



# Dear River Dell Community,

Although four members of the Board of Education did not begin their term until January 2013, the Board continues the renewal of the River Dell School District. Below are just a few of the accomplishments this school year.

## ◆ FINANCE

In November 2012, the Budget and Finance Committee met with our Business Administrator, Tom Bonfiglio, and started working on refinancing our sole debt. On February 20, 2013 River Dell completed the refinancing process. For the remaining eleven years of the debt, we will save the taxpayers \$1,206,956.11. The initial savings begins next year.

## ◆ CURRICULUM

The 2012-13 school year marked the inaugural year of River Dell's new science sequence. The freshman class has been engaged in our Physics I curriculum; conducting labs, delving into hands-on learning and drawing from the complementing algebra curriculum with the guidance of our professional teaching staff to develop the foundation of scientific knowledge that will help them be successful as the students move forward with chemistry in their sophomore year.

Since September 2012, the Tri-District Curriculum Office, along with our teaching staff and administration, has worked to revise several existing courses as well as add some additional courses to our Program of Studies that will help enhance our students' educational experience.

- ◇ Revisions: Digital illustration, Money Management, Junior Engineering, Psychology
- ◇ New Courses: Statistics, SUPA Italian, Personal Financial Management, Advanced Algebra w/Trigonometry, SUPA Principles and Contemporary Issues in Sports Management, Math Plus, SUPA Introduction to Personal Finance

A new course, Digital Communications, has been developed to replace Computer Literacy 8 at the Middle School. This course will offer students the opportunity to develop more advanced technology skills while examining personal goals, potential careers and the industries connected to them and refine presentation skills.

## ◆ SECURITY

The safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority. Recently, the middle and high school administrative teams reviewed security procedures in their respective buildings and presented their findings to the Board.

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Furthermore, the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office has been invited to complete a security evaluation of each school.

A recent article in *The Record* discussed the importance of door shades for classrooms and how some districts are planning to install them. We are pleased to note that we already have this safety feature in our classrooms and will continue to be proactive in implementing security in our schools.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

27-28 Schools Closed—Memorial Day

### JUNE

1 SAT Testing at River Dell, 7:00am

3-4 7th Grade Day Trip to Meadowlands Environment Center

5 Art Expo, 6:00 pm at the High School

Video Showcase, 6:30pm at the High School

6 7th Grade Day Trip to Meadowlands Environment Center

Science Symposium, 6:30pm at the High School

Freshman Formal, 6:15pm at the High School Oval

7 One Session Day—Middle School ONLY

6th Grade Orientation, 12:00noon at the Middle School

8 ACT Testing at River Dell, 8:00am

10 Board of Education Meeting, 8:00pm at the High School Media Center

11 Presidential Awards, 4:00pm at the Middle School

Spring Sports Award Ceremony, 6:00pm at the High School

12 Superintendent’s Coffee, 10:00a.m. and 7:00p.m. at Board of Ed Conference Room in MS

13 Senior Awards Assembly, 9:00am at the High School

Scholarship/Awards Dinner, 6:00pm at the High School

18 8th Grade Picnic

20 Senior Prom, 7:00pm

21 One Session Day—High School ONLY (Final Exams)

24 7th Grade Field Day

Board of Education Meeting, 8:00pm at the High School Media Center

24-26 One Session Day—High School ONLY (Final Exams)

26 Rain Date for 7th Grade Field Day

27 Last Day for Students

Senior Commencement, 5:00pm at the High School

### JULY

29 Board of Education Meeting, 8:00pm at the High School Media Center

### AUGUST

29 Incoming Freshman Orientation, 9:30am at the High School

NO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING THIS MONTH