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## New Rules Rule the School

Many of you have heard about the new and improved rules for the 2016-2017 school year. Some of them include student attire, Saturday school, flex period, and a new attendance policy. Recently at RCHS, the dress code has been reinforced. Make sure your shorts, skirts, and dresses are down to at least mid thigh. Also, make sure your shoulders and back are covered and can't be seen. All of the students at RCHS should "Dress for Success." Saturday school is replacing Monday school. Saturday school is from 8:00-10:30 a.m. Students are required to bring enough school work to keep them busy for the entire time. We no longer have study hall or homeroom. Flex period is a half hour class where students do homework, go get help from a teacher, or have club meetings. Finally, we have a new attendance policy. You can only miss eight days per semester. If a student misses more than eight days, the consequence will be a WDF (withdraw fail). These eight days include excused and unexcused absences. Even though the environment may seem stricter than it has in the past, these new rules will benefit our entire school community.

Article by Hanna McCarthy

## RCHS Welcomes New Staff

RCHS welcomed four new teachers this year, filling vacancies in English, Spanish, and math. Ms. Gillenwater is beginning her teaching career here teaching freshmen and senior English. She recently graduated from Purdue University and is most excited about making a difference in her students' lives. It is also Mr. Tinich's first year teaching. He joined the math department teaching geometry and finite. He just graduated from Purdue University Calumet and is excited for his students to learn the curriculum. Sra. Kalbaugh is starting her 19th year of teaching. She moved to this school to be a part of a tight knit community. The last new teacher is Mrs. Radtke who is also teaching senior and freshmen English. This is her 13th year of teaching, but her first year teaching high school. Prior to RCHS, she taught middle school. She graduated from Indiana University South Bend. She recently moved to this school from Oregon Davis, and also taught before that at Knox school. Along with this being her first year of teaching high school, it is also her first year teaching British Literature. Rensselaer is very excited to have all of the new teachers here. Make sure to stop by and introduce yourself to these new staff members.

Article by KT Kem

## Bomber Sports, Be There or Be Square

RCHS fall sports are in full swing. Boys varsity football started out their season falling to Kankakee Valley 20-14, but that won't stop them. Friday the 26, the boys will play at our home field against North Newton. The following Friday, September 2, the game will be against North Judson, home again.

Girls JV and varsity volleyball had their first game August 16 against Hebron, bringing RCHS a huge win.

Boys soccer had their first game August 18 at Delphi; they were victorious with a score of 7-1. The guys played again August 23 against Covenant Christian tying the game, putting their record at 1-0-1.

Cross Country has an invite on the 25th of August at Lemon Lake in Crown Point. They have another at Riverside Park on the 27th.

The boys tennis team currently has a record of 0-3-0. There is an invite in Logansport on August 27 and an away game against Benton Central.

Girls golf has matches August 25, 29, & 30. The match on the 29th is home, the rest are away.

Girls varsity soccer has a winning record of 2-0-0. The next game is the 25th of August at Hebron High School.

Article by Dakota Jones

## Spotlight on Staff: Ms. Taylor

**Q:** Since this is your first administration job, what are you looking forward to most this year?

**A:** "Just learning a new leadership role and doing it to the best of my ability."

**Q:** What's your favorite band or Musician?

**A:** "Adele. I got to see her this summer in Chicago."

**Q:** What inspired you to become an administrator?

**A:** "I've always had the personality. I'm a leader, and I like variety. It seemed to fit more with my goals."

**Q:** What do you like about Mr. Jones?

**A:** "I highly respect what he's trying to do here for both the staff and the community. He's very supportive."

**Q:** What was your favorite subject or class in high school, and why?

**A:** "My favorite class was Anatomy and Physiology. It was my toughest class, and quite the experience. It made the college class a cakewalk."

**Q:** Did you play any sports in high school or college?

**A:** "In high school I played softball, volleyball, and basketball. In college I played softball."

**Q:** What's your favorite thing about this school so far?

**A:** "The people and the kids, everybody is pretty good."

**Q:** If you were stuck on a desert island and could only bring 2 things, what would they be?

**A:** "I would bring My iPhone with internet and another person, maybe a family member."



Interview by Ashley Rollins

## Bomber Q&A

**What was the greatest thing you did this summer?**

Alivia Lakin - 9th: "I went to Florida and went surfing."

Chema Hernandez - 10th: "I went to Mexico and got to hang out with my family."

Aubrey Garcia - 11th: "I got a concussion...but that wasn't so great."

Bryce Jordan - 12th: "I went to the beach because there was nothing else to do."

Mrs. Church - staff: "My husband & I took our son to the beach for the first time. It was great because he was just learning to walk, so all he wanted to do was walk up and down the sand all day."

Interviews by Hannah Hall

## Tips to Save Your Life

Every year when students return to RCHS, it can be difficult to start back into the new routines and schedule of the school year. Here are a few tips to help ease the transition for incoming freshmen and also those returning from last year:

- Keep an agenda written or electronically; it will help to organize your to do list.
- Manage your time wisely.
- Prioritize your most important homework first..
- Explore the different club opportunities available for students at RCHS.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Use the tutoring resources provided by the school.
- Talk to upperclassmen for help during flex period.
- Bring all your materials to class.
- Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone.
- Keep a positive attitude!

Tips by Jacob Hall