ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

# Rider Record

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## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK*

Welcome Rough Riders!! Here we go, the start of another awesome school year. After recharging my batteries this summer, I am excited to get back to work in helping support the achievement of all of our students. I look forward to continuing Roosevelt's excellence both in and out of the classroom. As is the case each summer, there are several changes to tell you about as we start the 2012-2013 school year.

**Personnel:**
We hired several staff this summer and we still have a couple more to hire prior to the start of school. I am waiting on confirmation from HR on two more recommendations for hire (computer science, DHH IA) and we are conducting interviews at the end of August to fill openings in Special Ed: a teacher and an IA. Please join me in welcoming the following summer hires to the Roosevelt community. **Juan Price** - Assistant Principal, **Jason Bowie** - Special Education - EBD, **Mark Rosenblume** - Special Education-DHH, **Priscilla(Cilla) Scofield** - Latin and Language Arts, **Kristen Jones** - Special Education IA, **Graham Stevenson** - Special Education IA, **Kelly Schneyer** - Network Analyst. I am very excited for our new folks and hope you have a chance to welcome them at the start of school.

**Curriculum:**
One big trend over the next two years will be the alignment of our core curriculum with the Common Core State Standards. The following link will take you to the OSPI website that discusses the Common Core and the assessment. http://www.k12.wa.us/Corestandards/default.aspx You will notice some changes moving forward. In Social Studies, a bulk of our work now is in aligning our World History curriculum in grade 9. This will result in more consistency across the sections of 9th grade Social Studies and help align us with both the district expectations and the common core standards. We are also updating our textbooks for our 10th grade AP Human Geography course. In Language Arts, we continue to offer both AP language and UW College in the High School opportunities for 11th and 12th grade students. 9th and 10th grade LA teachers continue to refine their cornerstone projects and alignment with the common core. There are no major program changes in Math, Science, or World Languages but those departments will be working on how to further support skill development in preparing students for state assessments and college admissions.

**Construction and Computers:**
It is hard to imagine why we would need to have any construction in a building that was renovated not too long ago. However, as our student population has grown and our academic programs expanded, we were crunched for classroom space and, in particular, science labs. As a result, the most recent BEX levy included funds for the addition of a science classroom. The project should be completed prior to the start of school with a new science lab on the second floor in what used to be teacher office space. In addition, we are converting an open alcove on the 3rd floor into an office space to allow us to run a small special education class out of an existing office pod. Lastly, our students should notice an improvement in the performance of our computers as over the summer several hundred new computers were delivered and installed. This includes all new computers in each of the computer labs, business and technology classrooms, and the media center computers in each classroom. A big thank you to the community for supporting the levies that supported this work and Seattle Public Schools.

Let me wrap up this edition of the Rider Record by saying that I am very excited about the 2012-2013 school year. We pride ourselves on our students' accomplishments in academics, athletics, activities and the arts. This year is no different and I am confident that as we pursue our mission of challenging and educating all of our students, we will continue to celebrate our individual and our collective achievements. I plan to use the Rider Record, email, phone messages and twitter (rooseveltHS) to keep you updated on issues of importance. I welcome your feedback as we continue on this journey together and let's have a wonderful school year.

Yours in Education, Brian Vance, RHS Principal

Thank you to all the PTSA parents who have volunteered. "You all make my job easier!"
Marjorie Gamble, Administrative Secretary

# *RHS PTSA SERVES STUDENTS & FAMILIES*

***Join us Tuesday September 18, at 7pm in the RHS Library for our First PTSA Meeting and Back-to-School Night for Families.***

***Sharon Rodgers, Roosevelt PTSA President (looking for a co-president!) rooseveltptsa.pres@gmail.com or 206-317-4462 (Google Voice Mail)***

**Welcome to the Roosevelt HS PTSA!**
Here at Roosevelt we have many great groups of parents who come together to support students in different ways. The Roosevelt HS PTSA works with all groups to enhance communication and collaboration and to support *all* students in the school. Here are a few keys to help start the year off right:

- Join the Roosevelt HS PTSA now!
- Come to our September 18th, 7pm Back-to-School Night for Families in the RHS Library
- Contact us about getting involved!

The Roosevelt HS PTSA helps teachers, administrators and parents/guardians better support students. We:

COMMUNICATE: We share timely information through our website, weekly eNews, the *Rider Record* newsletter, and other communication tools.

EDUCATE: We facilitate monthly meetings with Principal Brian Vance, Roosevelt academic staff, student leaders and community partners to let you know what's going on in our school; keep you in the loop about new Transit Station construction.

COLLABORATE: We provide direct support to teachers and other staff through our highly successful mini-grant program; support class-year fundraising to offset senior year costs, provide volunteers for the RHS's annual fund drive), and much more.

ADVOCATE: We are members of the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the country: the PTA; we advocate in the school, as well as at the district, state and national level to support all kids.

For more detailed information, visit our PTSA pages. **We are currently looking for: a Co-President, a Membership Chair, a Mini-Grant Chair and another Vice President.**

Your membership dues – and donations – enable us to provide this support. An annual membership is $30 for individuals and $40 for two from a household. Return the PTSA envelope from your First Day Packet (or print the membership form at www.rhsseattle.org/ptsa.php and use any envelope) and send in with your check made out to ***RHS PTSA***.

***Thank you for your support and we hope to see you on September 18th!***

# *HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR RIDER RECORD?*

***Join the PTSA Email List*** - If you are not on the email list yet, join now! It's simple. To opt in, go to http://rhsseattle.org/email.php. In addition to the monthly Rider Record, you will receive weekly PTSA Parent eNews bulletins (similar to the Student Daily Bulletin), important information about what's happening in your student's graduating class, and other school information. **Your contact information will not be published or distributed.**

***Access the Rider Record from the RHS PTSA Website*** – There are two links available. The link on the RHS PTSA Home Page, www.rhsseattle.org, located in the green box on the right, always has the most current issue. The RHS PTSA page, www.rhsseattle.org/ptsa.php, lists past issues of the Rider Record.

# *PTSA COMMUNICATIONS AT RHS*

Whether you're a student, staff, parent or guardian, staying informed and in touch during your time at RHS is very important. The PTSA helps provide three key ways for you to do this:

**Weekly PTSA Parent eNews Emails**
Receive weekly emails about pertinent RHS info supplied by parents, staff, counselors, class reps, coaches, etc. Opt in on the Parents tab of RHS PTSA website to receive these (www.rhsseattle.org/email.php). The most current issues are posted on the RHS PTSA Home Page. If you have articles, please send them to our PTSA Parent eNews Coordinator, Christie Rodgers, at rhs.ptsa.comm@gmail.com.

**PTSA Rider Record**
This newsletter is published six times during the school year and contains a wealth of information about communications, class functions, college testing, musical events, clubs and organizations, etc. A link to the most current Rider Record is located on the RHS PTSA Home Page and prior issues can be found on the RHS PTSA page. If you have articles, please contact Julia Jones at jhjoneshome@yahoo.com, our PTSA Rider Record editor.

**PTSA RHS Website** www.rhsseattle.org
The PTSA Home Page is constantly changing with upcoming headlines, quick reminders, links to weekly bulletins, and photos of ongoing activities at RHS. If you have an announcement for the Home Page, please contact Kathy Briggs at kdbriggs@hotmail.com, our RHS PTSA Webmaster.

# *NEW RHS WEBSITE – Coming Soon*

RHS will be switching to the new Seattle School District (Fusion) website format. The existing RHS website (www.rhsseattle.org) will remain as the RHS PTSA website and will focus on PTSA related activities. All other academic, club, department, alumni and organizational content and links will be located on the new RHS website.

Stay tuned for the new RHS website at http://roosevelths.seattleschools.org/

# *THANKS UPS STORE!*

Special thanks to Jill and John Appel at UPS Store #1277 for printing the Rider Record. They have generously and professionally supported RHS's PTSA printing needs for many years (and those of many other public schools in our area).

# *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 252-4835
schapman@seattleschools.org

F - K Wendy Krakauer (Head Counselor) 252-4836
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R - Z Frank Heffernan 252-4826
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# *FRESHMEN, CLASS OF 2016*

Class of 2016, welcome to Roosevelt High School. We look forward to meeting all of you. Counselors will be meeting with freshmen in a few months, in their world history classes, to get then to start thinking about high school graduation requirements, college admission requirements and how high school classes can help prepare them for what they may be interested in doing when you "grow up". We will then meet individually with each freshman during second semester, to find out how the transition into high school is going, and to put together a "High School & Beyond Plan". This plan, a working document, will help freshmen start thinking early in their high school career about their post high school future. Freshmen, you do not have to wait for those official appointments to see your counselor, though. Students (and parents) can make an appointment to talk with counselors as early in the year, and as often as they wish.

**Parents and Guardians of freshmen**, mark your calendar for **"High School 101" September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** This event, which will take place in the Roosevelt Theatre, will be an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians of ninth graders to hear Counselor Sarah Chapman present information about attendance policy, homework, grading, and everything else you want to know in order to help your student have a successful high school experience.

# *SOPHMORES, CLASS OF 2015*

**THE PLAN,** a practice test for the ACT college admissions test will be administered at Roosevelt, in the Theatre, 7:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 3. This test, **designed solely for sophomores**, is an excellent way for students to assess their academic development. The test also includes a career inventory, which helps students start to think about career options. Finally, and most importantly, students who take both the PLAN and the PSAT can compare scores on both practice tests and thus have an excellent predictor as to whether they are likely to do better on the SAT or the ACT when they take college admission tests that count in spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year. The cost for the PLAN will be $10, with fee waivers for those not able to pay. Watch the bulletin, or call the Counseling Office starting in mid September, 252-4827, for details.

# *SERVICE LEARNING AT ROOSEVELT*

We want to remind returning families, and to let new families know about our service learning requirement: **Seattle Schools require all students to complete 60 hours of service learning in order to graduate.** Students who transfer to Roosevelt from out of district need not complete all 60 hours, but must complete 15 hours for each year they are enrolled in a Seattle public high school. Students are given the freedom and responsibility to complete those 60 hours any time prior to graduation, including during summers. Note however, that per district policy, incoming 9th graders may not count any hours earned prior to September 1 of their 9th grade year.

We encourage students to complete those hours as early as possible in their Roosevelt careers. This requirement cannot be waived. **Seniors will need to have completed their 60 hours by mid May 2013.** Returning Roosevelt students should review their hours of completed service learning as listed on the graduation requirements checklist mailed home with first semester schedules in August.

To document completed service learning hours, including hours earned this summer, students should pick up the two sided service learning form from the counseling office, fill out both sides, **make a copy to keep, and then turn in the completed form to their school counselor.**

Students may count as service learning any activity for which they do not earn school credit or get paid. The form does require them to briefly reflect in writing on why they chose a certain activity and what they learned from that activity. If you or your students have any questions about the policy, feel free to contact your family's school counselor.

# *ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DEADLINES*

Families, mark these additional important FIRST SEMESTER academic deadlines down on your calendar in red ink. Paying attention to these dates will help your student be successful at Roosevelt.

- Deadline for Contract classes & Petition for P/NP grading - 10/11/2012
- End of first quarter - 11/2/2012
- First semester finals - 1/29, 1/30, 1/31/2013
- End of first semester - 1/31/2013

## *SOPHOMORES, CLASS OF 2015 AND JUNIORS, CLASS OF 2014*

**Juniors and Sophomores: Mark your calendars for October 17th** to take the PSAT, a practice test for the SAT college admissions test, and which for juniors, is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program. In prior years, a district grant covers the registration fee for this test and we assume the grant will continue for this year as well. The exam takes about three-and one half hour exam, and will be administered at Roosevelt the morning of October 17, 2012. Additional details will be available in early October.

## *JUNIORS, CLASS OF 2014*

**Begin Looking Into Options for the Future.** Juniors, now is the time for you to sign up for presentations by colleges, universities and vocational schools**.** Representatives from numerous post high school institutions will be visiting Roosevelt throughout the fall. Listen to the bulletin or stop by the Counseling Office and Career Center to get more information and to sign up for specific presentations**.** Additionally, plan on attending the National College Fair. See the information about the College Fair in a separate paragraph below.

## *SENIORS, CLASS OF 2013*

Graduation for the class of 2013 is nine short months away! Seniors, will you have met all the graduation requirements by then? What does the future hold? We urge all seniors to see their school counselor early this fall to go over graduation requirements, to talk about college applications and letters of recommendation, and to explore post high school opportunities.

## *GUIDELINES FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES*

Counselors are meeting with students to see if schedule changes are possible through 9/4/12. **The first two days of school we are not changing any schedules, but are only meeting with students who have no schedule, have incomplete schedules (less than six classes), or have true mistakes.** Per district policy, students may then add and drop classes, (class size permitting) through the tenth day of first semester, (through 9/18/12). Note though, that due to reduced staffing and reduced class offerings, the opportunity to make schedule changes may be more limited than in prior years. Students should know as well that except in VERY NARROW CIRCUMSTANCES, we cannot make teacher changes within a subject matter unless we are moving the student into a smaller class.

After the 10th day of the semester, and up to the 5th week of the semester, as long as no hole is created in the student's schedule AND there are extenuating circumstances for the drop as approved by an administrator, a student may still drop a class, but a "W" will be entered in the student's transcript to note the drop. **The deadline to drop a class with a "W" (withdrawal mark) is October 11, 2012. Students who drop a class after the 5th week of the semester, even if the drop is official, and for extenuating circumstances, will have an "E" noted on their transcript**. It is therefore very important that students take their classes seriously from the first day, and understand that options to change schedules after the ten-day drop/add period will be extremely limited.

## *FALL 2012 NACAC COLLEGE FAIR*

The NACAC National College Fair is coming again to Seattle in late fall, with representatives showing up from over 200 two-year and four-year colleges, universities and vocational programs from around the United States and other countries. This free event is a great way for students, especially juniors, to find out about numerous schools. It will take place November 2-3 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in downtown Seattle.

Students who are interested in furthering their education in artistic endeavors are also encouraged to attend the NACAC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair, October 23, at the Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center.

These events may be too late to help seniors figure out to which colleges they want to apply. It is a great way though, for juniors and even sophomores, to start researching college option. For details about both fairs, including the hours for each of the dates listed and signing up in advance, go to: www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs/

## *PRE-OPEN HOUSE PARENT/GUARDIAN WORKSHOPS*

Roosevelt Open House for 2012-2013 is October 10th, 2012. The Counseling Office will present four information sessions for Parents/Guardians that night, prior to the 7:00 p.m. start of Open House. The workshops are:

- College Application Nuts and Bolts for senior parents/Guardians;
- The SAT and ACT for junior parents/guardians;
- High School Graduation Requirements and Core Curriculum Requirements for College Admissions for 10th grade parents/guardians,
- High School Graduation Requirements and Core Curriculum Requirements for College Admissions for 9th grade parents/guardians.

All four sessions will start promptly at 6:15 p.m. and last around 30 minutes. In late September, watch the PTSA e-mail bulletin for information about specific room locations for each workshop, or call the Counseling Office at 252-4827.

## *SIGN UP FOR FALL 2012 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING*

Going to a Four Year College or University? Many four year schools require that you take the SAT or ACT. 9/21 is the registration deadline for the 10/27 ACT (NOTE: Roosevelt is one of the testing sites for this ACT date). 11/2 is the deadline to register for the 12/8 ACT. Sign up by 9/7 for the 10/6 SAT, and by 10/4 for the 11/3 SAT. The registration deadline for the 12/1 SAT is 11/1. For students planning on starting college in Fall 2013. the majority of colleges and universities requiring admissions testing want all testing to be completed by December 2012. Students who are applying to selective private colleges and universities should check whether they also need to complete SAT II (subject testing) by December. Students applying "early decision" should check with their colleges to see if testing needs to be finished in October or November rather than waiting until December. Students can register online for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org Students who are on free and reduced lunch and would thus qualify for the limited number of fee waivers the testing agencies send to us should see their counselor right away. **The fall testing dates tend to fill up quickly.** To ensure that your student can take the test on the date he/she prefers, as well as having a choice of test sites, do not put off registration until the last minute! Finally, to find out whether the colleges to which your student wants to apply require the SAT/ ACT and/or subject tests, check out www.fairtest.org for a list of test optional colleges. For colleges that do require SAT subject tests, as well as the SAT reasoning test or the ACT, the www.fairtest.org website also lists which colleges will accept the ACT in lieu of SAT subject tests (which means a student would not need to take the SAT reasoning test either). Always go to specific college websites, though, to verity the accuracy of information regarding which tests specific colleges require for admission. About a quarter of four year colleges in the U.S. are test optional in one way or the other, with the list growing every year.

## *AIS CORNER*

### *HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM (HSPE)*

This test measures the proficiency of students in high school and serves as the state's exit exam for reading and writing. Students must pass this assessment or a state-approved alternative in reading and writing in order to be eligible to graduate.

**ALL 10th** graders and 11th/ 12th graders that have not passed the HSPE will test this spring, testing dates are below:

- March 12th & 13th Writing HSPE
- March 14th Reading HSPE

### *END-OF-COURSE MATH EXAMS*

Starting in spring 2011, students in grades 7-12 began taking end-of-course math exams. The state is moving to end-of-course exams so students can be tested on the knowledge and skills they've gained from a specific course rather than on a comprehensive test like the HSPE, which assesses overall knowledge. Students will take end-of-course exams in Algebra and Geometry. If students are not enrolled in Algebra or Geometry they will take Algebra/Geometry Make-Up Exams. Students in the classes of 2015 and 2016 must pass the Algebra and Geometry end-of-course exams to meet the mathematics graduation requirement. Students in the classes of 2014 and 2013 must pass one end-of-course exam as a graduation requirement. Results for end-of-course math exams from spring of 2012 will be available in early September.

- 2013 Mathematics End-of-Course (EOC) Make-up Exams will be given between January 2nd and February 8th (exact dates at Roosevelt TBD).
- 2nd Semester Algebra and Geometry EOC tests will be administered within the last 3 weeks of second semester (exact dates for Roosevelt TBD).

### *END-OF-COURSE BIOLOGY EXAM*

Students enrolled in Biology will take a Biology end-of-course exam this spring of 2013. Students in the class of 2015 and students who are enrolled in Biology will take the Biology EOC and will need to pass this exam as a graduation requirement (students who are not in the class of 2015 will be required to test, but the test will not be a graduation requirement).

- Biology EOC exam will be administered within the last 3 weeks of second semester (exact dates for Roosevelt TBD).

Please email Erin Bailey Academic Intervention Specialist for any questions at eebailey@seattleschools.org. Information retrieved from OSPI http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/default.aspx

## *ROOSEVELT VALEDICTORIAN POLICY*

Roosevelt high school policy governing the selection of valedictorian provides for a committee of eight staff members selecting a single valedictorian who stands out among her or his peers. Based on transcripts at the end of first semester of senior year, we will evaluate for preliminary consideration as valedictorian all seniors who have taken the most difficult classes available, have maintained a cumulative UNWEIGHTED 4.0 GPA and have received no "N" (no credit) or "I" (incompletes) grades. Note that the number of honors LA options a student has taken in 10th grade and beyond is a factor the committee looks at as well, with at least one LA honors option mandated for students in the class of 2013 and beyond. To be considered, eligible students must be enrolled in four or five academic classes for their final semester of high school), depending on whether they have already completed the available sequence of a world language. Running Start classes are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A student's discipline record throughout high school is also a factor in determining who is placed into the pool from which the single valedictorian is selected. Interested students and parents/guardians who want to get a copy of the full Valedictorian policy may contact Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor.

## *2013 STRENUOUS LIFE - ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL'S YEARBOOK*

Ever wonder why our yearbook is called *Strenuous Life*? Well, our namesake – Teddy Roosevelt – in April 1899 said "I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the *strenuous life*, the life of toil and effort, of labor and strife; to preach that highest form of success which comes, not to the man who desires mere easy peace, but to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardship or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph."

Roosevelt High School has published a yearbook annually since 1923. Our award-winning full-color publication is distributed in June to those who order their copies now! Purchase yours:

- Now through the end of September as part of your Activity Card Combo for $85 (THE BEST DEAL!). Buy this on Roughrider Day or in the bookroom during lunches and before school. Check the bookroom schedule for hours.
- After September: Purchase the yearbook separately for $50 in the Bookroom in October or March during both lunches and before school or contact Janine Magidman after school hours in room 239 or by email. Watch the bulletin for the weeks when sales are happening.
- **NEW THIS YEAR –** Submit photos for the yearbook to www.hjeshare.com School Code: HJ07136.

Because of our costs and low price this year there will be no additional discounts. However, you can pay for your yearbook in installments. Contact H. Poulias in the bookroom for details: hpoulias@seattleschools.org.

We sold over 1200 copies of the 2012 yearbook. Make sure you pre-order and pay in full by April 1st to receive a book on distribution day in June.

Yearbook questions can be addressed to Janine Magidman at jtmagidman@seattleschools.org.

## *MUSIC, MARCHING AND MADNESS!*

Hello from the Roosevelt Band Boosters and welcome to the 2012-13 school year. Music, Marching and Madness is the Band motto and the Boosters support all classes of band students with their many great activities throughout the year. We extend a hearty invitation to join us! We've already kicked off the season with our annual picnic in Ravenna Park on August 30th. The Fall Band Camp, September 7-9, at Pack Forest was a rousing success in helping students get up to marching speed early this year so the Band can participate in more football games. Rehearsals for the half time show are underway. So onward to a great year of games, parades and concerts!

All band students were sent info, forms, calendar, etc., via snail mail. If your family didn't receive the packet, please call Mary @ 206/729-8600 asap or email macmarymm@aol.com. Be sure to sign up for our email list – the BEST way to stay informed! Simply send an email to: rhs-subscribe@riderband.org. There are many ways to help out both large and small; we have some key positions still needing someone's willing hand, especially a webmaster. And remember, your student earns community service hours by participating in band events. Join us as we march madly into another great year!

## *PRIOR YEAR STENUOUS LIFE YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE!*

Help support the yearbook program with a $20 donation for a vintage yearbook and revisit your Roughrider days. Please contact Janine Magidman at jtmagidman@seattleschools.org. This service is only available during the school year, September through June. We have copies of the *Strenuous Life* for many of the years from 1926 through 2004.

## *STRENUOUS LIFE GRADUATION ADS FOR SENIORS*

Parents, guardians, and friends of 2013 Seniors: place your order early for your "Grad Ad!" Send us your favorite photo(s) and message for your graduating senior and we'll design a lovely ad up to half a page for the 2013 edition of *Strenuous Life*. A limited number of pages will be printed, so get your ad in early. **Download the Yearbook 2013 Graduate Ad Form** from rhsseattle.org, or pick up a paper copy from the Main Office or in American Government classes. You will receive a proof of your ad to review before publication. **NEW THIS YEAR –** Submit photos for the yearbook to www.hjeshare.com School Code: HJ07136.

**All Grad Ads orders must be turned in by February 1, 2013** to be guaranteed a spot in the book. Ads will be sold on a space-available basis after that date, through the end of February.

## *SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS – MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER , 2012*

Seniors have the option of going to Rowland Studios for their Yearbook Portraits or having the picture for the yearbook only taken here at RHS on dates to be announced, during both lunches in the small gym. Clothing is provided, so bring your smile and $25.00. See Mrs. Magidman if a needs-based fee waiver is what you need to get this done.

There will be at least THREE more picture dates at school before the end of November, so watch the bulletin!

# *PTSA EMAIL AND DIRECTORY OPT IN PROCESS*

**Do You Want To:**

- stay in touch with what's happening at RHS via email several times a week?
- get important information about what is going on with your student's class?
- receive the Rider Record newsletter via email to help save paper and reduce costs?
- be included in the RHS Directory?

**It's simple. Opt in Online on the RHS Website**

Opt in on the RHS website under the Parents tab or go directly to the PTSA Email and Directory Opt In page at **www.rhsseattle.org/email.php** to:

- to receive weekly PTSA Parent eNews bulletins (similar to the Student Daily Bulletin), important information about what's happening in your student's graduating class, other school information, and a link to the Rider Record via email. **Your contact information will not be published nor distributed.**
- to include your name and your student's contact information in the RHS Class Directory. Your contact information will be published and distributed only to others who also opt-in to receive the Directory later this fall.

**Email Opt In FAQs**

- **I opted-in last year--Do I have to do it again?** If you opted in for each of your students at RHS in the past, you do not need to opt in again. If you have another student starting at RHS, please opt in for him/her so that you'll receive class related emails for his/her class.
- **Why do I need to opt in for each of my students at RHS?** Some emails will be distributed by graduation class so we need a record for each of your RHS students with their graduating class.
- **Once I opt in, how do I make changes?** Once you opt-in, please complete the entire form again to create an updated record in the database.

**RHS Directory Opt In FAQs**

- **What are Class Directories?** Class directories are created for Roosevelt High School students whose families give approval and who choose to be included.
- **What is the RHS Directory for?** The primary purpose of the RHS Directory is to provide contact numbers for parents/guardians to assist them in contacting each other, and for students to improve class-related communications.
- **I was already in the Directory last year--Do I have to opt-in again?** If you opted in for the Directory for each of your students at RHS in the past, you do not need to opt in again. If you have another student starting at RHS, please opt in for him/her if you want him/her to be included in the Directory.

# *HOST FAMILY NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT!*

A host family is needed for a High School Foreign Exchange student for the 2012/2013 school year. A potential host family is needed for students coming from the following countries: Germany, Brazil, Sweden, Spain, Vietnam, Austria, Denmark, South Korea, China, Norway, Belgium, Thailand, Japan and France.

Students come with good English skills, full health insurance and their own personal spending money, and mainly the desire to be a member of an American family. We ask our families to provide a bed (shared room is okay with similar age range) and meals eaten with the family.
For more information about the students and the International Student Exchange program, contact Jamin Henderson at 360-661-0552 or j.henderson33@hotmail.com.

# *DRAMA NEWS*

Associated Friends of Roosevelt Drama, better known as Drama Boosters, is the parent- run, non-profit group that functions as a volunteer and fundraising support system for the nationally-ranked Drama Program at RHS, as well as being a purveyor of information to families about the goings-on of Roosevelt Drama.

Drama Boosters meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Black Box theatre to discuss upcoming events, trips, shows and celebrations.

We invite all of those whose students are interested in participating in either the performance or technical aspects of theatre, as well as anyone who just wants to see what makes Roosevelt Drama so unique and special.

Our first event of the year is the:

**Annual Drama Welcome Potluck Picnic September 16, 2012, 2pm -4pm, in the Commons**

Come meet drama families old and new! This event is for both students and parents.
Please bring a savory snack or dessert to share.
Paper goods and drinks are provided!

You will hear about our upcoming **Light Up The Stars auction on October 20th**, as well as information about the upcoming show season and lots of details about all of the volunteer opportunities available for parents.

Our first production of the year is the **53rd Annual Festival of One-Act Plays** which takes place in late November. Also known as **Drama Fest**, it is an all-school draw and one that we hope you won't miss.

We at Drama Boosters truly hope we will get a chance to meet you this year. Please feel free to contact us at AFORD2009@gmail.com with any questions you may have or to opt-in to our weekly email newsletter.

Amy Eernissee and Nancy Cahill
Drama Booster Co-Chairs

## *LATIN NEWS*

Salvete, Omnes! **Great news**! Ms. Priscilla Scofield, who has degrees from both the University of Washington and Seattle University, has joined the Latin department. Mrs. MacDonald warmly welcomes her colleague with whom she can share the exciting world of Latin!

*Magistrae* are committed to fostering a community that, in the words of the NJCL Creed, "fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, inspires dedication, and enriches our total (academic, athletic, artistic) growth"! Each year, all Latin students become members of one of the largest student organizations in the world, the National Junior Classical League, whose subsidiaries are the Roosevelt JCL, and the WA-BC JCL.

Speaking of the National Junior Classical League, five students from RHS attended the 59th NJCL Convention at Wake Forest University in July. P. Adams, N. Hood, J. Moreno-Candia, E. Tennyson, Z. Thomas (now an official member of the Senior Classical League) hope to encourage as many students from Washington and British Columbia as possible to travel to the **60th NJCL Convention at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas in 2013**. Please seriously consider sending your student to the conference next summer!

Students and Latin instructors will also attend the **66th WA/BC JCL Convention at Warm Beach in April of 2013.** P. Adams, current WA/BC JCL Vice-president and N. Hood, RHS JCL President, have begun planning for this exciting and educational week-end event. We hope that our parents will volunteer to help with the organization of the conference.

A few activities offered to Latin students in 2012-2013 include:

**September -** Fundraising for JCL Convention
- Greek Bazaar, St. Demetrios, September 21-23
- Festa Italiana, Seattle Center, September 29-30

**October -**
- Curriculum Night/ Latin Club Parent Meeting, October 10
- JCL Hallowe'en party

**November -**
- Reed College Annual Latin Forum in Portland, Latin III and AP
- Certamen practice for convention begins

**December -** Saturnalia party

**March -**
- National Latin Exam, Monday March 11th
- Applications available and payments due for 60th NJCL Convention

**April -** 66th WA-BC State JCL Convention, April 26th-28th

**May -**
- Applications available for 7th Roosevelt in Rome Tour 2014
- Student promo trip to Middle Schools
- AP Vergil Exam, May 9th at 12 pm

**July -** 60th National JCL Convention, July 22-27, University of Nevada in Las Vegas
Please see www.njcl.org for more information.

We look forward to seeing all of you for another exciting year in the Latin classroom!

Ex animo,
Magistra MacDonald and Magistra Scofield

## *ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION*

Welcome back to school! A special warm welcome to new Roosevelt families.

This year, the RHS Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary: a decade of supporting today's Rough Riders! We invite all families and friends to celebrate with us! Watch your email and join us on Facebook for updates! To date, the Foundation has raised over $1 million to build an endowment for RHS. During each student's four years, the Foundation donates nearly $150,000 to programs at RHS. To make a charitable donation or to purchase a courtyard tile, a form is provided below.

For more information, visit www.rooseveltfoundation.org or call 206.226.5679. ***We appreciate your support!***

## *ROOSEVELT JAZZ!*

The Roosevelt Jazz Band had a marvelous trip in Europe this summer, traveling through France, Switzerland and Italy. We performed seven concerts in five Festivals, finishing up in front of a huge crowd at the Umbria Jazz Festival. What an amazing experience!

Our pianist, Chris M., has won the 2012 Monterey Jazz Festival Big Band Composition Competition. The Next Generation Jazz Orchestra will perform his winning piece, "Something Small", at the Monterey Jazz Festival in September, where Chris will be presented with the Gerald Wilson Award.

Looking ahead to the 24th Annual Earshot Jazz Festival here in Seattle, Roosevelt's Jazz Band I will perform at 7pm on Friday, November 2nd at Town Hall. Ballard High School's Jazz Band will also be on the program that night, so come out and support two great high school jazz programs! Ticket information at www.earshot.org and prices are $14 general, $12 seniors/Earshot members, and $7 students.

All three Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz are looking forward to another fabulous year of Roosevelt Jazz!

## *SENIOR CORNER*

This will be a busy and activity-filled year for senior students and their families. Don't miss out on your chance to stay current on events as the year progresses! There are two ways to stay informed:

- Sign up for communications through the PTSA Email list. If you are not on the email list yet, join now! It's simple. To opt in, go to www.rhsseattle.org/email.php. In addition to the monthly Rider Record, you will receive weekly PTSA Parent eNews bulletins (similar to the Student Daily Bulletin), important information about what's happening in your student's graduating class, and other school information. **Your contact information will not be published or distributed**.

- Bookmark the "Senior Events" page at www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php on the RHS PTSA website for updates and current information.

### *What is Class Fundraising? Why do we have Class Fundraising at RHS?*

As you will see, the graduation-related activities at RHS - Senior Luncheon, Graduation, Senior Awards, Senior Prom and Senior Spree are all designed to make senior year a memorable one. These activities are expensive and the cost continues to increase each year. By raising money each year, it increases the possibility that all students who want to attend the senior functions will be able to do so.

There is still time to donate, as funds are needed to help provide scholarships and subsidize the cost of the events, so that every student can attend. As of June 2012, about 20% of class of 2013 families have contributed a total of almost $12,000. Thank you so much for your generous support of our students and their senior year! If you have not yet contributed, it's not too late! For more information, or to make a donation, please contact one of the members of the Class of 2013 Parent Reps (see below). Look for an announcement this fall about a meeting for all senior parents to learn more about events and fundraising.

If you have questions about the class fundraising activities at RHS, what they support and how you can get involved, you'll find many answers to these questions on the Class Fundraising page. Feel free to contact us at RHS2013seniors@gmail.com

Parent Volunteers: Deb Hudacek dhudacek@hotmail.com , Kelly Leonard thekidandkel@msn.com, Meera Narayanan meera@narayananfamily.com, Allison Fitzgerald aafbwh@msn.com

## *ROOSEVELT ORCHESTRA NEWS*

Did you know that there are actually three orchestra groups at Roosevelt? All freshmen orchestra members participate in the "Concert" Orchestra. Students in grades 10-12 audition and are placed in either the smaller "Chamber" Orchestra or the larger "Symphony" Orchestra. The Chamber orchestra is perfect for music composed in the baroque or renaissance period, designed to be played in smaller rooms, or "chambers". The Symphony orchestra performs music that includes more parts for brass, percussion, woodwind, as well as string instruments.

- Mark your calendars for the opportunity to hear wonderful music from all three groups this fall, under the direction of our beloved Anna Edwards: November 1: **Pumpkinseed Concert**; December 6: possible "**Messiah" sing-a-long**; December 20: **Hollyberry Concert**.
- Please see our website for additional details now and throughout the year: http://www.rooseveltorchestra.org/index.php

## *JUNIOR CORNER*

We're starting the year off with a very fun and fabulous parent/guardian fall get together. Join us for a casual Oktoberfest evening with brats and beverages. You'll have a chance to meet other junior class parents/guardians and listen to a special guest speaker address an important academic related topic. Look for more details in early September.

Our spring vintage prom and dance attire sale was so successful last year we're planning another one this spring. Please hold on to those party clothes you no longer want --- we'll send out more information later in the fall about how you can donate them and sale details.

If you want to donate directly to the Class of 2014 senior events fund, download our Class of 2014 Donation form at www.rhsseattle.org/file.php?id=127

For more information about the Class of 2014 fund raising activities, go to www.rhsseattle.org/fundraising2014.php or contact one of the 2014 Parent Reps:

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## *OUR SPORTS TEAMS LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!*

Fall sports at Roosevelt started even before our students are in the classroom. Our fall athletes participate in the Kingco 4A Conference:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer (Girls)
- Swim & Dive (Girls)
- Tennis (Boys)
- Volleyball (Girls)

Check out the team schedules on the new Kingco website: www.kingcoconference.org. If you would like to join or support the sports boosters, see http://rooseveltathleticboosters.org.

Come support our athletes especially on their ***Senior Nights*** which honor our graduating senior athletes: you may pay a fee but those funds are used to help support sports at Roosevelt.

# *WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2012 GO?*

**EXITING STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2012**

On June 19, 2012 we had 411 seniors and 2 "super juniors" (students in the class of 2012 but still 11th grade by credits). 6 of those seniors were exchange students not eligible to graduate, thus yielding a potential graduation pool of 405 (407 with "super juniors"). 352 of those students are graduates. 24 regular education students did not meet graduation requirements, 11 non graduates are ELD students (including one of the "super juniors"), and 20 students not graduating are in special education (including the other "super junior"). This is a graduation rate of 86.4 % (86.9 % if we only count the seniors).

We asked the graduating students to inform us of their future plans. 315 graduating members of the class of 2012 report they are continuing their education immediately following high school, (89.48% of graduates, 77.39% of the total class of 2012).

236 Rough Riders report that they plan to attend four-year institutions of higher education (66.6 % of graduating students). 138 (38.9 8% of graduates) of our students matriculating at four-year schools will be staying in Washington. 47 will attend the University of Washington (Seattle). Other four-year schools in Washington at which Roosevelt grads will be matriculating, both public and private, include Western Washington (38), Washington State (16), UW-Bothell (8), Whitman (7), Evergreen (5), Gonzaga (4), Central Washington Univ. (2), Cornish (2), Seattle University (4), University of Puget Sound (3), Seattle Pacific (1) Eastern Washington (1).

98 Rider grads (27. 8% of graduating seniors) will be attending out-of-state/international four-year colleges and universities, both public and private. Four-year schools represented include Arizona State (1), Berklee College of Music (2), Boston University (1), Cal State Monterey Bay (1), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (3), Carleton (1), Carroll College (1), Case Western (1), Chapman (1), Colgate (1), Colorado College (1), Colorado State (1), Emory (1), Emory: Oxford College (1), Florida Institute of Technology (1), Florida International (1),Georgetown (1), George Washington (2), Goucher (2), Grinnell (2), Guilford College (1), Humboldt State (3), Illinois Institute of Technology (1), International Christian University –Japan (1), Julliard (2), Lawrence (1), Lehigh (1), Lewis and Clark (1), Loyola Marymount LA (2), Montana State (5), New England Conservatory of Music (2), New York University (1), Oberlin (1), Occidental (4), Pace University (2), Pitzer (2), Queens University-Canada (1), Redlands (4), Rice (3), Rochester Institute of Technology (1), San Diego State (1), Sonoma State (1), St Olaf's (1), Syracuse (1), Texas Christian (1), University of Alaska-Anchorage (1), University of Arizona (1), University of British Columbia (4), UC Berkeley (1), UC Davis (1), University of Hartfield (1), University of Hawaii Manoa (1), University of Idaho (1), UCLA (2), University of Michigan (1), University of Montana (1), University of Northern Colorado (2), University of Oklahoma (1), University of Oregon (3), University of Portland (1), University of Rochester (1), University of Victoria (1), Westmont College (1), and Willamette (5).

77 students have plans to go to two-year schools (21.87 % of the graduates). 74 students plan to enroll at two- year programs in Washington, while 3 will go to 2-year colleges out of state. An additional two students plan to attend out of state post high school prep schools in hopes of better positioning themselves for NCAA Division 1 college sports.

Of those students not planning to continue their education immediately following high school, 13 students plan to work and 3 expect to travel. 23 students report they are still undecided as to their plans.

As the Roosevelt class of 2012 moves on to new experiences and new goals, the Roosevelt counselors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them. We also want to thank all Roosevelt staff for your hard work in support of the graduates, as well as in support of all students who will be returning for the 2012-2013 school year!

# *RIDER RECORD DISTRIBUTION*

This will be our third year where we offer the remaining Rider Record newsletters online ***only***. In the past, the PTSA has spent more than $3,000 per year for postage, paper and printing that could be used more effectively to support the students and the school. Over the four-year period that a child attends RHS, we will save more than $12,000!

# *BE A RIDER VOLUNTEER!*

Whether you are a newly minted freshman parent or an old-timer with a senior student, your volunteer help is needed in all sorts of interesting and important ways. We need help with everything from serving on the PTSA Board to stuffing report card envelopes so be sure to either fill out the volunteer sign-up sheet that is in your student's 1st Day Packet - this is the last year before we go completely online - or ***volunteer online*** via our website on the Volunteer Opt In Form www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php.

Here are a few of the areas in which we need help:

- First Day Packet Assembly (next year)
- Rough Rider Day (next year)
- First Day of School Help
- RHS Tours
- Campus Day
- Graduation Host (9th – 11th grade parents)
- Staff Appreciation
- Report Card Stuffing
- New Teacher Interviews
- Grant Writing
- Mini Grants
- Ground Improvement (Landscaping)
- Career Seminar Days
- Career Center Help
- PTSA Support
- Dance Chaperone
- All Sports Auction
- Senior Prom
- Senior SPREE
- Senior Luncheon
- Senior Awards Night
- Graduation
- Computer Projects
- Teen Health Center
- Nurse's Office
- Assist Parent Class Advisor
- Library
- Help As Needed