

RCPS  
Rappahannock County Public Schools

# Happenings & Highlights

We Are Rappahannock!

Division Newsletter- April 2020

## Superintendent COVID-19 Bulletin

Dear Rappahannock Family,

As schools across the nation grapple with the new challenge of continuing educational and nutritional services for students and families, we are increasingly appreciative of the support and dedication that you have shown during this unprecedented time. It is through this solidarity of compassion and resolute determination that we will get through this together. RCPS remains fully committed to supporting the academic, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing of all our students. We hope that this bulletin will provide key information and resources to you as we move ahead with our plans to continue to serve our students, families, and community.

## Food Services

RCPS will continue our breakfast and lunch feeding program. All children under 18 years of age qualify for free meals. To inquire about meal access, please contact Amanda Butler, Food Service Director, at 540-671-0153 or by email at [abutler@rappahannockschoools.us](mailto:abutler@rappahannockschoools.us)

Each Monday, families who sign up will receive 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for each child to last for the week. We ask you sign-up prior to Friday of each week to receive food for the follow week. You may pick up meals on Monday or we can deliver!

The Rappahannock Food Pantry is also assisting families. All Rapp families are eligible. Drive Thru hours are on Tue/Thurs (12-4 pm) and Saturday (10 am – 2 pm) at 11763 Lee Highway, Sperryville.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Important Dates

**April 8**

Third Quarter Report Cards Mailed Home

**April 13**

New instruction starts this week!

**April 15**

Digital Device Curbside Pick Up  
(schedule in this bulletin)

## School Office Hours

**M-F 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

*No public access to buildings –  
appointment required.*



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# Continuity of Instruction Plan

**RCPS will continue instruction in a modified Quarter 4 format.**

During the last two weeks, teachers have been working to reach out to families to better understand their class's access to technology and learning needs. Using this information, RCPS teachers are designing specific lesson plans and materials geared toward meeting the needs of EVERY child.



## RCES Blended Remote Learning Plan

All grades will have learning packets available for any student who requests them. These packets can be mailed, emailed, or picked up by appointment.

Each Monday, a grade level newsletter will be emailed to families that will explain the weekly academic lessons. If you do not receive this email, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or call the school during office hours. Each teacher will also have individual office hours to be available to support your child.

PreK & K – Online groups and IXL digital programs and reading practice.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades—IXL, Raz Reading, and Imagine Learning

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—Raz Reading, IXL, Flip Grid, Google Classroom

4<sup>th</sup> Grade—IXL, Seesaw Online Classroom, Google Classroom

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>—IXL, recorded lessons, Google Classroom



## RCHS Blended Remote Learning Plan

In order to receive high school credit, essential new content in Quarter 4 must be completed to support the learning. If students are not able to do so, they will not be penalized, but a modified schedule will need to be implemented for the following year to ensure essential content has been adequately covered.

New instruction will officially begin on April 14 with accommodations for those with difficulty accessing the internet upon request.

Each teacher will reach out to all students to explain expectations to complete each course. Google Classroom is the most widely used platform for this purpose.



## Emotional Support

We understand that these times can be stressful and lead to anxiety and/or depression. Social isolation can cause these issues to become more severe.

We are here to support you!

*Need to talk?*

**Call or text our emotional support hotline at:**

**540-683-0437**

*Experiencing a financial emergency?*

**Call Berni Olson at the Rappahannock Benevolent Fund:**

**540-671-0421**

*Questions about emergency benefits that may be available?*

**Call the Rapp Department of Social Services:**

**540-675-3313**

## Grading for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter



All RCES grades will be Pass / Fail for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.



RCHS has modified grading to be equitable to all students and sensitive to requirements for graduation and the hard work students have put forth to earn grades and GPA weights.

### Key points from RCHS Grading Policy:

**Goals: Ensure students who satisfactorily complete coursework are able to receive a passing grade; and reduce the stress and anxiety students are experiencing as they have moved to an online instructional environment and may also be coping with personal challenges resulting from COVID-19.**

- The default grade for Q4 is the Q3 grade on report cards
- No work completed in Q4 can lower the Q3 grade
- Work completed in Q4 can help improve the Q3 grade
- Assignments will be graded in Q4 and count in GPA
- Students will have an Opt-Out Pass/Fail grading option
- Pass/Fail grades will not impact overall GPA, but WILL count toward graduation requirements
- The Pass/Fail option will be available for ALL courses, including Virtual VA, MVGS, and LFCC Dual Enrollment
- Teachers and counselors will work with EVERY student to determine the most beneficial grading option
- An Incomplete will be assigned to students who may not be able to or choose not to complete Q4 work (this work will need to be completed either during the summer or fall to earn full course credit)
- Students wishing to Withdraw from a course must let the guidance counselor know by May 1<sup>st</sup>, especially for a Virtual VA or APEX Learning course
- A Withdrawal on the high school transcript will not be calculated into GPA or class rank.

### Questions?

Contact Jimmy Swindler at [jswindler@rappahannockschoools.us](mailto:jswindler@rappahannockschoools.us) or Dani Pond at [dpond@rappahannockschoools.us](mailto:dpond@rappahannockschoools.us).



## Technology Support

Teachers have been working hard to better understand the technology needs of each child. We now have a list of all RCPS students who have requested a device to complete school work.

Digital Devices will be available with preloaded content for curbside pick-up at the **RCES Bus LOOP** on **April 15** using the following schedule:

Last Name	Pick-up Time
A-H	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
I-Q	11:00 AM -12:00 PM
R-Z	1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Please call the school to make alternate arrangements if you cannot come on April 15. If you are part of our Meals program, devices can also be available with food pick-up or delivery on April 14.

Need a digital device, hotspot, or want more information on working with your provider to improve access?

Contact Dr. Bolt at [rbolt@rappahannockschoools.us](mailto:rbolt@rappahannockschoools.us) or call 540-671-149

## WiFi HotSpot Hubs—Free Drive-up WiFi in Rappahannock County!

Thanks to the support of our community businesses, churches, and organizations, we have multiple locations where students and families can access high speed internet.

# hotspot hubs



### Washington

#### Rappahannock County Elementary School

Network: RCPS-Outdoor

No password required

#### Rappahannock County High School

Network: RCPS- Outdoor

No password required

#### Rappahannock County Library

No password required

#### St. Peter Catholic Church

Network: Guest

Password: Schoolwork

#### Trinity Episcopal Church

Network: Trinity Guest

Password: trinwash

#### Washington Baptist Church

Network: WBC WiFi

Password: Grimsley82

### Flint Hill

#### Flint Hill Fire Department

No password required

#### Griffin Tavern

No password required

### Chester Gap/Huntly

#### Chester Gap Fire Department

Coming soon

#### Crocker Monroe (Huntly)

No password required

### Amissville

#### Amissville Fire Department

No password required

#### Amissville Methodist Church

Password: n00therg0ds

#### Amissville Baptist Church

Network: ABCguest

Password: WorshipGod1

#### Hackley's General Store

No password required

### Sperryville

#### Before & After

Password is posted on back door

#### Sperryville Trading

No password required

#### Off the Grid

Password: goodfood

#### Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church

No password required

#### Sperryville Fire Department

No password required

### Boston

#### Boston Store

Network: Rappwifi

Password: wearerapp



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