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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome Rough Riders!! Here we go, the start of another exciting school year. I hope that you have had some time to recharge your batteries over the summer and you are excited to start the school year. I know that I am. –Let's look ahead at what we can anticipate for the 2011-2012 school year.

Personnel

One thing that lies ahead is the welcoming of some new staff. We are fortunate to welcome another group of talented staff to the building. There are four familiar faces returning to RHS. **Reid VonPohle** was hired back this summer to teach in both the language arts and social studies departments. He will be teaching a self-contained 9th grade block. **Matt Mueeting-Nelson** returns to us after a one year leave traveling in South America. In addition to teaching math, Matt is taking over as the head coach of the RoughRider football program. **Sandra Bosley** is returning to RHS to teach French after spending a couple of years in other schools in the district. **David Grosskopf** returns after his year in Hungary. I know that I am looking forward to hearing all about his experiences during his exchange. In addition to those returning, we have some brand new staff to Roosevelt. **Danielle Lin** joins our staff in the science department. Danielle's experience, excellence and enthusiasm are a perfect fit into our science department and, specifically, with the 9th grade science team. **Winifred Untershute** joins us as a part-time library assistant. She goes by "Nif" and she brings a wealth of experience and passion with her. Please take some time to welcome our returning and new staff at RHS.

Academics

We look forward to continuing to develop our existing courses and adding a couple of new ones. Two of the new courses coming on line this year include AP computer science and psychology. Although some of the textbook adoptions are currently on hold due to district budget cuts, there is still work to be done in aligning our classes with district and state standards. We anticipate another increase in the total number of students taking AP classes and exams with the opening of the AP language and composition course to both 11th and 12th grade students. Our preliminary data from the state testing indicates some gains on the High School Proficiency Exams-HSPE (Reading, Writing, Science) and we are still waiting for results from the math end-of-course exams. This coming year's testing schedule includes the HSPE for Reading and Writing and End-of-course (EOC's) for Algebra, Geometry and Biology. The assessment landscape is constantly changing, so stay tuned for more information as the year progresses.

Attendance

Another area to pay attention to this year is your student's attendance. Although our overall attendance rates tend to be fairly high, both excused and unexcused absences tend to significantly impact student achievement and ultimately graduation. Recent data from research done by Allensworth and Easton ("*What matters for staying on-track and graduating in Chicago Public Schools*") indicated that students with just 5 to 9 absences per semester decreased their chances of graduating from high school in four years from 87% to 63%. Only 21% of students with 15 to 19 absences per semester graduated on-time. Being in class matters. There are tools available through the Source to track your student's attendance. Please also review your student's teacher's attendance policies when they bring home their syllabi at the start of school. Working together, we can help ALL our students graduate on-time.

Other Focus Areas

Working together and building community is going to be a common theme throughout the year. I want to focus on our school culture and school spirit. We are implementing a peer mentoring/9th grade transition program this year, Rider Crew, in addition to some fun activities like teaching everyone the RHS fight song. Lastly, my motto for the year is, "Rider PRIDE"(Passion-*find your passion*, Respect-*yourself and those around you*, Integrity-*act with honor and accept responsibility*, Determination-*never give up*, Excellence-*in everything you do*) By following this motto, I know that we can fulfill our mission "To challenge and educate our students academically, socially, physically and creatively so they may lead successful and satisfying lives"(RHS mission statement). Let's have another great school year!! Go Rough Riders!

Yours in Education,
Brian Vance, RHS Principal

RHS PTSA SERVES STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Join us September 21, at 7pm in the RHS Library for our Back-to-School Resource Night for Families

Sharon Rodgers & Peter Nestingen

Roosevelt PTSA Co-presidents (2011-12)

Contact us at: rooseveltpsta.pres@gmail.com or 206-317-4462

Welcome to the Roosevelt HS PTSA!

Roosevelt has a great group of parents who come together to support students in a variety of ways. The Roosevelt HS PTSA works with all these groups to enhance collaboration and to support *all* students in the school.

We also advocate on behalf of students at the local, state and national level.

Here are a few keys to help us start the year off right:

- Join the Roosevelt HS PTSA now!
- Come to our September 21st, 7pm Back-to-School Resource Night for Families in the RHS Library
- Contact us about getting involved!

The Roosevelt HS PTSA focuses on helping teachers, administrators and parents/guardians better support students. The PTSA provides:

- Timely information through our website, weekly e-news, the *Rider Record* newsletter, and other communication tools.
- 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.
- Direct support to teachers and other staff through our highly successful mini-grant program.
- Support to class-year funds, oversight of the "No Bake" Bake Sale (RHS's annual fund drive), and a number of smaller programs.
- Membership in the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the country: the PTA.

For more detailed information, visit our [PTSA](#) pages.

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 21st!

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 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 website to receive these (www.rhsseattle.org/email.php). The most current issues are posted on the Home Page. If you have articles, please send them to our new PTSA Parent Email 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 Home Page and prior issues can be found on the 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 Home Page is constantly changing with upcoming headlines, quick reminders, links to daily and 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 PTSA- sponsored RHS Webmaster.

Rider Record Distribution

This will be our second 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!

How Can You Get Your Rider Record Newsletter?

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 Email 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 Website

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

RHS 2010 - 2011 Calendar

For the most current information, check the **School Year Calendar** on the RHS website: www.rhsseattle.org/calendar.php.

Choose either the Box Calendar View or the List View at the top of the page.

Check back often in September as many staff, committees, clubs and other RHS organizations post meetings and other events (through the RHS webmaster) on the calendar.

Additional Roosevelt sports event information can be found on the Roosevelt calendar on the KINGCO website www.kingcoconference.org.

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
wkrakauer@seattleschools.org

L-Q Dr. Littlebrave Beaton 252-4825
lbeaton@seattleschools.org

R class of 2012

S-Z Frank Heffernan 252-4826
fheffernan@seattleschools.org

R class of 2013, 2014, 2015

FRESHMEN, CLASS OF 2015

Welcome Class of 2015 to Roosevelt High School. We look forward to meeting all of you. Counselors will be talking with freshmen in October in their social studies classes to start them 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**" on **Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.** This event, which will take place in the Roosevelt Theatre, will be an excellent opportunity for parents/guardians of 9th graders to hear Counselor Sarah Chapman present information about graduation requirements, attendance policy, homework, grading, and everything else you want to know in order to help your student have a successful high school experience.

SOPHOMORES, CLASS OF 2014

THE PLAN, a practice test for the ACT college admissions test will be administered at Roosevelt, 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on September 28. 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 \$10.00, with fee waivers for those not able to pay. Watch the bulletin, or call the Counseling Office, 252-4827, for details.

SOPHOMORES, CLASS OF 2014 AND JUNIORS, CLASS OF 2013

Juniors AND Sophomores: Mark your calendars for October 12 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 12, 2011. Additional details will be available in early October.

JUNIORS, CLASS OF 2013**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 the next article.

FALL 2011 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 all in one place.** It will take place, Friday November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Saturday, November 5th, from noon to 4:00 p.m., 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 24, at the Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** 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: www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs/

PRE-OPEN HOUSE PARENT/GUARDIAN WORKSHOPS

Roosevelt Open House for 2011-2012 is October 6th, 2011. 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.

SENIORS, CLASS OF 2012

Graduation for the class of 2012 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.**

Sign Up for Fall 2011 College Admissions Testing

Going to a Four Year College or University? Many four year schools require that you take the SAT or ACT. 9/16 is the registration deadline for the 10/22 ACT (**NOTE" Roosevelt is one of the testing sites for this ACT date**). 11/4 is the deadline to register for the 12/101 ACT. Sign up by 9/9 for the 10/1 SAT, and by 10/7 for the 11/5 SAT. The registration deadline for the 12/3 SAT is 11/8. The majority of colleges and universities requiring admissions testing want all testing to be completed by December for students planning on starting college in Fall 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 We also have a few paper registration packets in the Counseling Office. 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 verify 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.

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 1st 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, 2012.** 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 - 10/07/2011
- End of first quarter - 11/4/2011
- First semester finals - 1/24, 1/25, 1/26 2012
- End of first semester - 1/26/2012

CHANGES TO RUNNING START PROGRAM

Running Start is a state authorized dual enrollment program that allows high school juniors and seniors to take classes at local community colleges either on a full time or part time basis and earn both high school and college credit for the community college classes. Due to budget constraints, the legislature has modified the program effective fall quarter 2011, so that students may no longer be enrolled full time at both their high school and at the community college. Students are now restricted to 1.2 FTE total, with a formula set up establishing how many classes a student can take either full time at the community college and/or combined classes at the high school and community college. Students who exceed the number of classes allowed are responsible for paying the excess tuition. Students who are already enrolled in the Running Start program should have received information about the change over the summer and need to see their school counselor at the start of the school year to make sure they are in compliance with the new enrollment restrictions.

GUIDELINES FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

Per district policy, students may add and drop classes, (class size permitting) through the first ten days of school, (through 9/20/11).

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 7, 2011.** 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.

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.

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 in the classes of **2011** and **2012** must pass this assessment or a state-approved alternative in reading and writing in order to be eligible to graduate. Students in the classes of **2013** and **2014** must pass reading, writing and one math end-of-course exam in order to graduate.

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) 2012 Testing Dates for **all 10th** graders and 11th/ 12th graders that have not passed the HSPE:

- March 13th & 14th Writing HSPE
- March 15th Reading HSPE

END-OF-COURSE MATH EXAMS

Beginning 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 I and Geometry. If students are not enrolled in Algebra or Geometry they will take Algebra/Geometry Make-Up Exams. Students in the class of 2015 and beyond must pass both end-of-course exams to meet the mathematics graduation requirement. Results for end-of-course math exams from spring of 2011 will be available in early September.

- 2012 Mathematics End-of-Course (EOC) and EOC Make-up Exams testing window January 2nd to February 10th - exact dates at Roosevelt TBD
- 2nd Semester EOC testing window May 7th to June 15th – exact dates for Roosevelt TBD

END-OF-COURSE SCIENCE EXAM

Beginning in spring 2012, students will take a biology end-of-course exam. Students in the class of 2015 and beyond must pass the biology end-of-course exam in 2012 to meet the science graduation requirement.

- In spring 2012, students will be offered an end-of-course exam in biology.
- Biology EOC testing 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>

HEALTH OFFICE NOTES

ATTENTION PARENTS: Did you know that.....

Students are not to have/take medication at school without a **Medication-at-School** form (available on the district web site) completed by the parent AND physician on file in the Health Office. This includes over-the-counter medication as well as prescribed medications, medication kept in the Health Office or self-administered. This permission is valid for one school year.

Washington state law requires **ALL** students to be current with their vaccinations (that is information which was reported to the school district by the parent) in order to attend school. If a student is not up-to-date with his/her shots, the student will be prevented from attending school until the matter is resolved. The date of each vaccination is required so reporting that your student has had all of his shots but you don't support that statement with the individual dates which must also comply with the state required doses and timeline for vaccinations, then your student might be out of compliance with state law and not allowed to remain in school.

These are the two main issues that cause a great deal of frustration and misunderstanding for parents and students. If you need clarification, more information, or help in meeting these requirements, please call me (252-4817) and let me help keep your student healthy and in school! I will be full time at Roosevelt this year.

Roselyn M. Lane, RHS School Nurse

ROOSEVELT LIGHT RAIL STATION

Heads up!!! Roosevelt Light Rail Station construction begins next May! Come to our PTSA meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 to meet Ellen Blair and Kristen Hoffman of Sound Transit discuss the construction schedule and methods as it may impact traffic, noise or other issues at RHS.

The new station at Roosevelt is one of three stations on the Northlink segment of the light rail system which will initially connect University of Washington to Northgate. It will be located on 12th Ave. NE across from Roosevelt High School on and adjoining the existing QFC site. The demolition phase is scheduled to start in May 2012. The station design is in final stages. At this meeting, parents and students will have a chance to find out how the construction will proceed and what day to day changes to expect in the area around the school.

Note: For those who want to voice their opinion on rezoning (building density and height) proposals that come "with light rail" and impact future development in Roosevelt district come to a special meeting to address those issues with City of Seattle Zoning Department and City Council members and local residents, on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the RHS Theatre.

ROOSEVELT HS PTSA - SEPTEMBER 21, 7PM

Back-to-School Resource Night for Families

Ever wondered about the different parent groups at Roosevelt? Interested in knowing more about what is going on in our School District? Wish you knew a little more about how to help? Want to know how to help your student in Math? We have the meeting for you! Come on September 21st at 7pm in the Roosevelt Library and meet with Mr. Vance and fellow parents who can help you figure out the best places to get involved at Roosevelt. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered! More specifics to follow...

2012 STRENUOUS LIFE - ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL'S YEARBOOK

Students may pre-order a 2012 yearbook in two ways. First, on Rough Rider Day and through the end of September purchase an ASB/Yearbook combo for \$85.00. This includes an Activity Card and the yearbook. Purchase this at the bookroom during lunches on days when the bookroom is open.

Second, pre-order a yearbook separately during October or March for \$45.00. The dates will be posted in the school bulletin and on the RHS website. Last spring, we sold out of yearbooks, so don't wait until after March to pre-order yours! Direct questions to Janine Magidman, Yearbook Adviser, jtmagidman@seattleschools.org or Holly Poulias, Fiscal Secretary, hpoulias@seattleschools.org.

STRENUOUS LIFE GRADUATION ADS FOR SENIORS

Parents, guardians, and friends of 2012 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 2012 edition of *Strenuous Life*. A limited number of pages will be printed, so get your ad in early. **Download the Yearbook 2012 Graduate Ad Form** from rhsseattle.org, or pick up a paper copy from the Main Office. You will receive a proof of your ad to review before publication.

All Grad Ads orders must be turned in by January 30th, 2012 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 NOVEMBER 28TH, 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 September 29th, during both lunches in the small gym. Clothing is provided, so bring your smile and \$20.00. 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 November 28th deadline for this section of the yearbook: October 6, October 27 and November 3.

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 Email 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. Directory information is distributed via email at least twice per year.

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.

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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

The RHS Foundation is a source of stable and sustainable income for Roosevelt High School. Since 2004, the RHS Foundation has raised over \$1 million to build an endowment, and granted over \$170,000 to Roosevelt High School.

The RHS Foundation was proud to assist with the summer campus beautification project. The Foundation purchased garden supplies, while tireless parents and students volunteered many hours weeding and laying ground cover. Thank you to all the hard-working Roughriders for their dedication and commitment to our great school!



For more information, or to make a charitable gift, visit www.rooseveltfoundation.org. We appreciate your support!

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).

LATIN NEWS

Salvete, Omnes! Magistra MacDonald welcomes both returning students and those new to Roosevelt’s Latin Program! As you know, we are committed to fostering a community that, in the words of the NJCL Creed, “fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth”! Each year, 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, Magistra MacDonald and three students attended the 58th (and Mrs. MacDonald’s 29th) NJCL Convention at Eastern Kentucky University in July. Delegates at the convention also celebrated the 75th birthday of the American Classical League, the parent organization of the NJCL.

Nora H., Zoe S., and Zoe T. thoroughly enjoyed the week, which was filled with academic, athletic, artistic, and social activities! They hope to encourage as many as a dozen to travel to Wake Forest University next year. Please seriously consider sending your student to the 59th NJCL Convention next July. Twelve in 2012!

Students and Magistra will also host the 65th WA/BC JCL Convention at RHS in spring of 2012. JCL officers 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 2011-2012 include:

- September** Fundraising for JCL Convention
Roosevelt in Rome 2nd installment due, September 9th
St. Demetrios Greek Festival, September 17th - 18th
Festa Italiana (Seattle Center), September 24th - 25th
- October** Curriculum Night/ Latin Club Parent Meeting, October 6th
JCL Hallowe’en party
- November** Roosevelt in Rome 3rd installment due, November 1st
Reed College Annual Latin Forum in Portland, for Latin III and AP
Certamen practice for convention begins
- December** Saturnalia party
- February** Roosevelt in Rome Tour, February 16th - February 26th
- March** National Latin Exam, Monday, March 12th
Applications available and payments due for 59th NJCL Convention
- April** 65th WA-BC State JCL Convention, April 28th - 29th
- May** Applications available for 7th Roosevelt in Rome Tour 2012 (February)
Student promo trip to Middle Schools
AP Vergil Exam, May 10th at 12 pm
- July** 59th National JCL Convention (one week at Wake Forest University in North Carolina!)

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

Ex animo, Magistra MacDonald

ROOSEVELT ORCHESTRA NEWS

Welcome to the new school year--we’re looking forward to an exciting year with many special events planned for the Roosevelt Orchestras! We have three ensembles: 9th grade concert orchestra, symphony orchestra and chamber orchestra.

We began the year with a **Welcome Potluck** in the Orchestra room on August 30th. Our annual orchestra retreat will be held on September 9th – 11th at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood. We will leave shortly after school on September 9th. This is a great chance for our **symphonic orchestra** and **chamber orchestra** to get reacquainted.

All students interested in auditioning for the All-Northwest and All- State orchestras should go to www.wmea.org for information on audition materials—which will occur in early October. This annual program is an honor orchestra made up of musicians from all over the Northwest, a wonderful opportunity sponsored by the Northwest Music Educators Association.

Other upcoming events are the Pumpkinseed concert on October 27th, the Northwest Orchestra festival in Gresham on March 10th, and the April Foolz concert on March 29th. From March 21st - 25th our chamber and symphony orchestras will travel to New York City for musical events with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the String Orchestra of New York City.

Please see our website for additional details now and throughout the year:
<http://www.rooseveltorchestra.org/index.php>

ROOSEVELT JAZZ BAND OPENS EARSHOT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Roosevelt's Jazz Band I has been asked to OPEN Seattle's 23rd Annual Earshot Jazz Festival on Friday, October 14th at Town Hall. The band received this honor because they placed second in the nation in the Essentially Ellington Competition in New York City this past May! Mountlake Terrace High School, which took third place, will share the billing. For tickets visit www.earshot.org and click on Earshot Jazz Festival.

All three Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz are gearing up for another year full of music making, jazz festivals, and concerts. Swing it!

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 from the Parent Committee organizing Senior Events:

Send the following information to

(RHS2012seniors@gmail.com) so we can add your family to the database for senior event communications:

- 1) Family / Parent or Guardian name(s)
- 2) Senior student name
- 3) Preferred email(s)

PLEASE NOTE: even if you have "opted-in" to the PTSA email list, we need your participation on this list. Some families do not wish to participate in the PTSA email and we would like to have 100% participation by our senior families to ensure everyone has the information they need.

- Bookmark the "Senior Events" page (<http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php>) on the Roosevelt Website for updates and current information.

Start this important year off by attending the Senior Class Parent and Guardian Meeting on Sept. 21st, at 7 PM in the Roosevelt Theatre.

Come to the RHS Theatre at 7 PM for information from Head Counselor, Wendy Krakauer, and Senior Class Project Coordinator, Amy Schwentor, as well as Parent Volunteers about the many upcoming Senior Class Activities and opportunities for you to become involved.

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 2011, 68 families have contributed a total of over \$14,000. 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 Karen O'Connor c/o RHS2012seniors@gmail.com

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.

Parent Volunteers: Mitzi Carletti, Molly Martin, Karen O'Connor c/o RHS2012seniors@gmail.com

Senior activities and events:

- Senior Yearbook Photos
- Yearbook - Senior Grad Ads
- Ordering Graduation Announcements, Caps and Gowns
- Senior Events Packet - To Be Mailed Early in 2012
- Senior Prom - Saturday, May 19th
- Senior Awards Night - Late Spring
- Last Day of School/Senior Check-out - Date to be Determined
- PTSA-Sponsored Senior Luncheon - Date to be Determined
- Graduation Rehearsal - Date to be Determined
- Graduation - Date to be Determined
- PTSA-Sponsored SPREE - Date to be Determined

Check the "Senior Events" page (<http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php>) for more information!

JUNIOR CORNER

Welcome back Class of 2013! We'd like to thank all the parents and guardians who have donated and pledged money to support senior activities for our students. It's not too late to donate or pledge...just contact one of the parent reps for our class or download a pledge form (<http://www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php>)

We will be looking for volunteers, both parents and students, to help with fundraising activities, including a gift wrapping fundraiser at U-Village in December. Be sure to look for more details in future Rider Records, on the RHS website class fundraising page and in the weekly email notices from RHS. We are looking forward to another busy and successful school year. Go Riders! Deb Hudacek (debi@senecagroup.com), Kelly Leonard (thekidandkel@msn.com), Meera Narayanan (meera@narayananfamily.com), and Allison Fitzgerald (aafbwh@msn.com).

FRESHMAN CORNER

You're invited to join the parents of the class of 2015 in planning and fundraising efforts for our students. By starting now, we can help make their senior year all the more memorable, since it is parents who organize prom, senior luncheon, and Spree (a safe, alcohol- and drug-free, post-graduation event.)

If you are interested in volunteering, or just want to learn more, go to <http://www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php> or please contact either Allison Fitzgerald (aafbwh@msn.com) or Meera Narayanan (meera@narayananfamily.com). Look for more information and pledge forms in the First Day packet.

WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2011 GO?

EXITING STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2011

On June 16, 2011, 1,390 students in the class of 2011 graduated from Roosevelt, an overall graduation rate of 85.7%. The breakdown of non-graduating students includes 19 regular education students who did not meet graduation requirements. 16 non-graduates are ELD students and 19 students not graduating are in special education. Finally, 5 of the students included as not graduating are exchange students who attended Roosevelt just for this year and had no intent to graduate in this country.

338 graduating members of the class of 2011 report they are continuing their education immediately following high school, (86.6% of graduates).

274 Rough Riders report that they plan to attend four-year institutions of higher education (70.2 % of graduating students). 152 (38.9 % of graduates) of our students matriculating at four-year schools will be staying in Washington. 58 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 (44), Washington State (16), UW-Bothell (7), Whitman (6), Central Washington Univ. (4), Cornish (3), Evergreen (3), Gonzaga (3), University of Puget Sound (3), Seattle Pacific (2), Seattle Univ. (2), Pacific Lutheran University (1).

122 Rider grads (31.2% of graduating seniors) will be attending out-of-state/international four-year colleges and universities, both public and private. Four-year schools represented include American Univ. (2), Beloit (1), Bentley (1), BYU (1), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (8), Carnegie Mellon (1), Chapman (7), Cleveland Institute of Music (1), College of Wooster (1), Colorado College (2), Columbia (1), Concordia (1), Cornell (1), Emory (2), George Fox (1), Georgetown (1), George Washington (2), Greenville College (1), Grinnell (1), Hamilton (1), Harvard (2), John Hopkins (1), Lafayette (1), Lehigh (1), Lewis and Clark (1), Linfield (1), Louisiana State (1), Loyola Marymount LA (1), Loyola Univ. New Orleans (1), Manhattan School of Music (2), Montana State (3), New York Univ. (1), Newhouse School of Syracuse Univ. (1), Northeastern (2), North Park Univ. (1), Oberlin (1), Occidental (1), Oklahoma City Univ. (2), Ohio State (1), Oregon State (1), Pace Univ. (1), Pitzer (1), Pomona (1), Rice (3), San Diego State (1), Santa Clara (1), South Dakota School of Mines (1), Southern Oregon Univ. (2), St Olaf's (2), St. John's (1), Univ. of Arizona (1), Univ. of British Columbia (4), UC Davis (2), UC Santa Barbara (2), Univ. of Colorado (1), Univ. of Denver (3), Univ. of Evansville (1), Univ. of Illinois at Chicago (1), Univ. of Iowa (1), Univ. of Miami (1), Univ. of Minnesota (1), Univ. of Montana (2), Univ. of Nevada-Reno (1), Univ. of North Dakota (1), Univ. of Oregon (4), Univ. of Pennsylvania (1), Univ. of the Pacific (1), Univ. of Portland (2), Univ. of Redlands (1), Univ. of Richmond (1), USF (3), USC (1), Univ. of Wisconsin (1), Virginia Tech (1), Villanova (1), Washington Univ. (1), Webster (1), Wesleyan (1), Willamette (3).

64 students have plans to go to two-year schools (16.45 % of the graduates). 60 students plan to enroll at two-year programs in Washington, while 4 will go to 2-year colleges out of state (including one student enrolling at the official two year Air Force Academy preparatory program in hopes of then going on to the Academy).

Of those students not planning to continue their education immediately following high school, 15 students plan to work (including one student joining AmeriCorps for the year), 4 intend to enlist in the military and 3 expect to travel. 30 students report they are still undecided as to their plans.

As the Roosevelt class of 2011 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 2011-2012 school year!

MUSIC, MARCHING AND MADNESS!

Hello from the Roosevelt Band Boosters and welcome to the 2011-12 Music, Marching and Madness year! The Band Boosters support freshman and veteran band students with their many great activities throughout the year and we extend a hearty invitation to join us! We've already kicked off the season with our annual picnic in Ravenna Park on September 1st. Up next is the Fall Band Camp, September 16th – 18th, at Pack Forest. If you've got a student in band class, orchestra or jazz with interest in participating in marching and pep band, they won't want to miss this camp! Then it's on to marching and playing at half time for football games, pep band for basketball and more marching in the spring. All band students should have received their summer mailing with forms, uniform fittings, etc. If you haven't, please call Mary @ 206/729-8600 ASAP or go to this link to download the forms and get more info (<http://riderband.org/>.) Be sure to sign up for our email list – the BEST way to stay informed! Just email: rhs-subscribe@riderband.org. So please join us as we march madly into another great year!

OUR SPORTS TEAMS LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!

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

- 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> (also listed under Athletics on the Roosevelt website).

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.

THE RHS WEBSITE

Check out the information you can find on the RHS website at www.rhsseattle.org.

Home Tab

- FAQ – “Who Does That” and “What’s That Acronym”

Academics Tab

- Course Selections – current year course descriptions
- School Profile – last year’s school profile (the 2010 – 2011 information is being compiled now)
- Senior Project - updated with the latest information for 2011 – 2012

Services Tab

- Bell Schedule – updated with the changes to the bell schedule and early release dates
- RHS Calendar – in a listing format and a boxed calendar format

Students Tab

- Clubs – a listing of all of the registered Clubs at RHS (being compiled for the 2011 – 2012 year)
- Senior Events – information about upcoming activities for your senior year
- Yearbook – most up to date information about this year’s yearbook

Athletics Tab

- Find all of the information and forms you’ll need to register for a sport at RHS and participation fees

Parents Tab

- Class Fundraising Information – why, what, where, how and who
- “No Bake” Bake Sale Online Donation Form – you can easily donate to RHS online
- Opt In Parent Email and Student Directory Form – get your PTSA parent information sent to you via email – opt in today
- PTSA – officer and committee information, links to the Rider Record newsletter and past meeting minutes
- Volunteer Opt In Form – sign up to help support your school

The website is sponsored by the PTSA and maintained by PTSA volunteers. Your suggestions are welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ROOSEVELT REZONE SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 7PM

There will be a Public Hearing at Roosevelt HS on September 19 at 7pm on the proposed re-zoning of land close to Roosevelt High School in conjunction with the new Sound Transit underground station that will be on 12th Ave across from the school. This will have an impact on our school. Come listen and/or express your opinion. We are pulling together background information on the Roosevelt Rezone so that PTSA and other school community members can be better informed and will make that available. For more information contact us at rooseveltpta.pres@gmail.com.

BUILD A BRIDGE WITH ITALY AND HOST AN ITALIAN STUDENT THROUGH OUR PERSONALISED PROGRAM

Our organization, Ergon, is devoted to selecting motivated students and matching them with host families.

We partner with Northwest Student Exchange in Seattle and are looking for families willing to host 16-17 year-old Italian high school students for next fall semester or school year. Italian families are in turn happy to host your child during summer vacations.

Through our organisation, several Italian students attended Mercer Island, Garfield, Roosevelt and Ballard last year, enjoying the HS community life with excellent results and a close relationship with their American families. This year we also have students at Nathan Hale.

If you think that hosting an Italian exchange student is a great opportunity to build a bridge with Italy, please email Gunnell Tanimoto, Ergon Seattle coordinator at italexchange@gmail.com. Past and present host families are our best references and would be happy to share with you their experience with our program.

STUDENTS FROM CHILE NEED HOST FAMILIES - SOON!

RHS is truly becoming a destination for international students! Six high-school students (3 male, 3 female) and one adult will arrive from Chile on September 25th and depart from Seattle on October 12th. The coordinating organization is *Partners of the Americas* <http://www.partners.net/>. We are looking for families willing to host a student for these two and one-half weeks. The visitors will attend RHS for a few days, but are mostly scheduled into activities with Partners of the Americas local volunteers. Please contact Paula Laschober Paula.Laschober@seattle.gov or Janine Magidman, jtmagidman@seattleschools.org, for more information and an application for host families.

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 Secreterial/Admin/Data 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