's Room 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
	26	LEO Club Meeting - Media Center - 2:45 pm

PLEASE VISIT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ALSO ON OUR WEB PAGE AT www.ravennaschools.org

REMINDER:
AS WE ARE APPROACHING THE WINTER WEATHER SEASON, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IN THE PARKING LOT OVERNIGHT AND DO NOT PARK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT AS THAT IS WHERE THE SNOW IS PUSHED.

WHEN A STUDENT IS UP TO 10 MINUTES LATE FOR ANY HOUR, THEY WILL BE ISSUED A LUNCH TIME DETENTION. WHEN A STUDENT IS MORE THAN 10 MINUTES LATE, THEY WILL BE MARKED ABSENT!

NHS will again be sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, January 10th from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. The blood drive will be held in the high school rubber gym and it will be run by Versiti Blood.

MEDICATION

Medication must be brought to school by an adult. Medication must be in it's original container and properly labeled with the student's name on it. Medication in baggies or envelopes will not be accepted and will not be given to the student.

-High School Office Staff

PARKING PERMITS

ALL STUDENTS THAT DRIVE A VEHICLE TO SCHOOL ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PARKING PERMIT. THE COST OF THE PERMIT IS $5.00 AND WILL LAST AS LONG AS YOU DRIVE THAT VEHICLE. PERMITS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

SENIOR PHOTOS
Have you taken your senior photos? We'd love to have your favorite photo in the yearbook. All you have to do is submit your photo to Zoe Spoelman or Paige Streit at senioreditors@student.ravennaschools.org. All submissions are due by March 5, 2020. Any questions can be directed to Paige Streit or Zoe Spoelman.

SENIOR BABY ADS:
Seniors – if your parents would like to purchase a senior baby ad, please pick up a form in the office and turn them into Paige Streit or Zoe Spoelman. All submissions are due by March 5, 2020.

The Choir performing for the Senior Luncheon at the Ravenna Baptist Church.

New photos of our Gong stand. Goodbye rust and shoestrings, hello classy new stand!! Merry Christmas percussionists! ❤❤❤❤

Thank you Mr. Richards and all the others who helped with the Veteran's Day assembly. There were many positive comments from students and it was a well-done and a thoughtful remembrance of our veterans.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTING "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

Members enjoying many good things to eat!!!

Members participating in musical chairs at the FFA Annual Christmas party.

Merry Christmas from our 20th annual FFA Christmas party to you!

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

FROM

RHS

HOW WE DETERMINE CANCELLATIONS OR DELAY?

There is a lengthy process that we follow in making this determination.

***Both the Transportation Director and Superintendent monitor news and weather service forecasts prior to the school day.**
***Transportation director is on the read checking/monitoring conditions and weather elements no later than 4:30 a.m.**
***Transportation Director contacts area Transportation Directors from Coopersville, Fruitport, Oakridge, Kent City and Grant which boarders our school district. Transportation also monitors the county wide radio channel from all Muskegon County schools for reports of cancellations or delays.**
***Transportation Director may contact the Maintenance Director on how plowing, etc., is going.**
***Once all data to make a decision is collected by the Transportation Director, the Transportation Director contacts the Superintendent of schools and makes a recommendation or consults Superintendent to make a final decision.**
***Once the decision is made, local news media, radio stations and SchoolReach will notify public of the decision should there be a cancellation or delay to our school day.**

Safety of our students and staff are always considered in making a school closing decision. Safety is our #1 priority at all times. It is definitely winter in Michigan. Educating our students is our mission and cold, wintery days come along with challenges.

ATHLETICS

Winter Sports at Ravenna High School are in full swing. We would like to welcome Coach Courtney Kemp as the Varsity Boys Basketball coach along with Todd Bowmar as the JV Boys Basketball coach. The Varsity Girls Basketball team is coached by Jeff Sterken and they would like to welcome Holly Nerli as their new JV Girls Basketball head coach. The Competitive Cheer team will be coached by Kelli VanDyke. The Wrestling team would like to welcome Cody Carpenter as their new coach and Jason Nutt will be back again to lead the bowling team. Please come and support all of our athletes and remember: These are kids; this is a game; umpires are human; and cheer for every athlete.

All members of a sports team are required to pay a "Pay to Participate" fee. This fee helps pay for the expenses of that particular sport. This year the fee is $50.00 for all sports whether it is your 1st or your 3rd sport. **GO DOGS!!!**

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD TWO HAT DAYS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY FOR NOAH'S PROJECT. THEY ALSO WENT TO NOAH'S PROJECT TO HELP OUT WITH PLAYING WITH THE ANIMALS AND HELPING TO CLEAN UP.