



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The holidays give us an opportunity to pause our busy lives and reflect on our proud accomplishments. The season offers us a chance to say "thank you" to the entire school community for all the support you provide to our students, our families, and our staff.

As the new year quickly approaches, please accept our best wishes for a holiday season filled with warm moments and cherished memories.

Enjoy the Winter Break!



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River Vale Board of Education Trustees and the Faculty and Staff of the District

Presentation by Students to Board of Education

Students from Roberge and Woodside Schools presented to the Board of Education the important work happening in classrooms that correspond to River Vale's Portrait of a Graduate initiative and what it means to be a *Fearless Trailblazer*. Dr. Alvarez referenced the need to have teachers as well as Board of Education and other community members understand what each of the tenets represents and what each looks like in the classroom. Over the next few months, students, teachers and administrators will continue to join us at Board Meetings to explain the work that is occurring and how Portrait of a Graduate is making a difference in our classrooms. Up next, Holdrum Middle School students show what it means to be a *Compassionate Citizen* - Tuesday, December 17, Roberge Annex, 7:00 p.m.



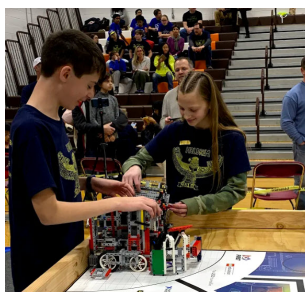
CyberHawks Win Overall Champion's Award

Holdrum's CyberHawks won the Overall Champion's Award and took a first place award for Robot Performance at the Bergen Qualifying Tournament at Pascack Hills on Saturday, November 23rd.

The team also ranked 2nd in Robot Design, 1st in Core Values, and 1st for their project entitled "S.O.S." (Sewer Overflow Safeguard).

The students did an amazing job and had a lot of fun working with the other teams!

Of the 24 teams at the tournament, five teams including the CyberHawks will move on to compete in the NJ State Championships on December 14 -15th at Mount Olive High School.



Superintendent Search

Thank you to the River Vale community and our district staff for your participation in the survey regarding the Superintendent Search which is well underway.

The Board of Education values the input from parents, community members, administrators and staff to help identify the qualities that will make up the profile of the successful candidate.

In the near future, the consultants working with the Board of Education will be conducting a series of interviews of interested individuals and presenting a slate of candidates to the Board in late January.

Updates will continue as information becomes available.

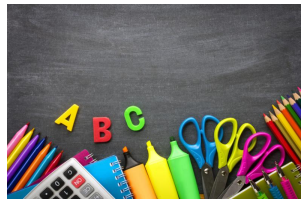


Kindergarten Registration

Children who reside in River Vale and will be five years of age on or before October 1, 2020 are eligible to be registered for kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school-year.

Registration opens on January 1, 2020. Registration forms and additional information are available on the district's [website](#).

Please note that students will not be officially enrolled until registration is completed at a scheduled appointment with the school principal.



December Calendar

As a reminder, Friday, December 20th is a one-session day and PTA lunches will not be served. Schools are closed beginning Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1st. Schools reopen on Thursday, January 2nd with a full session day.



PTA Update

Warmest thoughts for a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year. We wish everyone a wonderful winter recess and look forward to all the PTA activities that begin in January. Visit the upcoming events page by clicking [here](#).



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