

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello RoughRiders! Well, we made it through March and into spring we go. This time of year is always full of activity and I continue to receive news recognizing our staff and students. I will take a minute to share with you a short request for assistance, some recognitions, and a quick look into next year.

First off is a request for assistance. As the weather gets above 40 degrees and the sun shows up every once in a while, our students tend to bring out their summer wardrobe. Unfortunately, what may be appropriate for the beach may not be appropriate for school. My request is for parents to work with our students in identifying appropriate clothing to wear to school. I know this is a challenge. The following link will take you to our student handbook, <http://www.rhsseattle.org/file.php?id=70>. A quick review of page 15 can save your student and us from having what is always an awkward conversation. I appreciate your help as we all work together to support a healthy and distraction free environment for our students.

Next, let's take a look at some news from the school front. Our students competed in several different recent events recently. These include the State Japanese Speech competition (<http://www.hyogobcc.org/speechandskit/>), the Model United Nations State conference (<http://www.wasmun.org/>), the Northwest Orchestra Festival (<http://www.rooseveltorchestra.org/Awards.php>), the Washington State Drama competition (<http://www.washingtonthespians.org/>), and the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival (<http://www.uidaho.edu/jazzfest>). In order to keep this letter a reasonable length, I will not list out all of the award winners. However, it should be noted that in each of these events, Roosevelt took home awards in both individual and group categories. Some upcoming events include our Jazz Band trip to New York to participate in the Essentially Ellington competition (<http://www.jalc.org/jazzed/ee/welcome09.html>) and our musical, No No Nanette (<http://www.rooseveltdrama.org/musical.php>). In addition to our students going out, there were several groups visiting us. Students and staff from partner schools in Hungary, Japan and Northern Ireland all visited in the past month. Finally, our spring sports are in full swing as we try to get games and competitions in between rain storms. As usual, our students are working hard and having success in a wide range of activities, so get out there and support their efforts.

This success is also the result of the dedication of our wonderful staff and supportive community. Fortunately, education was spared in the projected budget cuts at the State level, thus allowing us to develop a school budget for next year that actually does not involve cuts. This is great news and in contrast to the past several years of having to make significant cuts. In looking ahead to next year, we maintain our staffing levels and actually make small increases in some of our core academic areas. This will mostly show up in reduced class sizes in our 9th grade classes. We are awaiting the assignment of our ninth grade students and out of boundary students before moving into finalizing our master schedule. We try to get tentative copies of student 2012-2013 schedules out by the end of the school year.

In closing, I once again want to share my excitement for all of the positive energy at RHS and my pride in the work of our students and staff. Thank you!!!

Yours in Education,
Mr. Brian Vance, RHS Principal



Graduation is June 19th

Graduation is Tuesday June 19th, 5:00 p.m., at Memorial Stadium. Remind your senior that now is the time to carefully consider the choices they make. Have your students ask themselves: How will my current study habits and social decisions affect my graduation plans, as well as my plans for next fall? Keep in mind too, that not just behavior choices, but second semester grades for seniors *really do matter*. We have had firsthand experience with seniors whose college admission offers were rescinded because they ended up dropping core classes without first talking to college admission folks, their senioritis resulted in low grades in core classes and/or poor behavior choices led to their being suspended for the end of senior year. So hang in there and wait until after senior finals to take a break from studying and be sure to think carefully about whether you really want to do anything wild and crazy.

April PTSA Meeting

The next PTSA general meeting is scheduled for April 25th in the Library at 7 PM.

Sue Eastgard will be doing a presentation on the subject of teen health for the parents. She is the former director of the Seattle/King County Crisis Clinic and the Youth Suicide Prevention program. She also is a volunteer at RHS Teen Health Center.

PTSA PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The PTSA at Roosevelt High School has seen a 10% increase in its membership this year. We want to thank the families at RHS for their continuing support. Our volunteers are parents of RHS students who work “behind the scenes” to help maintain and improve the quality of our school. They work at a number of important tasks including communications, fund raising, and support for the academic and extracurricular activities of our students.

Communications with our parents and students is one very important function for our organization. PTSA volunteers manage the RHS website with content provided by the administration, clubs, teams, arts programs and others. They forward specific information about school calendar events, athletics, and opportunities for students. The PTSA E bulletin gives you a quick summary of the week’s activities; reporting as well about upcoming dates for such things as college interviews and testing. The monthly Rider Record provides a more in depth “look” at class activities, clubs, music and drama events as well as a broader view of the school and community.

Additionally, our Mini –Grant Program, and the PTSA Annual Fund Drive, are vital in providing some financial resources for targeted classroom staffing and supply needs. This is all the more important as the Seattle public schools face budget limitations.

We have parent volunteers who are currently organizing the graduating class activities for 2012 as well as active class representatives for '13, '14, and '15!

This year, the PTSA has been active in supporting anti-bullying programs as well as internet safety and awareness. Our volunteer coordinator, and other committee members, serve the school and the organization in a number of often unsung but meaningful ways.

Parents at RHS have also looked at the CAN program and UW’s College in High School as ways to provide support for the needs of a full range of students at our school.

Increased membership will keep our organization functional and effective so that the PTSA can continue to participate in maintaining the quality of the high school experience for our students (parents). One of our goals this year was to boost membership. It was successful, and I am sure the organization will continue to grow as more and more people see the value in its programs....

Peter Nestingen, Co-President RHS PTSA

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
	wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org	
L-Q ,	Dr. Littlebrave Beaston	252-4825
R for class of 2012	lbeaston@seattleschools.org	
S-Z	Frank Heffernan	252-4826
	fheffernan@seattleschools.org	
R for classes of 2013,	Erin McCullough	252-4818
2014, 2015	emucullough@seattleschools.org	
	(Intern, supervised by Frank Heffernan)	

Applications for Community College & Vocational School

April is a good month to send in application forms or to apply online for two-year community colleges and vocational schools. Students should check with their counselor if they want help getting or completing applications.

RHS SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

June 2012, Grades 9 - 11

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

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

June 20, 2012

Period 1 Final 8:40 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Period 3 10:45-12:25p.m.

1st lunch 10:40-11:20 a.m. and class meets 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.

2nd lunch 11:45-12:25 p.m. and class meets 10:45 -11:45 a.m.

Period 5 Final 12:30-2:30 p.m.

June 21, 2012

Period 2 Final 8:40 -10:40 a.m.

Period 6 10:45-12:25p.m.

1st lunch 10:40-11:20 a.m. and class meets 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.

2nd lunch 11:45-12:25 p.m. and class meets 10:45 -11:45 a.m.

Period 4 Final 12:30-2:30 p.m.

June 22, 2011

Period 3 Final 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Break 10:00 -10:15 a.m.

Period 6 Final 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
box lunch/salad 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Make up 12:45 p.m. or as arranged.

Approved by IC 6/7/11 and Updated re school year extension 4/6/12

SENIORS: END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

Finals – on regular bell schedule

6/12 periods 1 and 4

6/13 Periods 2 and 5

6/14 periods 3 and 6

6/15 - Senior Checkout (students attend all classes, check out in each class, plus check out with bookroom / counselors at end of day)

6/18 - Graduation Rehearsal in Roosevelt gym at 10:30 a.m. (mandatory) followed by Senior Luncheon

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

SCHEDULE CHANGES AND CALENDAR REVISIONS FOR END OF YEAR

Roosevelt families will want to note there are several end of year calendar revisions and schedule changes. **April 24 and April 25 are BOTH late arrival days**, with April 25 at Roosevelt NOT an early dismissal day as stated on the district calendar. The late arrivals will be used for senior project presentations and for the Personal Fitness class room based assessment test for juniors and seniors (see information in the Counselor Notes about which students should be taking the test). Classes for students will start both days at 10:35 a.m., periods 1 - 3 on 4/24 and periods 4 - 6 on 4/25, with one lunch for all students both days, 11:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m. The schedule is set out below (include if there is room):

Tuesday, April 24 th Senior Projects/CBA		Wednesday, April 25 th Senior Projects	
8:00-10:20	Senior Projects	8:00-10:20	Senior Projects
8:30-9:30	CBA (Junior fitness test)		
10:20-10:30	Break	10:20-10:30	Break
10:35-11:35	1 st Period	10:35-11:35	4th Period
11:40-12:20	LUNCH	11:40-12:20	LUNCH
12:25-1:25	2 nd Period	12:25-1:25	5th Period
1:30-2:30	3 rd Period	1:30-2:30	6th Period

There will be a late arrival on June 5th, with all tenth grades taking the biology end of year course exam for HSPE, in the theatre at 8:00 a.m. and with periods 1, 2, and 3 following, starting at 10:00 a.m.

School on June 6th starts at 8:00 a.m. with period 4 and ends at 2:30 p.m., with periods 5 and 6 also meeting, but with a revised schedule for the day with the Moving Up Assembly following period 4.

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Third quarter ends 4/6/12 and we will mail home the progress reports with third quarter grades right after spring break. A reminder that quarter grades are merely a "progress report" and do not go onto your student's official transcript. Quarter grades let students know however, how they are doing as they head into the final stretch of the school year, along with 15 week progress reports that students will carry home in mid May. Semester grades will be mailed home after the school year ends, and those grades do carry credit and are entered onto the student transcript. If you want information about your student's performance in a particular class, we urge you to contact your student's teachers as soon as possible. E-mail addresses for your student's teachers are available on *The Source*. Go to www.seattleschools.org and use *The Source* link at the top menu bar of the new District home page. If you are not yet signed up, there are instructions on the Source link.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship announcements continue to arise on a regular basis. If you are looking for any kind of financial assistance to help pay for your student's two year or four year post high school education, encourage your student to check the Roosevelt scholarship bulletin. The bulletin also includes listings of summer programs. You can access the bulletin through the Roosevelt website (www.rhssseattle.org, "academics", then "scholarships" from the menu bar at the top of the homepage) or directly by going to <http://lbeaston.seadesk.seattleschools.org>.

JUNIORS: IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR MAY & JUNE COLLEGE TESTING

May and June are excellent times for juniors planning to attend four-year colleges to take the SAT, SAT subject tests, or the ACT.

Students who think they want to go to a selective private four-year college may need two or three SAT subject tests as well. **Note that SAT subject tests are IN ADDITION TO THE SAT REASONING TEST and may ALSO be in addition to the ACT.** A lot of colleges requiring SAT subject tests will, however, accept the ACT IN LIEU OF SAT SUBJECT TESTS. See specific college websites, or look at www.fairtest.org.

The SAT Reasoning Test and SAT subject tests are both given on the same dates, at the same time, so students may not take both the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT subject tests on the same date. Students may, however, take up to three SAT subject tests in one test sitting, because each test lasts approximately one hour.

4/6/12 was the on-time registration deadline for the May 5 SAT (either the Reasoning Test or the subject tests), although students can still sign up online by 4/20/12 with a late fee.

5/8/12 is the on-time registration deadline for the 6/2/12 SAT (and 5/22/12 is the late registration deadline). Go to www.collegeboard.com to register online.

5/4/12 is the regular registration date for the 6/9/12 ACT, with a late registration deadline of 5/18/12. For online ACT registration www.actstudent.org is the website.

You will need the school code, 481-140, to register for these tests.

If online registration is not feasible, you can call and request a paper registration packet, 609-771-7700 for the SAT; 319-337-1270 to get an ACT registration booklet. Students who cannot pay for registration should see their counselor about a fee waiver. (Fee waivers can only be used for on time registration, and will not cover the late registration surcharge).

SERVICE LEARNING

As you all know, pursuant to Seattle School District requirements students need 60 hours of service learning to graduate from Roosevelt High School (prorated at 15 hours/year for students who have not been in Seattle Schools all four years of high school). We included a note with your student's first semester report card summarizing how many completed hours we have recorded for your student. **REMEMBER THAT SENIORS NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED ALL REMAINING HOURS BY 5/25/12 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. THESE HOURS CANNOT BE WAIVED.** If you have any questions about this, contact your student's school counselor immediately. In the meantime, we urge students in grades 9 through 11 to keep working on service learning, so they complete this requirement well in advance of graduation. Service learning opportunities are frequently posted in our student bulletin. We also post opportunities on the bulletin board just south of our office.

MAY 1 IS NATIONAL COLLEGE DEPOSIT DEADLINE FOR SENIORS

Seniors are starting to get admission decisions from colleges. Most reputable universities in the United States belong to [NACAC](#), the National Association of College Admission Counseling, a national organization which has strict admission practices standards to which colleges must adhere. Those standards include the practice that except for early decision admission, students are not required to pay a non refundable deposit and declare the one college at which they plan to enroll until May 1. Each year, it seems, we hear from our students, about colleges and universities who require/suggest/cajole deposits out of students prior to May 1. We've heard more of it this year and the problem seems to be getting worse, as colleges try to deal with the economic downturn by locking in enrollment.

If you're being told that you must deposit prior to May 1 to hold your admission or a scholarship, you can call or e-mail the Director of Admissions and ask him or her whether or not they abide by the "SPGP". You can ask whether or not a deposit is refundable until May 1.

These are your rights, plain and simple, and we want you to be aware of them. If you have questions about this or want more information, contact your school counselor.

On the other hand, ethically, students may only pay a deposit at one college or university, and not hedge bets by double depositing. Colleges understand and expect that some students who pay a non-refundable deposit will end up not attending, because they are on a wait list for a college which they would prefer to attend. But that is much different than holding spots at two colleges (which means someone else on a wait list will not get a timely offer of moving off the wait list). If you do get in to your preferred college off the wait list, then the civilized thing to do is to be sure to let the college where you initially deposited/accepted enrollment know as soon as possible that you will not be attending.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR 2012 DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REINSTATED

Due to budget constraints, the Seattle School District eliminated the credit retrieval summer school program for last summer. As of late March, it does not appear that there will be any district summer school this year either. (If the situation changes, information about summer school will be posted in the student and PTSA bulletins). That means students who need to retrieve credit in required classes are even more than before needing to do so on their own time AND on their own dime. If your student needs to make up and credits or classes, he/she should talk to his/her school counselor to find out what options might be available. In the meantime, given that credit retrieval options will be extremely limited in the near future, it is more important than ever that students put in the time and effort needed to pass classes the first time around.

APRIL 24th FITNESS TEST FOR CLASS OF 2013

As many of you HOPEFULLY know by now, there is a new District PE requirement that went into effect for the class of 2012 and beyond. This new requirement provides that one of the three PE classes students must take is Personal Fitness. The class includes both physical fitness elements and classroom based learning about the elements of personal fitness. Ideally this is the first PE class students will take in high school. The physical fitness portion of the class may be waived under the same narrow circumstances the state sets out for waiving the other two semesters of PE. Even for those students who waive the physical fitness portion though, they must still take a written test (classroom based assessment or CBA) to show they understand the classroom based learning portion of the new class. Many juniors have already taken three semesters of PE or earned three PE waivers, and do not have room in their four year plan to fit this new PE class in. Accordingly, we are administering the CBA for the personal fitness test to juniors this spring. Students in the class of 2013 in the first half of the alphabet, along with seniors who were not here last year or missed last year's test for some reason, were supposed to take the written test on March 14th. **Juniors and seniors L-Z will take the fitness test Wednesday April 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the Theatre.** If you were supposed to take the test March 14th and did not show up, you should plan on showing up April 24th, although students L-Z and/or who made prior arrangements will have priority. **Taking the personal fitness test/PE waivers or other PE classes, if you did not take personal fitness is required for graduation.** No exceptions. Students taking the PE CBA that day will not miss any class time, since it is a late arrival day for senior project presentations. Students can download the study guide for the test on the school website, rhsseattle.org. This is a common sense test and if students read the study guide carefully they will be prepared. See Ms. Hathaway or your student's school counselor if you have questions.

Academic Intervention Specialist Update

State Assessments:

- Reading and Writing HSPE/DAPE results should be back in end of May/early June.
 - End of Course Algebra and Geometry Exams will be held in math classrooms June 12, 13 and 14 (this is a 3 day test so students need to be present all 3 days)
 - End of Course Math Make-Up Exam will be given June 14th at 8:00 a.m. location TBA
 - End of Course Biology Exam will be given June 5th at 8:00 a.m. in the Theater
- Graduation requirements:
- All students need to pass the Reading and Writing HSPE as a graduation requirement (this test is given to students in the 10th grade)
 - The class of 2015 must pass both the Algebra and Geometry EOC
 - The class of 2014 and 2013 must pass one EOC in either Geometry or Algebra
 - The class of 2012 must have either passed the Math HSPE, one EOC or earned 2.0 math credits after 10th grade.
 - The class of 2014 and anyone enrolled in Biology must take the Biology EOC on June 5th
 - The class of 2015 must pass the Biology EOC as a graduation requirement (the class of 2015 will take the Biology EOC in 2013)

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

Needed: RHS PTSA Nominating Committee

Do you know people who can help us make better connections within our school community? If so, we would love to have you serve on the Roosevelt HS PTSA Nominating Committee to identify and recommend candidates for next year's PTSA officers. (Officers may serve two years in the same office but must be elected each year at general meeting.) We need at least three members willing to serve on our nominating committee - no experience necessary! If you are interested or know someone who would be great please send their names and contact information to rooseveltPTSApres@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee will be elected by you our members at our next PTSA meeting on April 25 at 7pm in the RHS Library.

Latin News

Latin students and their teacher, Magistra MacDonald, are in the midst of convention preparation. **We will host 350** students, sponsors, and chaperones at the **65th WA/BC JCL Convention** on the **week-end of April 28-29, 101 of whom are from RHS.** Thanks to the 30 RHS parent volunteers who will help make this a huge success!

Please watch for bulletin alerts about upcoming Latin events --- Latin AP Exam Practice, Registration for the 59th NJCL, Application for Roosevelt in Rome 2013

Diploma Information

It's diploma time! We need your assistance to ensure your student's name is correct on their diploma, come June. We need to have the student's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate as soon as possible (due date was April 2nd). Please contact Marjorie Gamble in the RHS office by phone at (206) 252-4816 or by email at mgamble@seattleschools.org.

Sophomore Corner

Thank you to all of our volunteers, to those who donated sale items and our wonderful buyers at the first annual Class of 2014's *Dress to Impress* fundraiser sale last March – a great fundraiser that the class is planning to hold again next year.

Planning is under way for our next sophomore class fundraiser --- a fun and informal spring adult party on Sunday, May 20th from 6 – 9 p.m. Look for an email invite with all of the details after Spring Break.

If you haven't donated to the Class of 2014 graduation fund, please consider sending a donation this year. For more information, please download the [Class of 2014 Senior Event Info and Donation form](#) and take a look at the [Class of 2014 Fundraising](#) page.



The Roosevelt High School Foundation

Join the Foundation for a memorable Opening Night event for “No, No Nanette” on Thursday, May 24. Light supper and social at the home of Duane '72 and Debbie Covey, followed by reserved tickets and parking for the show. Suggested donation of \$500 per couple. For more information email info@rooseveltfoundation.org or call 206.226.5679.

Annual Golf Tournament

Enjoy a day with your fellow Roughriders on a beautiful course in Kenmore, WA, and support the Foundation's efforts to ensure a life-changing education for all RHS students. Gather your foursome today and register online at www.rooseveltfoundation.org. Information on corporate and class sponsorships is also available.

We are committed to assuring that Roosevelt High School continues to be synonymous with excellence and leadership. In eight years, the Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in grants to current RHS programs!

Please visit our website to learn more about the Foundation, or to make a donation towards any of our unfunded grants. Thank you!
www.rooseveltfoundation.org.

RHS Science Boosters Need Help To Keep Going!

The leaders of the RHS Science Boosters all have kids who have either already graduated or will graduate in June. This is a plea for volunteers to keep this organization going and in particular to maintain its series of Science in Society lectures next year. Please call Monty McGovern at 526-5987 or email him at wmcgovern@q.com. Thanks very much.

Roosevelt School Based Health Center

I learned a surprising fact last week. Only about 25% of Roosevelt families take advantage of one of the best things the school has to offer –the Roosevelt School Based Health Center. The clinic is staffed by a Nurse Practitioner, a Mental Health Counselor and a clinic coordinator. Significant funding for the clinic comes from the city of Seattle Families and Education levy. We are really fortunate that every high school in Seattle has a clinic.

It's simple for your son or daughter to access the clinic. Registration is among the pile of forms parents need to complete at the beginning of each school year, or the forms can be completed at any time during the year. Link to forms:

<http://www.neighborcare.org/clinics/neighborcare-health-roosevelt-school-based-health-center> Clinic staff offers completely confidential information and care to any student who uses the service.

The clinic provides the opportunity for our kids to make the transition from parents and pediatricians making all the decisions, to taking charge of their own health. Who knows what direction health care in this country will take? I believe part of the solution is creating educated health care consumers. The School Based Health Center is a tremendous resource to support Roosevelt families in this process. If you haven't already, sign your child up. Let him or her know you did and that the service is available. It's all part of developing our emerging responsible young adults.

Jane Spalding, RHS Parent

Smile!

The American Dental Association recommends kids get a dental fluoride varnish every 6 months. Your student can get their fluoride varnish at the Roosevelt School Based Health Center on April 10th. For more information contact Helen Weems at 206-527-8336 ext 1 or email helenw@neighborcare.org

RHS Band Boosters Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

It's less than two weeks away! Please let's give a massive push for the event.

Details are:

Friday April 13th in RHS Commons. 6pm to 8pm.

Enjoy a fantastic spaghetti dinner provided by Perche No for only \$10! Help raise money for the Band Boosters. You must reserve a space by emailing Mina at minaroxanne@gmail.com

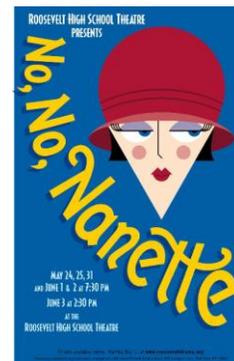
Orchestra News

The RHS Orchestra enjoyed a great trip to the Big Apple in March. Visiting famous performance halls and playing with professional New York groups were just a couple highlights. The orchestra and band were joined by the *Ung Symhoni* from Bergen, Norway for the April Foolz Concert on April 5. Mark your calendars for the final Spring Fling concert on June 7 at 7pm. This concert features many concertos performed by graduating seniors. Don't miss it!

Drama 4 Presents!

Take 10 actors, get a suggestion from the audience, and witness the best production ever!!! RHS Drama 4 presents a completely improvised show based on your input and the improvisers' creativity. Mrs. Orme's Drama 4 students in partnership with Jet City Improv present a hilarious evening that you don't want to miss! Show time is April 27th at 5:30, at Jet City Improv & Wing-It Productions, 5510 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105. Don't miss this exciting evening of new work! Thespian Required Event

\$5 Suggested Donation at the door.



No, No Nanette!

We invite you to join us for this year's Roosevelt Spring Musical *No, No Nanette!*

No, No, Nanette is a musical comedy with lyrics by Irving Caesar and Otto Harbach, music by Vincent Youmans, and a book by Otto Harbach and Frank Mandel. No, No, Nanette is a classic musical which features a farcical story involving three couples who find themselves together at a cottage in Atlantic City in the midst of a blackmail scheme, focusing on a young, fun-loving Manhattan heiress who naughtily runs off for a weekend, leaving her unhappy fiancé. Come enjoy this happy fun spirited musical that features great tap numbers and well-known songs such as; "Tea for Two" and "I Want to Be Happy". Ticket can be purchased online and at the RHS box office...here's how: Online Tickets: available for purchase online at www.showtix4u.com beginning May 1st!

Box Office Hours:

May Hours: 11am-1pm on Fridays.

June Hours: Friday 6/1: 11-1pm

The Box Office opens an hour before each performance.

www.rooseveltdrama.org for more information

Class of 2012 Senior Slide Show Photos

We're collecting pictures for a slide show at the Senior Luncheon in June. Please email photos of Roosevelt High School seniors from their high school days to: Carol Merry:

cmms@earthlink.net or Mary Lasley: msjmlasley@comcast.net.

Be sure to **include the names of the RHS seniors** in the photos in your email.

Roosevelt Jazz Is Everywhere

Fasten your seatbelts and read on about all the exciting things that are going on in the Roosevelt Jazz World: on February 3rd, Jazz Band II won the Sweepstakes Award at the Viking Jazz Festival in Poulsbo. Later in February, all 4 groups (three jazz bands and Vocal Jazz) had a great experience performing at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. Four soloists were honored--Chris M., Adrian N., Margaret D. and Ana R. At the end of the month, Ana R. placed second in the Kobe Sister City Vocal Jazz Competition.

Fly Me To The Moon, er, that is, to RENO and NYC! On April 29th, Jazz Bands II and III and Vocal Jazz will wing their way to the Reno Jazz Festival. And, in May Jazz Band I once again has been invited to compete in the prestigious Essentially Ellington competition in New York City. Only 15 bands nationwide are invited (per blind audition recordings) to participate. Three are from the Seattle area--Roosevelt, Mountlake Terrace and Ballard. Yes, that's right, there IS something in the water out here in Seattle!!

You can hear our bands and vocal jazz locally:

April 11th and May 9nd 7-9pm--Scarlet Tree Jam Sessions, a few blocks from RHS
 May 12th--combos perform at Tula's downtown
 April 24th--Jazz Band II opens for "Little Big Band" at Tula's
 June 6th--End-Of-Year concert for Jazz Bands I and II
 June 8th--End-Of-Year concert for Jazz Band I
 June 9th--End-Of-Year concert for Vocal Jazz
 All End-of-year concerts will be at 7:30pm in the RHS Performing Arts Theater

Plant Sale: buy healthy plants--flowers, vegetables and herbs--and support Roosevelt Jazz! For an order form, go to rooseveltjazz.org. Print one out and mail it in by May 7th. Plants will be delivered to the RHS parking lot on May 16th.

Finally, thanks to all our jazz auction attendees. We had our most successful **Big Band Dance and Auction** EVER on March 24th. Mr. Brown and Stuart MacDonald and all Roosevelt Jazz students are so grateful for the wonderful support our community gives them!

RHS Band Springs into Parade Season

The Marching/Pep band spent a busy season playing for basketball games, including the very exciting finals. RHS players rocked and so did the band. Great job all.

The April Foolz on April 5th concert featured RHS Symphonic Band raised chuckles and cheer with a wonderful concert and, in the finest tradition of fooliness, some great gags. Lovely combination of music and madness!

During February/March the Symphonic Band was adjudicated at the Pacific Northwest Wind Festival at the UW, CWU Band Festival in Ellensburg and a regional Band Festival held at Ingraham High. All comments were glowing for our kids and they learned some valuable insights from the adjudicators. Congrats to all!

Spring is a busy time for the Band. The most important item coming up is the Spaghetti Dinner on April 13, 6pm-8pm @ the RHS cafeteria. We'll be cooking up some fabulous sauce, a tasty salad, great bread and lots of dessert! For \$10 you can't go wrong. Join us before you head off to Spring Break – or, if you're staying home, bring the family and let us do the cooking for the night! All proceeds go to support band scholarships for camps and towards new, much needed equipment. The Pep Band under the direction of Scott Brown will regale us with some lively tunes and there's a drawing for a goody basket, too. Fun, easy. Join us!

Spring Band Camp/Hyack Parade happens Memorial Day weekend which, believe it or not, is just around the corner. The Band buses up to Canada for this traditional parade and event, spends the day in Vancouver and then on to camp @ Fort Casey. Big fun for all. And pretty quickly on the heels of that will be the Band Picnic and Neighborhood Parade June 9th. Can you believe how fast the year has gone? Neither can we!

Class of 2012 Senior Information

End of Year Events for Class of 2012 Seniors – Buy Your Senior Luncheon, Prom and SPREE Tickets Now!

Senior year is almost over and graduation is fast approaching for our seniors!! And with graduation comes many school-sponsored and PTSA-sponsored events for our senior students in May and June:

- ❖ Senior Prom – May 19st - \$40
- ❖ Senior Luncheon – June 18th - \$10
- ❖ Senior Awards Night – May 30th
- ❖ Graduation – June 19th
- ❖ Senior SPREE (senior party after graduation) – June 19th - \$85

Senior Events Information and Ticket Information

Tickets will be on sale again April 10th, April 11th and April 12th during lunch at the Concession Stand next to The Commons. **Ticket prices will go up significantly after April 12th.** Tickets will be sold on May 1st and 2nd. Students should bring completed forms, permission slip (for SPREE only) and check/cash.

For details about the events and forms for each, go to the **Senior Events** page on the RHS website at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php> for the most up to date information.

The forms for each of these events were mailed to all senior families early in January. If you need additional copies of the forms, you can find links to each of them on the Senior Events page. Additional forms will also be available at the concession stand on ticket sale dates.

Parents Interested in helping with Senior Activities

If you would like to help with any of the activities, please contact RHS2012seniors@gmail.com

Class of 2012 Parent Representatives

Host an Italian student. Your child is invited to Italy.

Join the Ergon cross cultural exchange program.

As a family you will have the enriching and fun experience of hosting a 16-17-year-old Italian student for a semester or year. The Italian family will in turn invite your child during summer vacations.

Ergon is an Italian-based organization and partner with NorthWest Student Exchange. We specialize in rigorous selection criteria ensuring that students are responsible, motivated and proficient in English, and carefully match students with host families. They are fully insured and come with pocket money for all expenses, including recreation activities and vacations.

Several of our Italian students are attending Roosevelt, Garfield, Mercer Island and Nathan Hale high schools with positive experiences for students and families alike. Past and present host families are our best references. To know more contact our coordinator Gunnel Tanimoto at italexchange@gmail.com

Communication 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 provides many ways for you to do this:

Weekly Parent Emails – For parents/guardians. Receive emails once or twice a week about upcoming information pertinent to RHS. Information is supplied by parents, staff, coaches, class reps, students, etc. Opt in on the Parents tab of RHS website to receive these at www.rhsseattle.org. Links for these are also posted on the Home Page of the website. If you have articles for the PTSA Parent Email bulletin, please contact Christie Rogers at rhs.ptsa.comm@gmail.com, our PTSA Parent eNews Coordinator.

Student Daily Bulletins – For students. The administration compiles the information in these informative bulletins which are available to RHS students each day. Links for these are posted on the Home Page of the website.

Rider Record – The RHS PTSA published newsletter. The Rider Record is published six times during the school year. A link to the most current Rider Record is located on the Home Page and prior issues can be found on the PTSA page under the Parents tab. If you have articles for the Rider Record, please contact Julia Jones at jhjoneshome@yahoo.com, our PTSA Rider Record editor.

RHS Website – www.rhsseattle.org --- The Home Page is constantly changing with upcoming headlines, short 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 Webmaster.

PTSA Meetings --- join us for our (nearly) monthly meetings in the Library at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month (please check the calendar for specific meeting dates). Principal Vance is a regular attendees and provides a brief update on school activities and current issues.

Senior Families --- you'll find information about all of the senior events hosted in May and June on the Senior Events page at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php>.

Student Newspaper - <http://www.therooseveltnews.org/> - The Roosevelt News is available online.

Performing Arts, Clubs, RHS Organizations and RHS Foundation (Alumni) --- many of these groups maintain their own email lists and communication vehicles. Please check the website for links to many of these organizations and groups.

What's On the RHS Website?

The RHS website (www.rhsseattle.org) is funded by the RHS PTSA and is managed by PTSA volunteers.

In addition to the information below, the Home Page is updated frequently with the student Daily Bulletin, the weekly PTSA Parent Email, the most current monthly PTSA email, plus Headlines for upcoming activities.

Academics Information – Accreditation, Course Description information, Scholarships, School Profile, Senior Project, Service Learning, Science Booster, World Language and links to the Science Department and the Source websites.

Services – Attendance, Bell Schedule, Building Use Request, Career Center, Counseling Center, School Delays and Cancellations, Forms, Library, School Calendar, Nurse, Tours, Staff Directory and Teen Health Center.

Arts – Links to the Band, Jazz, Drama, Orchestra and Visual Arts websites.

Students – Activities and Orgs, ASR, Clubs, Computer Usage Policy, Homework Centers, Senior Events, Student Handbook, Testing Resources and Yearbook. Links to the Hands for a Bridge and Roosevelt News websites.

Parents – School organizations (BLT and IC groups), Class Fundraising, The Annual Fund Fundraising, PTSA, Email and Directory Opt In, Teens and Alcohol, Volunteer Opportunities, and a link to the Special ED PTSA website.

Athletics – RHS Athletics with links to RHS team websites and sports registration information, Participation Fee information and three links to other sports related websites.

Alumni – link to the RHS Foundation

If there is additional information that you'd like to see on the website, please send an email to the Webmaster with your suggestions. Click the Contact Webmaster link in the left hand column of any of the web pages.

Recommendations Needed for Golden Acorn Award

Each year the Roosevelt PTSA gives Golden Acorn Awards to people who have given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community. The Golden Acorn Award is very special and is given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor PTSA members for their contributions. **Please take a moment to show your gratitude for the time and effort our volunteers devote to making our community a better place.**

We would like you to participate in the selection of our award recipient(s) through your recommendations. Please complete the Recommendation Form below, download a form at <http://rhsseattle.org/file.php?id=44> or pick one up in the Main Office.

Please return it **by April 30, 2012** to RooseveltPTSApres@gmail.com or drop it off in the Main Office.

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When we present a Golden Acorn Award, that individual is given a gold pin in the shape of an acorn, and a special certificate. We also make a contribution in that person's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation. This foundation provides scholarships each year to high school graduates entering their freshman year at a college, university, or vocational school.

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Thank you!

Please fill in this form and return it **by April 30, 2012**, to RooseveltPTSApres@gmail.com , or drop off in the Main Office.

I recommend that _____ be considered for a Golden Acorn Award.

Please describe the following for your nomination:

Nominee's PTSA Service:

Nominee's Service to School Community:

Nominee's Community Wide Service:

Your Name/Contact Information: