



Dear Reading School Community:

We have had a productive and busy school year so far and are looking forward to the winter break to enjoy time with our family and friends and recharge for the New Year.

Thanks for all you do to make our school community so strong. Wishing you and your family a wonderful and peaceful holiday. We will see you back at school on Wednesday, January 2!

Chuck LaFata
Superintendent

Progress on Reading's New PK-12 School

Here are the latest updates on construction:

- The roof over the Elementary Wing of the building is complete and dry wall installation will begin the week of December 10.
- The crew will lay the asphalt on one of the large parking lots near Columbia Road beginning the week of December 10.
- The Middle School interior walls are completed and waiting on drywall installation after the Elementary Wing is completed.



[Click here](#) to see drone footage on Facebook of the new building taken by David Powell on November 11.

Magnified Giving Inspires Students

Reading High School is once again thrilled to be a part of the Magnified Giving program, that gives groups of students \$1,000 and invites them to invest their money in a local non-profit community.



Mr. Brian Page's Honors and Personal Finance class at Reading High School is using the program as the tool for teaching philanthropy. Students began the unit on November 30 with Magnified Giving founder Roger Grein telling his story, and then explaining how the program works.

"Roger is the hero I want our Reading kids to admire; he's one of my heroes. He embodies what it means to have a great soul," said Mr. Page who is the program facilitator. "Reading students walked away from Roger's talk inspired and motivated."



"Roger's story is super inspiring, and it motivated me and my classmates to give more to my community," said RHS student Shelby Kirby.

RHS Guidance Corner:

- Jostens will be here Tuesday, 12/11 before school in the cafeteria to take cap and gown orders. The deadline before the price increase is 12/15.
- Students taking End-of-Course retakes in December should be at school each day with their Chrome Book charged and ready to test. Testing will be Friday, 12/14 - Wednesday, 12/19.
- There are several meetings coming up in January: CCP Informative meeting, Junior Parent Meeting, and scheduling meetings for parents of current 8 - 11 graders. Look for more information in FinalForms and via mail.
- Scarlet Oaks visited with our Sophomores on 12/5. Students who want to go on the field trip to visit Scarlet Oaks should have their permission slip in before Friday, 12/14. The field trip is Tuesday, 1/22. Scarlet Oaks Open House for parents and students is on Thursday, 1/31 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Quarter 2 Honor Roll Breakfast will be Monday, 1/28 and invitations will be sent out.
- Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in February. We will be meeting with students in late January and early February.
- Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Break!

Tips for Teaching Your Children Financial Literacy

NBC Education Nation will be hosting an hour-long Twitter chat about how we can teach children financial literacy, both in school and at home. Reading High School teacher Brian Page is the [NBC Education Nation Financial Literacy expert](#) and will be leading the chat.



If you are interested in joining you can do so on Twitter by following the hashtag #ToolkitTalk beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

New Parent Notification System

Opt in for Text Messages

Reading Schools is now using a parent notification system called SchoolMessenger for snow days and school emergencies. Through this system we can communicate to parents/guardians text, email, and call parents.

The district will also be using SchoolMessenger to text and email parents. Before we leave for winter break, parent cell phone numbers will be uploaded into the system and a text message will be sent to your phone from the district. You must respond with a "Y" and opt in to receive future text messages. You can also opt out by responding with an "N." We will be using the text option for important reminders, weather delays/closings, and emergency notifications.

Please keep your FinalForms contact information up-to-date. Our building secretaries use this information to keep our SchoolMessenger list current.



Congratulations to our Girls on the Run team from Hilltop! A total of 12 fifth grade girls completed their GOTR 5K on November 17.

Important Dates

December 2018

12/20- 01/01 Winter Break

January 2019

01/02	Classes Resume
01/11	End of 2nd Quarter
01/18	Report Cards Mailed Home
01/21	No School, Martin Luther King Day