



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back from Winter Recess. We look forward to the months ahead and more great learning opportunities for our students!

In this issue, you will read about some exciting accomplishments and activities related to our students, as well as learn important information of what's ahead.



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As you well know, the cold weather can bring unpredictability regarding school closings, delayed openings and early dismissals. Please make sure your contact information in the parent portal is up-to-date in order to receive important announcements from the District. To update your information, [click here](#) to access the Genesis Parent Portal.

Happy, Health 2020!

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Interim Superintendent

River Vale Junior Police Academy Commencement

The Junior Police Academy held the 2019 Commencement Ceremony on December 16, 2019. In it's 20th year, the Academy graduated approximately 100 students who participated in a 10-week program.

The River Vale Junior Police Academy's goal is to inspire good citizenship by educating middle school students about the Criminal Justice System.

The Academy affords students a deeper understanding of police function as well as an increased ability to see what the police and the community can do to serve the Township. The overwhelming success of the River Vale Junior Police Academy far exceeds the expectations of everyone involved.

Congratulations to all!



CyberHawks Win First Place for Robot Performance

Eighty teams competed in the North Jersey State Championship on December 14-15, 2019 at Mount Olive High School. For the first time, the CyberHawks won first

place for *robot performance*. They also earned a perfect score on *core values* as well as a near perfect score on their *innovation project* and *robot design*.

For the first time, the CyberHawks were nominated for the FIRST Global Innovation Award. This award allows teams to continue with their research project and be judged by a committee to earn funding for their ideas.



Portrait of a Graduate

Holdrum Middle School students presented class work related to our Portrait of a Graduate initiative at the December Board of Education meeting. Students spoke to what it means to be a *Compassionate Citizen* and illustrated classroom work to support this curriculum component. 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, students show what it means to be *Collaborative Innovators* on Tuesday, January 21, Roberge Annex, 7:00 p.m.



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 opened 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.



Superintendent Search

Thank you, again, to the River Vale community and our District staff for your participation in the survey regarding the Superintendent Search. The Board of Education values the input from parents, community members, administrators and

