



January 3, 2023

Dear Rye Neck Families,

Welcome back!

We've been given mild temperatures to begin our 2023 New Year. Maybe that will help me succeed in my resolution to get more outdoor exercise this year. I usually hang on to my resolutions for at least a few days every new year, but I have an optimistic back up plan for indoor exercise in case February brings me a better reason to stay inside. I have also found that positive peer pressure can be a friendly motivator, so I hope we can all be supportive of each other as we attempt to sustain our annual self-improvements.

Students make self-improvements as well. January brings the final 18 days of our Middle and High School second marking period, which can be a time for our students in grades 6 through 12 to finish the quarter strongly by catching up on old assignments, establishing a productive work schedule, and taking charge of their learning. Families and staff can be supportive of those efforts with clear expectations, communication, and flexibility.

Federal Government Tests

Since we are using multiple ways of managing challenges to our health in schools, we are happy to share sources of aid. Although we have been fortunate to have access to free tests from New York State, the Federal Government also provides free tests. This can be useful for your extended families that may not have access to school-supplied kits. "Covid.gov" test kits may be obtained from [COVID Home Tests | USPS](#).

Best regards,

Dr. Eric Lutinski
Superintendent of Schools