

**WELCOME
PARENTS OF
THE CLASS OF
2023**

**Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
September 16, 2019**

AGENDA

- Introduction of Key People
- What's New This Year?
- Differences between High School and Middle School
- Graduation Requirements
- Strategies for Success
- Course Offerings at RKA
- Sports/Clubs
- Questions

Important People

- Ms. Lustig – AP for the grade, all organizational issues
- Mr. Scholz and Mr. Sullivan – Subject Supervisors
- Mr. Cuomo- 9th grade Dean
- Ms. Lewis – Dean
- Ms. Roberts- COSA All activities
- Ms. Kauschinger- Guidance Counselor
Last Names A-K
- Ms. Eisenberg – Guidance Counselor
Last Names L-Z
- Ms. Prince – Parent Coordinator

What's New This Year?

- 9th Grade Semester 1 Finals in all major subjects will be given from January 21-January 24
 - Exam only schedule
- Late Entry Procedure
 - The HS entrance (236/Independence) is opened by 8:12 so students have time to go to their locker.
 - First period begins at 8:20
 - Late bell rings at 8:25- Students are marked late if they are not present and seated in their first class when the bell rings at 8:25
 - Late entrance is at the High School entrance
 - Students must "swipe" in- using their ID Card- if they are late and they receive a printed late pass

Triple C

College. Career. Culture.

What is it?

More time and staff devoted to getting students classmates ready for life after high school (college, career, etc).

Also, more time for students to connect with their peers

When is it?

Every month

One half day

Special Triple C schedule
replaces students' normal
class schedule

Dates marked on
calendar

What will we do in that time?

Activities change each month for example:

- . Career surveys
- . Registering for College Board
- . Figuring out Khan Academy
- . Summer Internships
- . Team building activities



Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior Underclassmen Dues

Brand New for 2019-2020

- = Full 144 page HS yearbook for ALL four classes and all school clubs and sports
- = Class Specific T-shirt to represent your grade
- = Homecoming favors during the pep rally*!

\$80 for the entire package before 11/27/19

Price goes up to \$100 on 12/2/19



*Handed out during homecoming Week in January 2020.



Show others the TIGER in YOU

- Take Responsibility
- Integrity at all times
- Grow and give back
- Ever Persevere
- Respect and Empathy
for others

Tiger Tokens



Download the app - **PBIS Rewards for students**

Type in: **Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy**

Scan Barcode on Student ID



How Can I Redeem My Tiger Tokens?

High School Menu

School Supplies in the Tiger Token Store	5-50 Tokens
Various prizes in the Tiger Token Store	5-50 Tokens
Tiger Token Parties	50 Tokens
Snacks/Soda/ Popsicles.....	20-50 Tokens
Trips to the Food Truck	40 Tokens
\$5 off school dances/ fieldtrips	50 Tokens
Raffles	Varies

More options may be added throughout the school year as needed.

**ALL TOKENS CAN BE REDEEMED IN ROOM B-24, THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE,
DURING YOUR LUNCH PERIOD.**

Tiger Tokens do not get carried over to the next school year.



Deans Expectations

Orderly Arrival and Dismissal, transitions, and lunchroom

Punctuality

Dress Code and Headgear

Social Media

Plagiarism

Activities Policy:

In order to participate in school activities such as trips and dances students must meet the following policy:

- 90% attendance to school
- 85% Daily On Time Attendance
- You cannot fail more than 1 class
- Max of 1 disciplinary issue (ie classroom disruptions)

Administration will be checking ONE TIME per marking period- the day report cards are distributed- and students who do not meet the requirements will be excluded from ANY activity that falls in the next marking period.

Egregious disciplinary infractions (fighting, bullying, sexual harassment, drugs/alcohol/vandalism) will result in immediate removal for current and following marking period.

Clubs and Tutoring

Tuesday afternoon- see handout

Start thinking now about what your college applications will look like

WHAT MAKES HS DIFFERENT?

- Promotion and graduation standards are based on credits and Regents exams.
- Semester based system: Final grades and credits for the fall semester are awarded at the end of January. Final grades and credits for the spring semester are awarded at the end of June.
- Any credit that is failed needs to be made up prior to graduation.
- **Every class failed is a lost credit.**

High School Promotional Standards

- 8 Credits=
 - Promotion from 9th to 10th Grade
- 20 Credits=
 - Promotion from 10th to 11th Grade
but must earn min. 4 credits in English and 4 credits in Social Studies
- 30 Credits=
 - Promotion 11th to 12th Grade
- 44 Credits Plus NYS Regents exam requirements=
 - Graduate from High School

High School Credit Requirements

- English 8 credits = 4 years
- Math 6 credits = 3 years
Including 2 credits of Algebra and at least 2 credits of advanced math such as Geometry or Algebra II)
- Social Studies 8 credits = 4 years
Including Global Studies 1-4, US History 1 and 2, Participation in Government, and Economics
- Science 6 credits = 3 years
Including 4 credits in lab science
- Foreign Language 2-6 credits (min.2 credits required for graduation)
- Art/Music 2 credits
- Physical Ed. 8 Terms
- Health 1 credit
- Electives 3-7 credits

Regents Diploma Requirements

Pass 5 Regents exams with a 65+ (4 + 1)

1. English

2. Math

3. 1 History Regents

4. 1 Science Regents

PLUS + 1

1 Additional Math Regents OR

1 Additional Science Regents OR

1 Additional History Regents

OR LOTE Exam

In all courses that terminate in a Regents exam, the Regents grade will count as the final exam and 10% of the final semester grade.

Advanced Regents Diploma

Pass 9 exams with a 65+

1. ELA Common Core
 2. Algebra 1
 3. US History Regents
 4. Global Studies Regents
 5. Geometry
 6. Algebra II Regents
 7. Science Regents
 8. 1 additional science Regents
 9. Foreign Language (LOTE)
- **In all courses that terminate in a Regents exam, the Regents grade will count as the final exam and 10% of the final grade.**

IEP Students

- These students are required to earn the same 44 credits.
- Regents diploma 65+ on the 4+1 required Regents exams.
- Local Diploma 55+ on one of the 4+1 required Regents exams.
- Students who attend high school for 4 years and meet the goals of their IEP, but do not pass required exams may be transitioned to Acces-VR (NYSED) for educational / vocational training services OR choose to remain in school.

How can students make up failed courses?

- Options for making up credits are limited:
- PM School: SUBJECT TO FUNDING!!!! Students can earn one credit each semester by attending PM. These classes are subject to funding and are not guaranteed. Last year classes ran 2 days a week from 2:45 to 5:00 PM.
- Classroom credit recovery *may* be offered to students who received a 60-64 in the class the previous semester and met the 66% attendance requirement. **Credit recovery is at the discretion of the teacher of the failed subject and passing the Regents is a NYCDOE requirement to “recover” credit. The Maximum number of credits earned through Credit Recovery is 3.**
- **A maximum of 2 - 3 credits can be earned in Summer School each year. Two credits is a full year of 1 failed class, i.e. English, nothing more!!!**

What can I do to help my child succeed?

- Make sure they have the tools to be successful
 - School supplies in a familiar place
 - Textbooks, when used, kept in a set location
 - A TI-84 calculator that they can use for homework and bring to school for exams
 - Routines are critical
- Review the school calendar so you know when report cards will be sent home
- Periodically check PupilPath (log in letters were sent home day 4)
- Help your child to learn time management skills
- Be aware of the requirements and expectations for each class; Back to School night 9/26
- Encourage your child to advocate for him/herself
- Reach out to guidance with any major concerns

Course Offerings: AP Courses

These are college level courses that culminate in a standardized AP exam. Colleges may or may not award credit based on the score achieved on the exam. Typically taken in Grades 11/12

- Studio Art
- English Language
- English Literature
- Spanish Language
- US History
- Calculus
- Biology

Course Offerings:

Dual Enrollment courses

These courses, for 11th and 12th grade students, are **credit bearing** from The College of Mount Saint Vincent. They are taught here at RKA by our staff using the syllabus, textbook and final exam from the college. Parents pay a fee to Mt. St. Vincent, currently only \$50/credit, and children receive a transcript for these classes from the college.

Current Offerings at RKA – Classes offered are based on student requests

- Human Biology
- Psychology

Electives

Offered electives vary from year to year

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Ceramics (Art)
- College Writing
- Marketing & Media
- Criminal/Civil Law
- Painting through History
- Pre-Calculus
- Scientific Research
- Business & Finance
- Pre College Math
- Mythology
- Psychology
- Intro to Computers
- Statistics
- Journalism
- Bioethics
- Global Conflict & Resolution

PSAL Athletics

- PSAL for Girls
 - Soccer
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Softball
 - Track
 - Cross Country
- PSAL for Boys
 - Soccer
 - Basketball
 - Track
 - Baseball
 - Cross Country
- PSAL Co Ed
 - Golf
 - Wrestling

Community Service

- 40 hours required to attend graduation.
- National Honor Society requires **10 additional** hours per year.
- Important component for those applying to 4 year colleges.
- Office is in Room 306

Questions?????

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