

Rimrock Jr./Sr. High

November 2, 2009



Wow – time certainly does seem to fly. The first quarter is gone with only three more to go. Your child's report card is enclosed, if you did not pick it up during parent-teacher conferences last week. Also enclosed is the school's report card – how the school is doing based upon state guidelines.

ISAT Update

Juniors and seniors who have not reached proficiency for the Idaho



Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) will have another opportunity to take the test beginning January 12th through the 23rd. Stay tuned for updates on exactly when each section will be taken. All students are required to pass each section (currently reading, math, and language) of the 10th grade test in order to graduate. Below is the target "cut score" required to reach proficiency in each area:

Reading = 220

Math = 238

Language Usage = 226

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Nov 11th – Veteran's Day (early release)
- Dec 1st – Direct Writing Assessment (7th & 9th grade)
- Dec 2nd – Direct Math Assessment (8th grade)
- Dec 8th Rimrock Band & Choir Concert
- Dec 10th – Drama Presentation
- Dec 18th End of semester



Reducing Absences & Tardies

Did you know that much of the money we receive from the state is based on our average daily attendance (ADA). With budgets so tight now, one preventable absence a day from each school can add up to hundreds or thousands of dollars for our district.

As you make your plans for this year, please consider making vacation plans and doctor appointments during scheduled school breaks if at all possible.

We ask for your cooperation in making a focused effort to reduce absences and tardies across the district this year.

Thank you very much.

Study Skills: Develop and practice study techniques that work for you. However make sure they truly are effective – if your grades are not improving perhaps you need some new techniques. Ask teachers and other students if they have suggestions. The following websites may have ideas that work for you:

<http://www.studygs.net/>

<http://www.how-to-study.com/>

<http://www.howtostudy.org/>

Words of Wisdom

If someone gives you a privilege, you owe them a responsibility.