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PREP TALK

Prep Talk: Winter Edition

Inside *Prep Talk's* Second Issue

Ms. Childers's class would like to thank you for all your support of our last issue! We look forward to sharing many more with you!

This issue, coming right before Winter Break, wraps up our first semester. As well as a message from Ms. Baeten, we also present a new Staff Spotlight, announce the Middle School Basketball Team, and share some great things the school is doing.

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A Message from Ms. Baeten

As the first semester comes to an end, I want to congratulate everyone for a pretty great year so far. It has been so much fun watching all of you participate in the activities at lunch on Friday, and we need to thank Mrs. Salazar and the ASB for all the great games--corn hole, ping pong, connect four, and jenga. I hope you have all enjoyed the rewards assemblies for good attendanceand good behavior; the BMX team and You Matter presentations were an awesome way to reward you for all of your hard work. We will continue these assemblies and hopefully more rallies as we continue to build our positive community, led by you, the students. A special shoutout to our Girl's Volleyball team as they brought home a league championship and showed everyone that WE ARE RP!! I wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season and look forward to an even better new year.

Student Spotlight: Reagan Furmanski

By Nala Porche Smith

The first student spotlight goes to Reagan Furmanski. Reagan is a hard-working student with outstanding grades.Her entire personality is awesome as well. She even brought hidden talents with her when she moved here from New York.

Reagan never likes missing school, she never comes to school angry, and she really cares about school. She is very inspirational and cares so much about school and her peers. This is why she has been chosen for our student spotlight. Congratulations Reagan!

Student Reagan Furmanski

Campus Events

Silver Knights Matter

By Ms. Childers

Riverside Prep saw their second rewards assembly this past Friday. Students were invited to the gym to hear a preesentation from motivational speaker Richard Kuo. Kuo spent his time sharing stories and inspiring students to be more kind to each other.

This powerful assembly was the second rewards assembly of the year. Rewards assemblies are incentives for students who have good grades and good behavior. Be on the look out for the next one!

Student Nicolas Barajas participates in rewards assembly.

Upcoming Events

Toy Drive
Ends December 19

Winter Break
Dec. 20 - Jan. 10

Silver Knights Give More

By Henry Davis

The Toy Drive is about different classes coming together to give back. There is a Toy Drive box in each and every classroom that students may put new, unwrapped toys in. These toys go towards kids in need, so we should donate as much as we can. The 5th period class that donates the most toys gets a prize, too. The toy drive lasts until December 19th, so please donate!

Sports

Making the Cut

By Francisco Camba & Tanzy Richard

On December 10th and 11th, RPMS had tryouts for the boys' basketball team. Coach Ahmad picked the team based off grades, his observations, character, and behavior. During the practice drills, he tested a combination of shooting, passing, and rebounding. He also did 5v5 mini-games to test teamwork and leadership.

The team's first game is on January 27, 2020. The team is able to pick their own jersey numbers based on their GPA, starting with 8th graders, down to the only 6th grader. When asked about tryouts, Coach Ahmad said, "People that tried out had a lot of potential, and the people who didn't make the team do too. We have a really good team, and they could do really great things."

Congratulations to the boys that made the team. Good luck on your first game!

Meet the Team

*The following names are subject to change based on final grades.

Delan Grant (7)
Cayman Pluma (7)
Aden Nolen (7)
Keyshaun Fletcher (8)
Dorian Hoze (8)
Jerimiah McGee (6)
Jadon Mollinedo (8)
Odell Wright (8)
Jonathan Dennis Jr. (7)
Jaylen Alexander (7)
Jamarri Tharpe (7)
Ajani Purcell (8)
Marrion Brown (8)
Kamare Dally (8)

Editorial

Staff Spotlight: Ms. Pelayo

By Anisha Nolen & Nala Porche Smith

This week's staff spotlight is Ms. Pelayo, who teaches 7th and 8th grade mock trial and social studies. She is such an inspirational teacher, doing an awesome job and accomplishing so many amazing things. She is a teacher with a big heart, and being here makes her who she is.

Ms. Pelayo has very great qualities. She's a good teacher and never slacks. She always helps kids when they have problems, and she is very motivational.

Ms. Pelayo is one of the most hard-working teachers at this school. Being a new teacher makes her stand out even more. What can't she do? That's why we give her the title of Staff Spotlight this week. Congratulations Ms. Pelayo. We hope you have an amazing year!

Porche Smith, Ms. Pelayo, and Nolen

Opinion: Drama

By Anisha Nolen

Hey guys, what's with all the drama?

I mean, it's bad. Many here seem to sometimes have trouble getting along. Didn't we come to learn and have fun while doing it? If you ask me, there's way too much drama. I'm sure you want an education too, so let's focus on that. Why can't we just stop with all the drama and arguing and let this place just be awesome? We're Silver Knights, so let's stick together and fight for what is right.

GOING THROUGH A HARD TIME AND NEED SOME PEER ADVICE?

Write to us and send it or drop it off to room 432, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Sincerely,
Prep Talk Advisors

Interested in getting involved with Prep Talk? Stop by room 432 or email Ms. Childers at reagan_childers@riversideprep.net for more information!