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Dear RMS Community,

Happy New Year! We would like to welcome everyone back to school after a long holiday break.

Communication between home and school is critically important to your child's academic success. Therefore, one of our new year's resolutions is to send important news to you more regularly, and using more methods.

You may remember from our last letter home that during November and December the whole school community was working on adhering to the dress code (no hats or hoods allowed in school) and cell phone (phones must be turned off during the hours of 7:45-2:26) protocols. This month we will be working on our attendance procedures.

One of our most important jobs as administrators is to ensure the safety of your child while they are at school. We can only do this if we know where they are! Although most students adhere to following their daily schedule, a number of students still need help getting to classes. Here is how it works for all students: Teachers are responsible for taking attendance on Infinite Campus. If a student is not marked absent on the roster, and the teacher cannot determine the location of the student (e.g., music lessons, health office, etc.), they will contact the Planning Room Supervisor, who will then look for the student. If, after exhausting all our resources, we are unable to find the student, we will call home. This process usually takes 10-20 minutes.

You can find your child's attendance at any time by checking Infinite Campus. If you notice they are not in classes on time, please talk to them about the importance of being in class. As I often remind students, "We can't teach you if you aren't present in class".

Knowing your child's academic progress, and partnering with their teachers to help them reach proficiency by the end of the year, is a critical part of parenting. Over the last few years we have heard frustrations from many families who struggle to get this information from Infinite Campus. To help alleviate this issue, we will be mailing mid-year progress reports home on Friday, January 24th.. If you are unsure if we have your correct mailing address on file, please contact miranda.burton@rcpsvt.org.

We wish you a new year filled with good health, joy and kindness.

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