ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are closing in on the end of the school year 2012. It is always an exciting time of year that includes a flurry of activities. In May our students took AP tests, elected student government, and attended the prom and the senior awards night. Our spring sports wrapped up another successful season with the Boy's Soccer team winning the KingCo championship. The spring musical, No, No Nanette is another huge success and our Jazz Band placed 2nd at the Essentially Ellington competition. On the academic side of the house, we are enrolling our incoming 9th graders as our students in Algebra, Geometry and Biology all prepare for their State, end of course (EOC) exams. As you can see, our students and staff continue to work hard right up to the end of the school year. I want to take the remainder of my letter to briefly talk about our Moving Up day, graduation and a call for support of the PTSA.

First, Moving Up Day. In talking with some parents the other day, it became apparent that Moving Up Day was a bit of a mystery. Moving up this year is taking place on June 6th. The school day includes an assembly, barbeque, "field day" type activities and yearbook distribution. This is a time for the school to recognize the seniors and for the other classes to begin thinking about moving up to the next grade level. At the assembly, seniors sit in the middle of the gym and various clubs hand over the reigns to next year's leaders. After the assembly, there is a campus wide celebration with games, activities and a barbeque before heading back to class. At the end of the day we distribute yearbooks. The schedule for the day can be found on our website, www.rhsseattle.org.

Another end of year tradition is graduation. This year we get to celebrate all of the work and accomplishments of the Class of 2012. This is one of the highlights for me as I get to shake hands with our seniors as they go off into the world. Graduation takes place on June 19th, 5pm at Memorial Stadium. We issue 8 tickets to graduating seniors and also allow students to request more if they need them. Fortunately, Memorial Stadium can hold a large number of guests, so we can usually accommodate everyone. After the ceremony, students and families meet up at the fountain for pictures and socializing. We hope the weather holds up as the ceremony does take place outside.

Although not an end of year tradition, we do have a tradition of strong parent involvement. In closing out this school year, I want to put a request out for parents to think about getting involved in our PTSA. RHS is full of parent volunteers who help support all of the many activities through all of the booster groups. This is a tremendous help. However, year after year we struggle finding folks willing to fill some of the key leadership positions in PTSA. PTSA is the only group focused on the entire school. Under the leadership of Sharon Rodgers and Peter Nestigen (current co-presidents of PTSA), we are making strides towards more clarity and efficiency in our operations. So, as we wrap up the school year, think about ramping up your involvement in PTSA. You can get more information from the PTSA link on our website.

In closing out the 2011-2012 school year, I want to let you know that we work hard every day to continue Roosevelt's long history of excellence. Our graduating seniors continue that history and to that I say thank you and good luck. To the returning students, I say enjoy the summer and I look forward to another great school year in 2012-2013. Go RoughRiders!

Yours in Education, Mr. Brian Vance, RHS Principal

RHS SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

June 2012, GRADES 9-11

All scheduled classes must meet whether testing or not. Regardless of the length of the test, students will remain in the classroom for the entire period. Teachers are to provide meaningful activities during non-testing periods.

During all exam days that begin later than 7:45 a.m., Career Center, Library and Classrooms are open for **quiet study 7:45 a.m.-8:35 a.m.**

June 20, 2012

Period 1 Final 8:40 a.m.-10:40 a.m.
Period 3 10:45-12:25p.m.
1st lunch 10:40-11:20 a.m.
and class meets 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.
2nd lunch 11:45-12:25 p.m.
and class meets 10:45 -11:45 a.m.
Period 5 Final 12:30-2:30 p.m.

June 21, 2012

Period 2 Final 8:40 -10:40 a.m.
Period 6 10:45-12:25p.m.
1st lunch 10:40-11:20 a.m.
and class meets 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.
2nd lunch 11:45-12:25 p.m.
and class meets 10:45 -11:45 a.m.
Period 4 Final 12:30-2:30 p.m.

June 22, 2011

Period 3 Final 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Break 10:00 -10:15 a.m.
Period 6 Final 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
box lunch/salad 12:15-12:45 p.m.
Make up 12:45 p.m. Or as arranged.

Approved by IC 6/7/11 and updated for the school year extension 4/6/12.

PTSA PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

A message for our NEW STUDENT VOTERS and their parents from the PTSA.

Eligible Students: exercise your right to vote this year in the state and national elections.

The PTSA at Roosevelt would like to send out a friendly reminder that students, who will be 18 years old, on or before Election Day, are entitled to vote in this year. It is important to note that a student can register to vote at 17 years old and then be eligible at the next qualifying Election Day.

- If you are 18 years old by Primary Election Day (August 7); deadline for new voters to register: ONLINE by Monday, July 9 or, in-PERSON, by Monday, July 30
- If you are 18 years old by General Election Day (November 6); deadline for new voters to register: ONLINE by Monday, October 8, or, in – PERSON by Monday, October 29

Note: if you are attending college in the fall, your ballot will be mailed to your campus address.

This year, our graduating high school students, will help elect the President, Governor, State House of Representatives, members to the State Senate and more. This election gives them a chance to exercise their "newly minted" critical thinking skills; evaluating the candidates and their policies, weighing the pros and cons, and making a decision with their vote. Needless to say, foreign policy, taxes, educational and social priorities and governments' role in society are all issues that will have an impact on their lives. This will be the first opportunity these young men and women have to exercise their right to vote and help set the course for the future.

There is also a role for parents and interested students in the legislative process at the local level here at school. The PTSA advocates maintaining and improving quality of the public education system in our state. Our PTSA sends a member to represent RHS at the statewide PTA legislative council which in turn advocates for public schools in Olympia. We can always use participation at our school to develop ideas or strategies on issues ranging from; preserving voter approved basic education funding from State budget cuts to; how to be sure all schools in the State have adequate signage and safety measures at their crosswalks.

Any questions about NEW VOTERS contact the office of the Secretary of State at 1.800.448.4881.

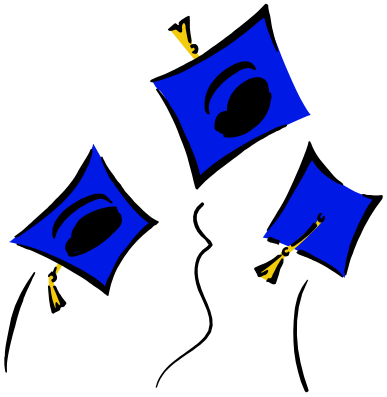
Thanks to Heidi Bennet, PTA Region 6 Legislative Chair, for compiling voter information.

Have a Great Summer!

Peter Nestingen, Co-President RHS PTSA

RHS MEN'S BASKETBALL SUMMER HOOP CAMP

The Roosevelt Men's Basketball team is hosting a summer basketball day camp for Boys grades 4 through 9 on July 9th through 12th. Please pass the word to younger siblings, friends and neighbors who might be interested. It's your chance to learn from RHS head coach Bart Brandenburg and players from the Roosevelt team. For details and registration form, visit http://www.rooseveltbasketball.org/2012SummerHoopCamp.pdf.



GRADUATION IS JUNE 19

Graduation is Thursday, June 19th, 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Seniors will attend graduation practice at 10:30 a.m. on June 18th in the Roosevelt gym. We look forward to seeing our seniors walk across the stage at the graduation ceremony. Again, as the big day approaches, please remind your seniors that their study habits and behavior for the next few weeks can affect their futures.

SENIORS: END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

(Finals regular Bell Schedule)

6/12 - periods 1 and 4
6/13 - periods 2 and 5
6/14 - periods 3 and 6
6/15 Senior Checkout (senior students attend all classes, check out in each class, plus check out with bookroom/counselors at the end of the day)

6/18 – mandatory Graduation Rehearsal in the Roosevelt Gym at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Senior Luncheon

6/19 - 5:00 p.m. Graduation at Memorial Stadium

SENIORS: DIPLOMAS

Diplomas may be picked up in the Main Office on August 23 from Marjorie.

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

Roosevelt Counseling Office Is Here To Serve You

The Counseling Office is here to serve Roosevelt students and their parents/guardians. If you have a concern or a question, please call us at the Counseling Office, 252-4827 or contact individual counselors at the phone and e-mails listed below. Counselors are assigned based on the first letter of the student's last name.

A -E	Sarah Chapman schapman@seattleschools.org	252-4835
F-K	Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org	252-4836
L-Q , R for class of 2012	Dr. Littlebrave Beaston lbeaston@seattleschools.org	252-4825
S-Z	Frank Heffernan fheffernan@seattleschools.org	252-4826
R for classes of 2013, 2014, 2015	Erin McCullough emucullough@seattleschools.org (Intern, supervised by Frank Heffernan)	252-4818

FINAL EXAMS AND SENIOR CHECKOUT

Seniors will take finals during their regularly scheduled class time on June 12, June 13 and June 14:
June 12: Senior Finals periods 1 & 4
June 13: Senior Finals periods 2 & 5
June 14: Senior Finals periods 3 & 6

Seniors will then go to all classes on June 15 at the regularly scheduled times to complete senior checkout. Seniors will need to have all graduation requirements verified as completed by that date, including payment of all fines, in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Completing checkout usually entails students staying after school to get all the required signatures (Teacher signatures during class, book room and counselor signatures after students get signature from 5th and/or 6th period). If that will be an issue, students can also complete checkout PRIOR to the graduation rehearsal, which is 10:30 a.m. in the Roosevelt gym on June 18th. Students will get detailed instructions regarding Senior Checkout from their teachers a few days prior to June 15th.

Remind your seniors to keep attending classes and working hard throughout their final day of classes so that they do not lose credit in classes they need for graduation and/or attending college. Not only will they be better prepared to succeed in the next level of their schooling if they eke out the maximum amount of knowledge, they need to remember too, that most college admission offers are contingent on successful completion of 12th grade. Sadly, we know that in prior years some Roosevelt students have had their admission offers rescinded after the colleges of their choice received final transcripts in July and saw D or E grades in core classes or discovered that students had dropped core classes.

Students in grades 9-11 will take final exams June 20, June 21, and June 22 with a modified schedule (see page 1). June 22nd is the last day of school for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. The exam schedule is also available in the main office, the counseling office, and is posted on the RHS website, **www.rhsseattle.org**

CREDIT RETRIEVAL DURING THE SUMMER

Summer Semester in Seattle Schools has been eliminated due to budget cuts. A few high schools are offering structured, free online credit retrieval for their students as part of a District pilot program, but Roosevelt was not selected for this program. Accordingly, Roosevelt students who need to retrieve credit in required classes will have to do at their own expense, primarily with unsupported online classes. Students should see their counselor as soon as possible to find out what is available. **Note: Students may not receive credit on their Roosevelt transcript for any class taken over the summer unless their counselor has approved the course and they have completed a District "Equivalency Course of Study Proposal" BEFORE they begin the class.**

WELCOME EVENT/INFORMATION SESSION FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

On June 5th at 6:30 p.m., we cordially invite all incoming 9th graders and their parents/guardians to come to the Roosevelt Theatre. We will have a short program with Administrators, Counselors and Support Staff, so new Rough Riders can put names to faces. We will have available the Summer Reading Assignment, and the Student Store will be open, with refreshments and Roosevelt clothing items. We will also have in the Commons tables with coaches, parent Sports Booster representatives, and representatives from clubs, so that families can find out about some of the available activities. Also, for any students who want to change course selections, or have other questions about next year, counselors will be available after the general program to meet with students and parents/guardians.

TIPS FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As we approach the end of the school year, Roosevelt students are beginning to think about summer! We have a listing of various structured summer opportunities with programs that have sent us flyers and other information. Go to the Counseling Office Website http://lbeaston.seadesk.seattleschools.org/public.aspx and look for "My Quick Links", "Summer Bulletin 2012".

Here are some other general suggestions of summer activities for your students:

Work. A job gives you experience in the work force and may help you explore an area of potential career interest.

Play. Summer is a great time to enjoy unstructured activities with family and friends.

Volunteer. Offer your services to help others and to gain experience for yourself. Keep track of the hours and have a representative of wherever you are volunteering sign the documented hours. **Any hours you complete over the summer can count towards the 60 hours of service learning needed for graduation**. Students who plan on completing hours over the summer may pick up a service learning form in the Counseling Office before leaving school in June.

Travel. A visit to another place can be educational, as well as fun.

Read. Reading may improve your mind, your mood and your grades.

College Search. Utilize on-line college search sites. Write or e-mail colleges to get information and applications from schools in which you are potentially interested. **Visit colleges** as well, to see first hand college campuses, settings, and atmosphere.

Attend summer school. Make up classes you need to graduate from Roosevelt or ask your counselor about enrichment programs to help keep your mind academically sharp over the summer. Be sure to see your counselor though, before you sign for a class to make sure you can get credit for it.

Think and plan. Think about your future. What are your interests? What do you want to do after you graduate? When you come back in the fall, talk with your counselor about what kinds of experiences would help you explore your interests and dreams.

Good luck to the Class of 2012 as they head off to various locales and adventures. Returning students can expect to receive their class schedules and information about the start of school in the mail the third full week of August. We look forward to seeing you in September for the 2012-2013 school year. In the meantime, Roosevelt counselors hope students and their families have a great summer break!

THE 2012 RHS YEARBOOK STRENUOUS LIFE IS ARRIVING ON JUNE 6TH!

The 2012 RHS Yearbook Strenuous Life will be distributed to students during period 6 on June 6th. Students who pre-ordered copies and whose fines are cleared by June 1st will receive yearbooks on that day. Students with outstanding fines will have to wait until after the 6th to clear fines and pick up yearbooks. A very limited number of yearbooks may be available for sale after June 6th for $50.00.

TEDDY'S TILES – RHS FOUNDATION

Attention Parents! Are you looking for a great year end gift for your student, RHS graduate or favorite teacher? Get your Teddy's Tile Now! Honor your favorite Roughrider by leaving their mark in the Student Courtyard for decades of Strenuous Life ahead!

Tiles range in price from $80-$100 (1-3 lines of text) and can be purchased directly from the RHS Foundation website at rooseveltfoundation.org/teddystiles.php.
For more information, contact info@rooseveltfoundation.org.
Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the RHS Foundation through the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG event on May 2nd. With the support of many alumni and parents, we raised nearly $15,000 in 24 hours! These generous donations will provide critical support to RHS teachers and parents through our grants next fall. If you did not have an opportunity to donate that day, you can still give a gift of any size through our website: rooseveltfoundation.org.

ATTENTION JUNIORS: SENIOR PORTRAITS FOR THE YEARBOOK

Senior yearbook photos are accepted only from our contracted studio, Rowland Studios on NE 65th and 12th NE. Call them at 522-7171 to make an appointment over the summer, or have the photo taken at school in the fall, dates TBD. Senior portraits must be taken by the end of November to be included in the 2013 yearbook.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SPECIALIST REPORT

Reminder of State Assessment graduation requirements:

- Class of **2015** must pass; Biology End of Course Exam, Algebra & Geometry End of Course Exams, Reading and Writing High School Proficiency Exam.
- Class of **2013** and **2014** must pass; one End of Course Math Exam in either Algebra or Geometry and Reading & Writing High School Proficiency Exam.
- **All** 10th graders need to take the June 5th, Biology End of Course Exam in the Theater at 8:00 a.m. This is a late arrival day. Even though, this is not a graduation requirement for 10th graders, the state is still requiring high schools to test all 10th grade students.
- End of Course Algebra and Geometry Exams will be held in the classrooms on June 12th, 13th and 14th. Students are required to be test all three days, attendance is important!
    - Class of 2013 and 2014 must pass **one** EOC in either Algebra or Geometry as a graduation requirement.
    - Class of 2015 must pass **both** the Algebra and Geometry EOC as a graduation requirement.
- Students who are taking Algebra 2 or higher, who have not previously passed the Algebra EOC, need to take the Make-Up Exam on Friday, June 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the Theater. These students have been identified and informed that they need to test. If you have any questions please contact Erin Bailey, AIS.
- 2012 High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) results should be out at the end of May.
- If students missed the HSPE or did not pass a certain section of the HSPE (Reading or Writing) they can sign up for the August HSPE with Mrs. Bailey in the Counseling Office.
- If you have a student going into 10th grade next year, mark your calendars for the 2013 HSPE. The writing HSPE will be given on March 12th and 13th. The Reading HSPE will be given on March 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Bailey Academic Intervention Specialist eebailey@seattleschools.org or 206-252-4824

ROOSEVELT GIRLS LACROSSE CLUB

The Roosevelt Girls Lacrosse Club (RGLC) finished a successful 2012 campaign by improving their regular season record, finishing at 6-5-1. This included wins over cross town rivals Ballard and Garfield. The RGLC qualified for the state play off's play-in game; but dropped a close decision, 12 - 15, to Eastside Catholic on Sunday May 6th at Marymoor Park. Nonetheless this was a valuable play-off experience for the young team, which included four freshmen that made significant contributions to the varsity program. The team hopes to build on this success next season. Any girls who are interested in lacrosse are encouraged to turn out and *"get in the game"*. Individual honors were awarded to A. Leonard, the junior midfielder, who was selected by the coaches to the All North Sound League Team and to the All State Team. This is her second selection to the All State Team.

ORCHESTRA SPRING FLING – JUNE 7!

Join us on Thursday, June 7th for our annual Spring Fling Concert in the RHS auditorium at 7pm. Each year, this is the concert that showcases the aptitude of graduating seniors as they perform individual concertos. Concert, Chamber, and Symphony orchestras will all be performing. You won't want to miss this amazing display of musical talent! Looking for DINNER as well as a show? All are invited to a pizza dinner in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Only $5 gets you pizza, a drink, and your choice of wonderful salads. Don't miss it!

SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DISCONTINUE TRAFFIC EDUCATION ON AUG. 31

Starting in the fall, the District will no longer offer traffic education. During lean budget times, the District can no longer afford to offer this program, which is not a part of our core academic mission.

Costs to maintain and insure a car fleet, as well as staffing costs, are not fully covered by student fees. In addition, the District is no longer able to offer competitive prices to families, so we are seeing dwindling enrollment in traffic education.

However, Seattle Public Schools will still offer summer traffic education this year, before ending the program on Aug. 31, 2012. If families would like to sign up for summer traffic education, please visit online: http://bit.ly/TrafficEd

RHS BAND BOOSTERS - Music, Marching & Madness

Spring has unleashed the inner marching madness for the Band and Boosters starting with:

On May 8th, the Boosters had their spring meeting at Perche No restaurant (what a great idea!) and, among other business, saw two members step into the very large shoes of Sharon Ruff as Chair. Sharon leaves us after many years of stellar service to the cause and it is with huge thanks and a lot of good wishes that we see her go. Heather Lisagor and Mina Worth will Co-Chair the Boosters next year. Mary Machala stays on as Secretary as does Bea Hewitt as Treasurer. See your email for Band Booster meeting minutes - lots of important info that you'll want to know.

On May 19th the Drumline attended the Drumline Expo at Garfield High to showcase their drum skills with others from Seattle, Eastern Washington and some special guests. Lots of RHS drumline pride showed up and congrats to our students for a great job.

The big and bold **Spring Band Camp** saw the Band perform at the Hyack parade in New Westminster, BC – an annual event that garners the Band lots of kudos from our Canadian neighbors. After spending the rest of the day enjoying Vancouver, the Band headed back to the US and Camp Casey for games, activities and the special Band graduation for seniors. A wonderful, relaxed and fun experience for everyone – chaperones included!

Mark your calendars for June 9th and the band's last event of the year. **The Neighborhood Parade and BBQ** is our signature sign-off for the end of school and features a brisk and bright parade around the RHS neighborhood (complete with friendly escort by SPD on bikes) and a tasty burger and hot dog BBQ outside the Commons. Boosters provide the burgers, buns and dogs; parents potluck the salads, chips, drinks and desserts. A group photo marks the occasion. Festivities start at 12, noon. If you're in the neighborhood, step outside to hear the band or stop by and join us.

Early Warning! In an effort to get even more marching madness into the Band's schedule, Mr. Brown is instigating a **two day mini-band camp**: Wednesday, August 29th and Thursday, August 30th from 2pm-5pm at school. Hard-working and hungry band members will be treated to pizza delivered by the Boosters on August 29th; on August 30th everyone goes to Ravenna Park for the **Fall Picnic** (see below). Then we'll jump into **Fall Band Camp** the first weekend after school starts, September 7th – 9th. This early training will pay off in additional playing at games and more support for our team.

Put a big circle around August 30th because that's the time for the **Fall Picnic** at Ravenna Park for new and returning Band students and parents. This is the chance to meet the recruits, say hi to returning members and parents and, of course, eat some great food. What could be better?

Remember, participating in parades and playing at games count as Community Service hours! Have a great summer. Hope to see some of you at All City Band.

LATIN NEWS

Five students and Magistra MacDonald will make the trip to Wake Forest University in North Carolina for the 59th NJCL Convention from July 26-31.
Of the 103 students who took this year's National Latin Exam, 84 received awards. Awards to our school are listed below by Latin level and type of award:

Latin I: 6* Summa Cum Laude, 5 Maxima Cum Laude, 7 Magna Cum Laude, 3 Cum Laude
Latin II: 16 Summa Cum Laude, 12 Maxima Cum Laude, 3 Magna Cum Laude, 4 Cum Laude
Latin III: 9 Summa Cum Laude, 7 Maxima Cum Laude, 1 Magna Cum Laude, 1 Cum Laude
Latin IV Poetry: 3 Summa Cum Laude, 3 Maxima Cum Laude, 1 Magna Cum Laude, 2 Cum Laude
*1 perfect score on the Latin I level!

At the recent 65th WA/BC JCL Convention hosted at Roosevelt, our Latin students won more than 80 personal awards in academics, art, and athletics! Congratulations: P. Adams, A. Allen, H. Bermet, S. Bowen, M. Capelle, J. Christenson, C. Cox, E. Dell, R. Dell, A. Dong, G. Hodge, N. Hood, A. Houston, A. Humphrey, B. Kohlberg, E. LaMarca, K. Lambert-Vail, C. LaPatra, Y. Li, O. Mancl, B. McGovern, J. Meyer, J. Moreno, K. Morrison, M. Olwell, H. Pollet, A. Powell, T. Rood, A. Shimabukuro, M. Shirmazu, L. Sullivan, Z. Swanson, E. Tennyson, Z. Thomas, L. Vigo, and A. von Hagel.

After a successful year replete with fun activities and awards, students are already thinking about next year's National Latin Exam, the 66th WA/BC JCL Convention and the 7th Roosevelt in Rome Tour on the UW Rome Campus!

ROOSEVELT JAZZ IT'S A WRAP!

The Roosevelt Jazz Band placed second in the nation in the Essentially Ellington Competition in New York City in early May! Outstanding Soloist Awards were garnered by Adrian N. (tenor sax), John O. (trumpet), Noah H. (trumpet), Chris M. (piano), Adam S. (guitar), and Nate S. (drums). An Outstanding Section Award went to the Roosevelt Brass Section. The band blew the roof off of Avery Fisher Hall during the finals concert, bringing the audience to its feet. Sweet!

There is one more opportunity for Roosevelt Jazz lovers to hear each group at their end-of-year concerts:

- Wednesday, June 6th - Jazz Bands II and III
- Friday, June 8th - Jazz Band I
- Saturday, June 9th - Vocal Jazz

All concerts are free and will be at 7:30 pm in the RHS Theater.

Auditions for next year will be held in June.

- Vocal Jazz auditions are June 4th, 5th and 6th by appointment. Email Mr. Brown for an appointment at slbrown@seattleschools.org
- All incoming 9th grade saxophone and brass on Sunday, June 10th at noon
- Monday, June 11th at 3pm - returning saxophones
- Tuesday June 12th at 3pm - returning brass
- Wednesday, June 13th at 3pm - ALL rhythm section (returning and new students)

EXCHANGE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Unless specifically stated, most exchange programs are not sponsored by RHS. Please **be sure to investigate any exchange opportunity your family is considering so that you and your family will be well informed and feel comfortable hosting an exchange student.** Many RHS families have had very positive experiences hosting exchange students.

HOST A FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THIS SUMMER!

Are you interested in hosting a French Student this summer? We are looking for families to host 15 students arriving on August 1st and departing August 22nd. These students have been studying English for several years and they are looking for an opportunity to experience American culture and practice speaking English.

This program is brought to Seattle by Connections, Inc., a Woodinville-based student exchange program operating for over 15 years. Your student will have several planned excursions to see Seattle and the surrounding area and will have plenty of "free time" to be with you and your family. www.connections-inc.com. It's educational and FUN!

For more information contact Patty Turnberg
Call (206) 522-4192 or email p.turnberg@comcast.net.

HOST AN ITALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT, YOUR CHILD WILL BE INVITED TO ITALY!

Join the Ergon cross cultural exchange program. As a family, you will have the enriching and fun experience of hosting a 16-17 year old Italian student for a semester or year. The Italian family will in turn host your child during summer vacations. We sponsor the flight.

Yuri is a top student with a great passion for soccer. He puts friendship and family as the highest values in life. He's sincere, respectful and reliable. Yuri has lots of friends, as he never makes people feel uncomfortable and is always willing to help. He also loves basketball, music, reading, drawing, and traveling.

Sofia is sunny, always cheerful and optimistic. She spreads positive energy around her. She's thoughtful, determined and reliable, likes school and is interested in what happens around her. Sofia loves photography, arts exhibitions and fashion.

Matteo is an excellent student and a generous and sharing boy. He considers respect for people the most important value, is deep and thoughtful. He's committed to community service. Matteo loves skiing, tennis, biking and nature. He enjoys friends, reading and traveling.

Our organization, Ergon, partners with Northwest Student Exchange and specializes in selecting well brought up, motivated students and matching them with host families.

Past and present host families are our best references. To know more contact Gunnel Tanimoto at italexchange@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITY TO HOST A STUDENT THROUGH THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL!

The World Affairs Council is seeking families to host international students for 1-2 weeks over the summer. Recently, RHS families and Tom Nolet and Janine Magidman's Hands For A Bridge class hosted students from Burma and had a fantastic cross-cultural experience!

We will be hosting international students during these dates:

- Jovenes en Accion – Mexico (High School): **July 20 - August 4, 2012**
- Middle East Partnership Institute – Middle East (College): **July 28 - August 2, 2012**
- Youth Soccer Program – Zambia (High School & Adult Soccer Coaches): **August 1-5 & 10-15, 2012**
- Iraqi Youth Leadership Exchange Program (High School): **August 2-13, 2012**

We are seeking host families that can provide students with their own bed, though rooms can be shared with children of the same gender; breakfast, dinner and an occasional sack lunch; and transportation to and from a designated pick-up/drop-off location in the mornings and evenings. Please submit an application if this sounds like an opportunity you would be interested in!

To find out more information about this fantastic cross-cultural experience please see our website at http://www.world-affairs.org/programs/international-visitors-program/homestay-program/ or find our homestay application at http://www.world-affairs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/WAC-General-Host-Family-Application.pdf.

If you have any questions or would like an application emailed to you, please contact Ms. Rachel Paris-Lambert at the World Affairs Council atrparislambert@world-affairs.org or at 206-441-5910.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012

Graduation is less than two weeks away!

Graduation Letter and Extra Tickets - Your family should have received a graduation information letter, in the US mail, with information about the Class of 2012 Graduation at Memorial Stadium and tickets to the graduation. The letter includes instructions on how to request additional tickets.

SPREE Instructions - Information about SPREE was included in the packet mailed to you.

Signed SPREE Permission Slips - If your student has not turned in their signed permission form for Senior SPREE, they need to do so before they can board the SPREE bus after graduation.

Senior Luncheon - Please look at the Senior Events page for information about Senior Luncheon following graduation practice on June 18th and SPREE following the graduation ceremony on June 19th.

For more information about these Senior Events, visit the Senior Events web page on the RHS website.

If you have questions, contact RHS Activity Director Melissa Boswell, 252-4810 or RHS2012seniors@gmail.com

Thanks you to all of the families and students who made the spring senior events possible. Without your continuous energy, outstanding efforts and generous financial contributions during the last four years and, especially during the last few months, these fun and memorable events would not be possible for our students and families.

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