Dear Rivendell Families

We have had a fantastic start of the year. Students seem happy, focused and engaged. After four years we now have all high school students on personal laptops and our technology has been working beautifully. Our new staff, Mr. Pilcher in 7/8 social studies, Ms. McConnell in math and Ms. Radney in Spanish are settled in and doing a great job. Our strong start is testimony to the professionalism and excellence of our teachers and staff.

Upcoming Events, which we would appreciate your input, please place on your calendar:

Rivendell Academy Advisory Open House
~Bringing Us Together in Meaningful Conversation~
Thursday, October 6, 2016
6:00pm – 7:45pm

Meet your student’s advisor
Overview of first month of school and future events
View student and teacher video projects
Meet other parents and staff
Sign-up for 3-way conferences
* Please note that 3-way conferences are November 4, 2016 not October 7, 2016

We are encouraging 100% participation at all grade levels. This is a time to come together as a school community. Each advisory is providing a baked good and coffee/tea will be available. Dinner will be provided for all soccer players.

We need Assistance in Creating an Afterschool Arts Program:

We held our first meeting with two parents, and we held an initial brainstorm meeting with parents and students on September 15th. Our second planning meeting is on September 28th from 6 - 7 PM at the academy. Our first initial project is organizing a fundraiser in December. We need your help, if interested please attend this meeting or call Brenda Gray at 353-4321 x1225.

3-Way Conference Change

We are moving the academy 3-way conference to November 4th from 11AM-6PM, families will schedule times at the Advisory Open House. October 7th is a scheduled day off for students.

Honor Roll Reception

We will not have an honor roll recognition night at the end of the First trimester. We will however hold one recognition night at the end of Tri II recognizing high school students who made honors Tri 1 and Tri 2.
Rivendell Academy Players

The Rivendell Academy Players will be performing Noel Coward’s “Blithe Spirit” on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. Save the dates for this unusual farce! More details to come!

Summer Theatre: Students Abby Hinsley and Gabbi Miles participated in the Theater Program at St. Paul’s School in Concord, NH. I had the pleasure of seeing Abby perform Escales in Shakespeare’s play, Measure for Measure. Previously Gabbi performed the lead as Thaisa in Shakespeare’s play Pericles. Both were challenged by the rigor of the program, memorizing lines for one show, while performing another. As well as dealing with being sick in the middle of it all! It was a wonderful job done by both girls and the Rivendell Academy Players were proud to be represented so well.

Free or Reduced Meals

A reminder that students/parents who received free or reduced lunches during the 2015—2016 school year, your application runs out soon. Therefore if you have not submitted the application for the 2016—2017 school year, you need to do so soon. The application was part of the school paperwork package mailed to parents prior to school beginning. We want to avoid any student paying for meals, if they are eligible.

Rivendell Academy Players

RIVENDELL ACADEMY 2017 YEARBOOK

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Picaboo this year to design and create an amazing school yearbook.

Our online store will open shortly for pre-orders and more information!

RAPTOR RETAIL IS RETURNING!

We plan to have Rivendell apparel and other merchandise for purchase based on responses gathered from a recent student survey.

More information coming soon!
What’s new in the Health Office?

Please let the health office or school office know of any reason for **absence due to the following health concerns:** head cold, or simply bouts of severe coughing; stomach bug; either or both of those accompanied by aches and pains; sore throats; headaches; etc. We are looking for any information that might alert us to a trend for contagious illness. Also please contact me about any illness or injury that your student may have so that we can provide the best environment possible at school while they recuperate.

**Required Immunizations for entry to school are still coming in** for students at RA. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all parents, guardians, and students for assisting us to accomplish this task. If you are not sure whether your child meets the requirements, the most common to be missing are the second Varicella, the TDAP booster required for 7th grade, and occasionally the Hepatitis B. Please contact the Health Office if you have questions about any immunizations.

**Molar Express, a fully mobilized Dental Clinic,** will perform hygiene clinics at school September 8th, 9th, 12th, and 13th. Any students needing to see the dentist will be referred at this time. The dentist will come later this fall. The screening must be done in September in order for your child to see or be treated by the dentist later in the fall. Please let me know if you need a form or if you have any questions.

**CPR Class** will be taught again to everyone taking the Upper Level Health Class. We do not yet have a date. The goal is to have all seniors certified by graduation.

**Baseline “IMPACT” testing (and retesting, which is recommended every 2 years for teens)** to assist in the diagnosis/extent of possible head injuries is ongoing for untested students. Students must have parent/guardian permission. Please let me know if you need a form for permission.

**A reminder: ONLY 20 seconds** of sudsy hand washing followed by a thorough rinse; and coughing or sneezing into one’s own inner elbow is the best protection against catching or spreading illnesses, including FLU.

Please contact the health office anytime for any questions at 603-353-4321 x5 cmoffatt@rivendellschool.org
TESTING

Wed., Oct. 19th AM
Juniors will take the PSAT.
Sophomores will take a practice ACT.

SENIORS

Deadlines to register for the SAT or ACT:
SAT - Oct 7 deadline for Nov 5th test
ACT - Sept 16 deadline for Oct 22nd test

NH COLLEGE REP PANEL

On Friday, Sept 9th, eleven New Hampshire college reps sat on three different panels while students in grades 7-11 rotated through to hear about various options including public, private, 2- and 4-year post-secondary options.

Financial Aid Night

Moira Valenti from NHHEAF will provide a Financial Aid overview on Wed, Sept. 21st at 6PM in the RA Library. This is open to students and parents of all grades (both NH and VT residents).

FAFSA Forms Night

Need help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? Stop by Wed, Oct 5th between 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the RA Library, with your tax information from last year.

College Representatives visiting Rivendell Academy Guidance Office

Kenyon College - Friday, Sept. 16th at 11:00 AM
Lesley University - Thurs., Sept 22nd at 1:15 PM
University of Maine @ Orono - Wednesday, Oct 5th at 2:00 PM
University of New England - Thursday, October 13th at 1:30 PM
Husson University - Friday, October 14th at 10:00 AM
Lakes Region Community College - Tuesday, October 18th at 12:20 PM
Ursinus College - Monday, October 24th at 11:00 AM
University of New Haven - Friday, October 28th at 10:00 AM

COLLEGE FAIR

Juniors and Seniors will attend a college fair at Southern New Hampshire University on Tuesday, September 20th. Over 200 colleges and Universities will be represented. Following the fair students will go on a tour the campus.
HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

September 2016

Dear Friends,

LISTEN’S Holiday Basket program is gearing up for another year of providing assistance to New Hampshire Upper Valley children and senior citizens. Last year, the program assisted 200 families.

Our Holiday Basket Program assists low income families with children and seniors who are 65 and older and live in one of the following New Hampshire towns: Canaan, Enfield, Dorchester, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford and Plainfield. LISTEN’S program provides warm clothing for children and seniors and a $50.00 food certificate for each family.

We are asking for your help in letting families know about the program.

* Enclosed you will find information detailing the LISTEN Holiday Basket program and an updated copy of the income guidelines. Please feel free to distribute copies of the information that is attached, summarize the information in your own correspondence and post information about the program.

* Families must contact LISTEN for an appointment to complete a Holiday Basket application. Please encourage families to call LISTEN between October 3rd and November 7th at the latest. Applications will not be considered if late. With your help, the holidays are sure to be extra special for area families and seniors. Thank you for your assistance!

Warm Regards,

[Signature]

Kate Emery
Family and Child Program Coordinator
Holiday Basket Program
kate@listencs.org / (603) 448-4553
LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES
HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

*y* Holiday Gift Baskets are a wonderful tradition that unites our community during the holiday season.

* Our holiday baskets provide warm clothing and a food certificate for a complete holiday meal.

* Receiving families fill out a wish list of warm clothing requests for children and senior citizens. Sponsoring families, businesses and religious organizations fulfill these requests.

* The donated items are dropped off at The Sacred Heart Church in Lebanon, NH. Volunteers check-in and create each basket filled with goods chosen specifically for each recipient. Recipient’s pick-up the completed gift baskets in early December.

How to apply:

* Call LISTEN at (603) 448-4553 and ask about Holiday Gift Baskets. Applications are accepted from October 3rd through November 7th.

You will need to provide:

* Income verification (recent pay stub, tax return or social security benefit notice).

* Clothing sizes and needs for qualified recipients.

See back page for application guidelines.
You can apply if you are:

* The parent or guardian of children 17 and under or a senior citizens age 65 or older.

* Live in one of these NH towns: Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford or Plainfield.


* Families with a household income of not more than 200% of federal property guidelines:

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Children of families whose income is above this guideline may be considered if there are extenuating circumstances which affect your income. Please call to inquire.