

# RyeNeck Schools

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October 12, 2021

Dear Rye Neck Families,

## Homecoming

Homecoming is a traditional way of celebrating identity as a school, a community, or both. This week is Rye Neck's homecoming week and we are proud to be Panthers. For obvious reasons, many think that our district name is an amalgamation of our neighbors, "Rye" and "Mamaroneck", but that's not the case.

A "neck" can be a strip of land jutting into the sea. Rye Neck is therefore similar to Great Neck, Long Island, or any other similarly named coastal town. Purchased from Siwanoy Native Americans in 1661, the land was initially renamed Budd's Neck after its new owner and then later renamed Rye Neck due to the location of the purchase.

In school, our students will have the opportunity to take part in various themed days that represent a fun change from the norm. Our elementary and secondary schools are doing something slightly different, so while your F.E. Bellows student might do Team Tuesday, your MS student might do Twin Tuesday. Blue & Black Friday is common across all four schools. The Panther may be seen walking around and some of our HS athletes will visit DW and FEB, so it will be a spirited week.

A staple of homecoming is a schedule of athletic events, so please add your voice to the crowd cheering for our Panthers at the MS/HS campus on Friday and Saturday. Let's give our student-athletes a home field advantage!

### Friday, October 15, 2021

4:30 p.m. - Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Blind Brook

4:30 p.m. - Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Ardsley

6:00 p.m. - Varsity Volleyball vs. Valhalla

### Saturday, October 16, 2021

11:00 a.m. - Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Blind Brook

12:00 p.m. - Varsity Field Hockey

2:30 p.m. - Varsity Football vs. Tuckahoe

## Weekly Testing

Last Tuesday, we distributed 330 testing kits across the district and collected 140 samples the next day. Of those, 134 were negative, zero were positive, and six had "insufficient volume" to be tested. An email was sent to the six families to explain that there was no result for the test and the reason.

## Weekly COVID Case Update

Week of September 27th:

- One 8th grader was reported positive on October 6th; no quarantines were necessary.
- One 6th grader was reported positive on October 7th; no quarantines were necessary.
- All cases are recorded under the COVID tab on our district website.

Best regards,



Dr. Eric Lutinski  
Superintendent of Schools