

attendance **MATTERS**

Please note the following highlights to the attendance policy. Refer to the student handbook for the complete policy.

- A student may be legally absent from school due to illness or other “urgent” reasons, such as impassable roads, quarantine or death in the family.
- Excuses other than those listed in number 1 are unexcused. This includes the use of “personal reasons” as an excuse.
- Unexcused absences for students under the age of 17 will be recorded as illegal absences and will result in disciplinary measures as outlined in the student handbook.
- Students aged 16 or less who miss school illegally four times or more will be reported to the District Magistrate.
- Students aged 17 and over missing school without a legal excuse will be placed in the school's disciplinary procedures, which could lead to expulsion from school **and/or loss of prom and/or participation of graduation commencement ceremonies.**
- Students reporting to school after 8:10 A.M. will be considered tardy to school and must report directly to the Attendance Office, and obtain an admittance pass. The student should bring his/her tardy excuse signed by his/her parent/guardian with them.
- Any questions should be directed to the attendance secretary located in the guidance office.

2016 *Class of*

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Have you checked out the scholarships available to you through various organizations? Be sure to visit the Guidance office for more information.

Upcoming Events

February 4-6

District Chorus at IUP

February 12

Snow Make up day (no snow days = day off)

February 15

Act 80 Day—No school

February 18

Midway point of 3rd 9 weeks

RVHS

FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
2/1/16



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Dear Students and Families,

It is my hope that you have been receiving my monthly newsletters. These are sent home with your students at the beginning of each month. Since the distribution of this letter coincided with a mailing, I am sending this directly to you. Should you have missed any of the previous newsletters, please visit our website www.redbankvalley.net to view all archived newsletters.

Please take a moment to read the enclosed letter regarding the instances of pertussis (whooping cough) that are present in our school. Take all necessary precautions to prevent this virus from affecting your children.

The second semester has begun and students are adjusting well to the second half of the year. Please continue to reach out should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academics.

Amy Ruffolo



Next test is
3/5/16

As you may know, the SAT has been revamped for this year. Please see the highlighted changes below taken from the SAT website.

No Penalty for Guessing

When students take an assessment in the redesigned SAT Suite, they simply earn points for the questions they answer correctly. This way, every score represents a best effort because students can give their best answer to every question — there's no advantage to leaving any blank.

More Scores for More Insight

Reported scores now include subscores and cross-test scores. With these additional scores, the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 provide insight into specific strengths and weaknesses, helping students and educators see where students can improve and supporting teachers as they adjust instruction.

Skill development is further supported by the common score scale, which makes it easier to monitor student progress. Learn about the new score scale.

Score Reports

Scores are reported through a new integrated score reporting portal. A single sign-in will grant access to score data from every assessment in the SAT Suite of Assessments.

Current Scores vs. New

Students don't have to take the SAT again just because it's changing in March 2016. Most colleges plan to accept scores from both the current SAT and the redesigned SAT for a few years. The College Board will publish college-specific policies, including their SAT Essay policies, so students can stay up to date.

Of course, the current SAT and the redesigned SAT are two different tests with two different scoring structures. But there is no advantage to taking one test over the other because the College Board will publish concordance tables that will help colleges compare and interpret scores. Colleges will use these tables to make admission decisions. The concordance tables act as equalizers.

Students interested in learning more should plan to attend an SAT seminar at the school on February 9-11. Sign up in the guidance office.



Below are six dating tips to help you talk to your teenagers and help them keep their heads during this exciting time.

Dating Tip 1: Take Your Time!

It's cool to stay single and hang out with your close friends.

Dating Tip 2: Find Someone Who Likes You Back

If this doesn't describe your situation, there's nothing wrong with you, but you probably do need to keep looking.

Dating Tip 3: Know When to Move On

Sometimes you have to admit it, the relationship isn't working. She tells girls all the time, "it hurts now, but you can get through this."

Dating Tip 4: Talk About Facebook Before You Talk on Facebook

Social media puts the ups and downs of dating out there for everyone to see. Some things don't have to be shared with the whole world. It is okay to ask the person you are dating not to post things about your relationship on social media.

Dating Tip 5: Protect Yourself From Pressure

Pressure is not love, and it's not even normal. Keep an open dialogue with your parents.

Dating Tip 6: Give Love Time to Grow

Mature love grows stronger with time. The more you get to know each other, the stronger your feelings. And you don't have to be someone you're not. You like each other for who you truly are.