

Principal's Opening Day Report to the Raymond School Board

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2026-2027 School Year, September 16, 2026

Overview and Acknowledgements	RHS has a tremendously successful start to the school year. I would like to thank the entirety of our BG department for cleaning and resetting-up of the building. We welcomed our incoming freshmen for two days for our Jumpstart program. 45 freshmen registered to attend and 41 participated. Special Thanks to Randy LaCasse and his team of student leaders, 17 of them, for leading the freshmen and welcoming the Class of 2030. RHS Staff participated in a number of building level professional development and team building activities to help foster a positive school culture and provide direction on the upcoming school year. Once again, staff have reported that this year's opening days felt more meaningful and purposeful, yet more relaxed and stress-free. Seniors and staff members kicked off the year at our 4rd annual Seniors & Staff Cookout. With the support of the senior class officers, PTO and some donors, food and games were provided for all to enjoy! Challenge Day - Scheduled for October 20, 2026. Challenge Day is a transformational day of fun, leadership, and empowerment that can change the way people view one another forever. Its goal is to bring awareness to and help stop the teasing, violence, and alienation that affect millions of young people every day. Through a variety of games, trust-building activities, and presentations, participants are given a unique opportunity to see themselves and those around them through a new set of eyes, fostering greater understanding, connection, and empathy within the school community. Athletics: ● Roster sizes ○ Football- 20 ○ Boys Soccer- 19 ○ Girls Soccer- 18 ○ Cheer - 9 ○ Volleyball- 18 ○ Cross Country- 6 ● Home-Coming Athletic Schedule ○ 9/24 Cross Country at Cammett Field 4:30pm
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	○ 9/24 Girls Soccer 7:00pm at IHGMS ○ 9/25 Boys soccer 4:00pm at IHGMS ○ 9/25 Football 7:00pm at the 107 Fields ○ 9/26 volleyball JV 12:00pm Varsity 1:15pm at RHS. Summer Credit Recovery - We had 19 students complete a total of 29.5 credits!	
Transportation	No major concerns regarding transportation to & from school, SST programs, and most athletic events. ● Dail is completing the majority of transportation; First Student and Anyeventz are trying to fill the vacancies. ○ We have two events that Mr. Gaudet is still trying to obtain transportation; girls soccer & boys soccer.	
Enrollment	Original YOG: 9th Grade– 68 10th Grade– 66 11th Grade– 79 12th Grade– 82 Total Enrollment: 295	Actual YOG: 9th Grade– 91 10th Grade– 75 11th Grade– 71 12th Grade– 58 Total Enrollment: 295
Staffing	RHS is pleased to welcome our new staff: ● Ms. Theresa Risdal - Assistant Principal ● Ms. Kim Cassamas - Counseling Department ● Ms. Amanda Knight - Math Department ● Ms. Heather Sweet - SAP Counselor - officially starting soon!	
Challenges	● Hiring and onboarding new personnel. ○ We are still one case manager short, this has developed its own set of challenges. ● Tech - Stef L. is doing a tremendous job trying to keep up with the needs of the district and deserves kudos!!	
Upcoming Events	● Homecoming Weekend- September 24-26. ○ Thursday, 9/24: ■ Cross Country, 4:30PM at Cammett Field ■ Girls Soccer, 7:00PM at IHGMS ○ Friday, 9/25: ■ Boys Soccer, 4:00PM at IHGMS ■ Football, 7:00PM 107 Fields ○ Saturday, 9/26: ■ Parade, 9:00AM ■ JV Volleyball, 12:00PM at RHS ■ Varsity, 1:15PM at RHS ■ RHS Dance, 6:00 - 9:00PM at the RHS Cafe.	

	● Picture Day: September 16th ● Open House: September 17 from 6:00 - 7:30. ● Challenge Day 2025, October 20 ● Quarter Dates as currently scheduled: ○ Q1: August 31 - November 6 ○ Q2: November 9 - January 22 ○ Midterms: January 19 - 22 ○ Q3: January 25 - April 2 ○ Q4: April 5 - June 15
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