

# RJJH OLYMPIAN NEWS

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**"WE WILL FIND A WAY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO LEARN."**

## Upcoming Dates:

Jan 7 - School Resumes  
Jan 7 - Board Meeting  
Jan 9 - Basketball @ Riverdale 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 14 - Basketball @ Sutter 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 14 - Chamber Choir Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 15 - Basketball HOME vs. Citrus 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 16 - Basketball HOME vs. KR Hardwick 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL  
Jan 23 - Basketball @ Pioneer 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 24 - Basketball HOME vs. El Monte 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 24 - PTO meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 25 - Basketball Pictures 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 26 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tournament  
Jan 28 - Basketball HOME vs. Caruthers 3:30 p.m.  
Jan 28 - Day School 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Jan 29 - SSC/ELAC meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Jan 30 - Basketball @ John Muir 3:30 p.m.



*Happy New Year!*

## Welcome Back!!!

As we begin this new calendar year, it is important for us to determine how we want the second part of this school year to be. With our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester beginning today, and many other happenings occurring here at Rafer Johnson Jr. High this spring, the end of this school year will be here before we know it. As a staff, we speak about being the best we can be for our students and families, and so, it is a good time to speak to your student about how they want this second part of their year to go. Remind your student to also look for wins every day, no matter how small as these moments assist us with our yearlong journey. I know together we can make this second part of the school year successful and fun.



## Winter Concerts

On Thursday, December 6 and Monday, December 10, our choir and band programs performed for our parents and community. Our choirs did an outstanding job and sounded amazing. Our future Olympians, the Reagan Honor Choir, even joined us to perform a few songs. Mr. Merritt and Ms. Schuh have been working extremely hard with our students and it shows. For the finale, Mr. Merritt invited some of his former choir students who were in attendance to come down and participate. Our band program performed at the KHS Little Theater on Monday, December 10. It was a great event as our band performed very well, and it is exciting to see the growth our band students have made. Mrs. Sigle has our band students performing at a very high level. We would like to thank Ms. Schuh, Mr. Merritt, Mrs. Sigle, and our community, as each event was well attended with many having to stand for the duration.



## Around Rafer

### VROP

We will be offering our VROP enrichment courses beginning in February for those students who wish to learn skills for the future. We will be offering 3 courses this enrichment period: CSI (Crime Scene Investigating) - Solving a Mystery; Jr. Firefighters Academy, and Introduction to Health Careers. These courses will be held on

Tuesdays beginning February 5 - March 26 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. If your student is interested in participating in one of these courses, please have them look for the permission slip to be sent home this week. There is limited room for these classes, so each course will be available on a first come, first serve basis. This is a great opportunity for our students.

### Meal Prices for 2018-2019:

Breakfast: \$1.85

Lunch: \$2.60

Reduced  
Breakfast: \$0.30

Reduced Lunch:  
\$0.40

Milk - \$0.50

*“A Hero is  
someone who is  
selfless.”*

### Dress Code:

Please remember to abide by the District Dress Code. If your student is found to be out of dress code, they will be sent to the office.

## Athletics

### Basketball

Starting this week our basketball teams begin league play at Riverdale. Our basketball teams have been practicing daily in anticipation of this upcoming season. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will be playing inside our gym for home games, while our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams will be playing outside. Please consider coming by to support our student athletes.

We would like to thank our coaches for taking time out of their schedules to help mold our young student athletes and learn the game at a higher level as they prepare to play at KHS in the future.



## Upcoming Parent Meetings

There are a few parent meetings that are scheduled for this month. The first one is the Chamber Choir Parent Meeting on Monday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. If your student is in our Chamber Choir, please make every effort to attend this important event.  
PTO Meeting  
On Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rafer Johnson Jr. High School Library we will hold our next meeting.

For those of you who would like to get involved in our school, please plan on attending.

### SSC/ELAC Meeting

On Tuesday, January 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the Rafer Johnson Jr. High School Library we will hold our next meetings. These meetings are important as we discuss programs at our school.

## Other News

### Interdistrict Transfer Requests

If you have a student who is currently on an interdistrict transfer, you must complete a new form for next year (2019-2020) by February 1st. Forms are available at our District Office, located at 1310 Stroud Ave. Please do not hesitate to get these completed as it may delay your student attending our schools.

### Hairspray, Jr.

Congratulations to those students who attended the two-part auditions for our spring production and earned a role. For more information on the production, please have your student go to the Google Classroom that was set up and input the code to join the classroom. We would like to thank Mr. Merritt for being our director and getting our students ready to perform.

## Music News

During our second semester, our music programs will be working towards their spring concerts and competing against our other schools in our valley and state. We are very fortunate to have the music programs we have. Keep up the great work!