

## ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello RoughRiders,

We are only two months into the school year and it feels as if we have already had a full year's worth of experiences. In the past few weeks students and staff from two schools in South Africa visited us as part of our Hands for a Bridge program. Two cohorts of students from Japan spent a day at RHS as part of a visitation through University of Washington and we sent a group of students to Italy as part of our sister school partnership. We had our curriculum night on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a huge turnout from our parents, Homecoming on October 11 and on October 17<sup>th</sup> our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students took the PSAT. All this and we are not even done with October yet. If our first two months are any indication, it is going to be a great school year.

Adding to this excitement is the increased enrollment at RHS. We are currently over 1700 students and the energy at RHS is very positive and supportive. We have hundreds of students participating in all of our clubs and extra-curricular activities, including over 400 students participating in our fall sports programs. Get involved is a theme we push with all students and it seems that people are listening. In addition to our students, our staff continue to be recognized for their success. Ms. Orme recently received a Hall of Fame Award by the Washington State Thespians and Ruben VanKempen received a Hall of Fame award by the Education Theater Association. Ms. Tashibu was recently recognized as the Language Teacher of the Year by the Pacific Northwest Council for Languages (PNCFL). It is just a matter of time when the student awards start rolling in to recognize the achievements of our students. Congratulations to our staff and students and to your continued support.

With the sending of the newsletter, I am also reminded of all the ways that we try to keep parents and students informed. There are several ways in which up to date information and longer-term planning information is made available to you. First and foremost, whenever you are unsure or do not have access to web-based resources, please call the Main Office at 252-4810. Marjorie Gamble and Laura Remme will either answer your question or put you in touch with someone who can. In addition, our website is updated frequently with school wide bulletins and calendar updates. When needing more specific information regarding your student's progress at school, the website and The Source is often a good place to start. The change this year is the Source will only have grade and attendance data. All other class information is located on our staff webpages. These are located by logging into the new Roosevelt website at <http://www.roosevelths.seattleschools.org>. Although this is not necessarily updated daily by all teachers, it is a good starting point. A call or email directly to the teacher is another great way to get information. I will also utilize my Twitter (Roosevelths) account when I think of it and send emails via our school messenger system. So, between all of these communication options, it is my hope that you have the information you need at the time you need it in order to support your student.

In the end, we are all here at Roosevelt to help support the success of our students. We will continue to work on improving our methods of communication and updating our content so as to include you whenever possible. As mentioned in the beginning, this year is off to a great start and I hope that you can join us throughout the school year in supporting and celebrating our students' successes. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Yours in Education,  
Brian Vance, RHS Principal

## RHS 2012 Calendar

For the most current information, check the **School Year Calendar** on the RHS website:

[http://roosevelths.seattleschools.org/modules/calendar/showCalendarMonth.phtml?com=t&oc\\_id\[\]=12816&sessionid=fb2060d0318b8dcfe69586293745f45a&sessionid=fb2060d0318b8dcfe69586293745f45a](http://roosevelths.seattleschools.org/modules/calendar/showCalendarMonth.phtml?com=t&oc_id[]=12816&sessionid=fb2060d0318b8dcfe69586293745f45a&sessionid=fb2060d0318b8dcfe69586293745f45a).

Additional sporting event information can be found on the Roosevelt High School Sports Calendar maintained by KINGCO Athletic Directors at [http://www.kingcoconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=352&school\\_id=16](http://www.kingcoconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=352&school_id=16).

## Next Rider Record Submission Date

The RHS Rider Record newsletter is a great way to reach RHS families when you have information to share or an announcement to make. Please send your article in a Word attachment, along with your contact information to Julia Jones, Rider Record Editor, at [jhjoneshome@yahoo.com](mailto:jhjoneshome@yahoo.com). **Submit your articles for the next RHS Rider Record by November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The topic of the next issue is the alphabet soup of acronyms and college admission testing information. It will be distributed mid December.

**Don't Forget to Vote - November 6<sup>th</sup>!**



## ***Roosevelt HS PTSA: We Advocate, Collaborate, Communicate, Educate***

Our Roosevelt HS PTSA is off to a roaring start! Here's an update on our work and remember, it's never too late to support us with your [membership](#)! Thanks to Membership Chair **Amy Liddicoat** for helping our 370+ members!

**Advocate:** Legislative Chair **Peter Nestingen** is attending the WA State PTA Legislative Assembly to help set our PTA platform. Lyn Porterfield from SchoolsFirst came on Oct 16th to talk about the upcoming Seattle school levies (Feb 2013). **Catherine McConnell** is our VP for Community Relations and will serve as our Levy Chair.

**Collaborate:** Two new parent representatives sit on the RHS school-governance committees: **Leslie Riley** on Building Leadership Team and **Jennifer Veninga** on Instructional Council. (Two more positions available!) **Jackie MacLean** launched this year's Mini-Grants to award up to \$7,000 for teacher/staff projects. Volunteer coordinator **Pat Johnson** is collating forms and forwarding contact information to committee chairs and staff. VP for class funds **Allison Fitzgerald** is working with Treasurer **Arian Colachis** so class parents can support senior year events. And **Leslie Atkins** has already organized two wonderful staff appreciation events. **Marti Bosma** and **Peg Peterson** serve as liaisons to the Seattle Special Education PTSA.

**Communicate:** VP **Kathy Briggs** leads our communications team: weekly e-news from **Christie Rodgers**, monthly Rider Record from **Julia Jones**, and PTSA website updates from **Kathy**. Secretary **Thya Littell** keeps minutes of our meetings which will go on our website. **Saroja Reddy** (President Elect) is working to keep our work on track.

**Educate:** We had a well-attended meeting on Sept. 18th with a Q&A with Principal **Brian Vance** and introductions to Asst. Principals **Amy Schwentor** and **Juan Price**. At our second meeting on Oct, 16<sup>th</sup>, we passed new PTSA Standing Rules but due to low turnout we will reschedule Asst. Principal **Kristina Rodgers** and Principal Vance's presentation on new teacher and administrator evaluation systems. The PTSA Board plans to focus this year on sharing resources on teen alcohol and drug use, prevention and consequences. If you'd like to help with this or in any other way, please contact us!

Sharon Rodgers  
Roosevelt HS PTSA President (2012-13)  
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### ***Join the PTSA***

Are you a PTSA member yet? It's never too late to join the RHS PTSA! You can find membership forms online at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/pta.php> or in the Main Office. Your donations go directly to RHS and help to support staff, students and classroom needs. Just a few of the activities that PTSA donations supported last year include:

- Mini-Grants for staff – This parent-financed fund provides supplies and program support that are not provided by Seattle Public Schools. Each fall, all RHS teachers and staff have an opportunity to apply for a mini-grant up to \$300. The number of grants awarded is directly tied to the tax-deductible donations received by parents. Last year, requests for mini-grants totaled over \$6,100. Examples of how the funds are used each year; software and equipment for classrooms, field trips, senior awards, and books for students.
- RHS Annual Campaign – Last year, this annual campaign (No Bake Bake Sale) brought in over \$75,000. These funds go directly to the RHS budget to allow the school to retain their staffing levels.
- Your donations support class activities or other student needs that may surface during the school year. This also fund contributes to the staff appreciation lunches and brunch during the year.

### ***How can you be part of the PTSA?***

**Become a member.** Your membership dues and donations are what enable us to provide this support to our school community. Annual PTSA dues are \$30.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a 2 person (1 household) membership. \$20.50 stays with the school and the other amount provides PTA support and advocacy at our district, state and national levels). You can download our membership form at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/file.php?id=91> or mail/drop it off with a check in the RHS main office: 1410 NE 66th St, Seattle, WA, 98115.

**Volunteer:** Parents are needed in a wide variety of ways at Roosevelt. Volunteer online via the Volunteer Opt In Form at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php>. Many of the jobs can be done in the evening, on weekends or are a one-time only commitment.

**Participate:** All Board meetings and general meetings are open to everyone. Please plan on attending and bring any and all of your ideas or e-mail your ideas to any Board member so we can include them on our agenda.

### ***The PTSA Parent & Guardian Email is Good for You***

Hey, here's a little tidbit: If you want to stay in touch with what's happening at RHS and get important timely info, then sign up for the RHS parent and guardian email bulletin. This is not the daily bulletin that students see at school. Oh no. This little nugget is written just for you and our aim is to keep it specific to the families of students. It's short and sweet and delivered to your email inbox only once a week. And, we really try hard to make it entertaining so you feel like you didn't waste your time reading through information that's not important to the RHS community.

Sign up, it's simple. **Go to** <http://rhsseattle.org/email.php> and register each kid because sometimes we send class-specific emails. **Your contact information will not be published or distributed.**

## 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	<a href="mailto:schapman@seattleschools.org">schapman@seattleschools.org</a>
F-K	Wendy Krakauer Head Counselor	252-4836	<a href="mailto:wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org">wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org</a>
L-Q	Dr. Littlebrave Beaston	252-4825	<a href="mailto:lbeaston@seattleschools.org">lbeaston@seattleschools.org</a>
R-Z	Frank Heffernan	252-4826	<a href="mailto:fheffernan@seattleschools.org">fheffernan@seattleschools.org</a>

### Progress Reports for Mid Quarter and End of First Quarter

Hopefully all parents/guardians saw **five week progress reports, which students should have brought home October 17th**. These reports showed how students were doing as of October 11, the end of the fifth week of first semester. Five week grades were also posted in the Source as of 10/15/12. (although some teachers update grades in the Source on an ongoing basis). **First quarter ends November 2nd**. Watch for **FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS, which will be mailed home the week of November 13th**.

### PLAN and PSAT (Practice College Admission Testing)

On October 3rd, a record number of sophomores took the PLAN at Roosevelt. **This test is practice for the ACT**, one of two college admission tests accepted by 99% of the four year colleges and universities requiring college admission testing. **The PLAN is designed solely for sophomores**. It is an excellent way for students to assess their current academic development and also explore career interests.

On October 17th, the District administered the PSAT to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. At Roosevelt, 10<sup>th</sup> graders took the test in classrooms and the counselors proctored the test for all juniors in the Theatre. The PSAT is practice for the SAT, and is the second college admission tests accepted by almost all of the approximately 80% of four year colleges and universities which require that students submit admission test scores as part of their application. Students who take both the PLAN and the PSAT can then look at both results, and will have useful data in front of them to help make a decision whether they will do better on the ACT or SAT when they take college admission tests that "count", in the spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year.

We anticipate getting the results from both the PLAN and PSAT out to students either right before the December break or right after the December break.

### College Application Completion Event

A consortium of community groups, in conjunction with Seattle Public Schools, is offering numerous "College Application Completion" events this fall around the Puget Sound. One of these events is taking place at Roosevelt on 11/7/12, 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Participation is free for ALL SENIORS. Students can get help filling out applications to four year and two year colleges, there will be writing tutors available to help with college essays, and college representatives will be attending the event as well. Students will check in at the Roosevelt Commons, and then go upstairs to work in our two computer labs and a nearby classroom. Bring with you college application fee waivers if applicable or credit card information if paying for applications online, personal information (address, social security number or permanent resident card), a resume/activities list, a copy of your Roosevelt academic history (available from your counselor), SAT and/or ACT scores, and if possible, a thumb drive or USB device. To find out more details and to register, visit [www.roadmaptocollege.org](http://www.roadmaptocollege.org)

### Seniors, Are You Ready to Move On From Roosevelt?

Graduation is just six and a half months away. Is your senior on track to meet all graduation course requirements? Has he or she completed 60 hours of service learning? What post-high school plans does your student have? Check with your student to find out if he or she has made an appointment yet with his/her counselor to discuss these questions. Ask too, has your senior, communicated with his/her Senior Project Mentor, to make sure the required senior project is on track.

### Scholarships

The Counseling Office publishes a scholarship Bulletin bi-monthly throughout the school year, with the first issue coming out in early October. Copies are posted around the school. Or you can get to this site as a link from the Roosevelt High School website, [roosevelthts.seattleschools.org](http://roosevelthts.seattleschools.org) Go to "academics" on the left hand side and then click on "scholarships". Or go directly to <http://lbeaston.seadesk.seattleschools.org/public.aspx> Many scholarship applications are online. Paper applications for those few scholarships that are not online will be available in the Counseling Office.

### Bright Future Program

Roosevelt students who are interested in pursuing vocational training outside of Roosevelt while still working on earning your Roosevelt diploma, we invite you to investigate the Bright Future Program. This program allows students who have earned ten or more credits as of September 1 each school year, the opportunity to enter programs such as dental assisting, medical assisting, A+ certified service and network technician, wood working, cosmetology, and other programs at Seattle Vocational Institute. Students must pass a qualifying test. To find out more about the Bright Future program, students can sign up in the Counseling Office to meet the Bright Future staff who are at Roosevelt on Thursday mornings. Or call Reza Khastou, the Bright Future Coordinator, at 206-587-6304.

### Free Online Homework Help

Students can get free homework help at Roosevelt in our Homework Center, after school Monday-Thursday, 2:45-3:50 P.M., in the school library. Students should of course also check with their teachers, who will frequently offer to work with students after school.

Outside of Roosevelt, The Seattle Public Library provides free homework help online and also in many branch libraries to all library card holders. This is a great service for when your student is stumped and the course work is beyond mom and dad's level of expertise:

[http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=audience\\_teens\\_homework](http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=audience_teens_homework)

- Tutors are highly proficient in their subjects areas (teachers, grad students etc)
- Service is available in English and Spanish
- Technology allows the tutor to view the student's screen as either one "draws" with the mouse. The tutor can send helpful documents and can read documents (essays, papers etc) posted by the student. Communication is also through an instant messaging system
- Tutors will guide students, usually with similar examples but will not give answers or do their work for them
- A library card and PIN is needed to access
- Available 3 pm -11pm
- Subjects: Math, Science, English, Social Studies

Another good source of free homework help is 826 Seattle. This organization provides free one-on-one tutoring Mondays-Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. They are in the Greenwood neighborhood between 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup>. Call them at 206-725-2625 or go online, [www.826SEATTLE.org](http://www.826SEATTLE.org)

### Financial Aid for Post High School Education

If your student plans on attending either a two-year or four-year school for the 2013-2014 school year, and will need financial assistance to fund his/her higher education, begin the FAFSA process now. The FAFSA is required for any needs based aid, but is also required for a lot of merit scholarships as well. The FAFSA is the general form for requesting financial assistance for college costs and is a FREE SERVICE. You can complete the FAFSA on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). There are step-by-step instructions, and it is much easier to fill out on-line than by using the paper version. The forms cannot be submitted until after January 1, but parent AND student should BOTH REGISTER NOW to get a PIN (electronic signature) by going to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) You can also go on line to start filling out worksheets that will make completion of the actual FAFSA as of the first of January much simpler. To maximize your student's eligibility for possible scholarships and other financial assistance, plan on submitting the FAFSA by February 14, 2013 (NOTE: for seniors who applied for the College Bound Scholarship at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, your FAFSA deadline is February 1, 2013). **When you go on line to access the FAFSA, make sure you are going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) rather than [www.fafsa.ed.com](http://www.fafsa.ed.com) or any other ending.** There are some "look-a-like" websites out there that promise to help you get lots of money for college if you send them "a small fee". Avoid those offers that are definitely too good to be true. **Paying money to get money is often a tell tale sign of a scam.** Except for the PROFILE, you should not be paying any fees to get scholarships, loans, or financial aid of any kind. The registration form for the PROFILE, an additional financial aid form required by some, mostly private colleges, is currently available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). There is a minimal registration fee to utilize this service. **On December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the library, the Roosevelt Counseling Office will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop.** Staff from local college financial aid offices will be on hand to help families figure out how to fill out the FAFSA, and answer questions about financial aid. There will also be a "College Goal" event taking place at various Seattle high schools in January, with financial aid experts on hand to sit with families on the computer and walk them through completion of the FAFSA. Roosevelt will host one of these events, **Wednesday 1/16/13, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Put the date on your calendar now, and stay tuned for more details.

### Ninth Graders: Are You Wondering About High School Credit for Middle School Courses?

Under a new District policy, the class of 2015 and beyond can apply to receive high school credit for some middle school courses. For the most part, eligible classes include algebra I or beyond taken in eighth grade, the eighth grade year of Spanish, French, or Japanese, and for some, the APP biology at Hamilton or Washington,. (Roosevelt counselors can verify eligibility by checking for the "S" code on middle school academic histories). Students interested in getting credit need to fill out a form which they can get from their counselor, for EACH class in which they wish to earn high school credit. There are pros and cons to adding the credit, which your counselor can explain. You can make the decision to add the credit at any point before you leave Roosevelt. And it is important to note that even if you decide not to add middle school math and world language classes onto your high school transcript, colleges will view those courses as prerequisites that you have completed since you are moving on to the next level when you get to high school

### Plan Ahead for AP Test Registration

Students who are in AP classes will have the option of taking AP tests the first two weeks of May. (AP tests are not mandatory, although some teachers will allow students to take the AP test in lieu of a final, with their classroom final exam ending up being much harder than the AP test). Sign up for these tests will take place at Roosevelt in early spring, with details to be provided in students' AP classes. The tests cost \$89.00 each, with students on free or reduced lunch paying a reduced amount of \$5.00 per test. If a family is not on free or reduced lunch, has more than one child taking AP tests at Roosevelt, and/or each child is taking multiple tests, we understand it may be hard on your family budget to come up with the money all at one time. We want to make sure you know this expense is on the horizon so you can start saving now. Or you can also contact Roosevelt Fiscal Secretary Holly Poulias, [hpoulias@seattleschools.org](mailto:hpoulias@seattleschools.org) or 2056-252-4866 about setting up a payment plan with Holly, allowing you to start making installment payments, rather than paying the entire cost all at once.

## ***Yes, School Counselors Will Meet with Parents/Guardians, and Not Just Students!***

Parents are often unsure whether they can call their student's school counselor if they have questions, and there is also uncertainty as to what questions are appropriate to address with the school counselor. First of all, we want to make it absolutely clear that parents/guardians can call us—it is definitely a partnership with school and home, to help students be successful at school. We welcome any questions you have about helping your student, as well as any input you are able to provide. In general, any question or information that impacts a student's academic performance is an appropriate issue to rise with the counselor. We also talk with parents frequently about graduation requirements, college issues, and educational planning. If you are not sure if your question should be addressed to us, call anyway! If we are not the best person to answer your question, we can help you figure out whom would be a better person to contact.

Whether you talk with your student's counselor by phone, via e-mail, or in person is up to you. The counselors all use voice mail, so feel free to call at any time. If we are meeting with someone, we do not pick up the phone. But you will be able to leave a confidential message, either asking your question, or simply requesting that we call you. If you leave information as to the best time of day to reach you by phone, it will expedite making phone contact with you. If you cannot leave your student's counselor a voice mail message, or if you do not hear back within a few days, you can always get a message to us by calling the main counseling office, 252-4827. If you want to make an appointment to meet in person, the fastest way to do that is to call the main counseling office number. The counseling office secretary, and the student office assistants who answer the phone, have access to our schedules, and will schedule an appointment for you.

If you do meet with a counselor in person, it is up to you whether you want to talk with the counselor alone, or if you would like to have your student accompany you. We understand there are times when it is helpful for just the adults to talk. Keep in mind though, that one of the goals at Roosevelt is to help students become self-advocates for their educational needs, so it frequently makes sense for parent and student to attend the appointment together. Since you won't be going off to college or work with your student when he or she leaves Roosevelt, we want students to be prepared when they graduate to handle their own problems. But we realize that at this point, having you come in with your student, to figure out how a student can resolve a problem, can be a useful step towards having your student be self sufficient.

There is one area where we would prefer that you not make us the first line of communication. If you have a problem or concern about what is going on with a specific teacher, we urge you to talk to the teacher first. If you are unable to work things out or get the information you need, the counselors can then help you figure out the next step. But often a parent/guardian conversation with the teacher can clear up a misperception or miscommunication between student and teacher, and there is no need to make it into a bigger issue by contacting the counselor. We also are not normally able to make teacher changes within a subject, e.g. move your student to a different teacher but in the same science class or level of math. What we can do, though, is brainstorm with your student and with you ways for the student to be successful, even if a specific teacher may not be the best match for that student's learning style.

We hope this information is useful, and we look forward to talking with, and meeting many of our student's parents and guardians at some point in your student's high school career.

## ***Hands for a Bridge Annual Winter Auction***

Enjoy libations, buffet dinner, and entertainment at the **Hands for a Bridge Annual Winter Auction, Saturday, November 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m.** at Mary Gates Hall, University of Washington. **Tickets: \$35** in advance (\$25 for HFB student alumni); \$40 at the door. RSVP by November 3. For more information, contact Riana Nolet, [rianahfb@gmail.com](mailto:rianahfb@gmail.com) or visit [www.handsforabridge.org](http://www.handsforabridge.org).

**Hands for a Bridge Foundation** provides high school youth with opportunities to explore issues surrounding social justice in their local, regional, and international communities. In collaboration with established partners in South Africa and Northern Ireland, Roosevelt students engage in intensive artistic dialogue to build bridges of understanding across chasms of race, culture, wealth and poverty.

## ***Roosevelt Jazz!***

**Earshot Jazz Festival, November 2nd, at Town Hall.** Come out on the town to hear two of the fifteen nationally ranked bands that competed at the 2012 Essentially Ellington Competition in NYC this past May! Ballard's Jazz Band and Roosevelt's Jazz Band perform at 7pm. Ticket prices range from \$7 for students to \$14 for general, with more information at [www.earshot.org](http://www.earshot.org)

**Jazz Nutcracker, December 1st at 7:30pm and December 2nd at 2pm, at RHS.** Come hear some classic jazz at one of these holiday performances in our beautiful Roosevelt Performing Arts Theatre. The Jazz Nutcracker was arranged by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn in 1960, to be a jazzy interpretation of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece. This is the perfect concert to get you in the holiday mood! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 seniors/students. To order your tickets, email [tickets@rooseveltjazz.org](mailto:tickets@rooseveltjazz.org) or call 206-525-0944.

**Roosevelt Jazz Night, December 13th at 7pm.** Our fabulous Vocal Jazz and all three outstanding Jazz Bands will perform a free concert in the Roosevelt Theatre. Join us to hear these kids swing before winter break!

**All Roosevelt Jazz information can be found on our website**  
[www.rooseveltjazz.org](http://www.rooseveltjazz.org)



**AIS CORNER****High School State Assessment Graduation Requirements**

Students in the class of 2016 and 2015 must pass **both** the Algebra and Geometry End of Course Math Exams. Students will take these exams through their Algebra and Geometry courses in June. If students are not enrolled in Algebra and Geometry (Algebra 2 or Pre-calc) they will take Make-Up Exams on either January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. or June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Students in the class of 2016 and 2015 must pass the Biology End of Course Exam. Students will take this exam as 10<sup>th</sup> graders. The class of 2015 will test on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Students in the class of 2014 and 2013 must pass **one** End of Course Math Exam in either Algebra or Geometry as a graduation requirement. Students will take these exams through their Algebra and Geometry courses in June. If students are not enrolled in Algebra and Geometry (Algebra 2 or Pre-calc) they will take Make-Up Exams on either January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. or June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Students in the class of 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 must pass both the Reading and Writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) as a graduation requirement. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students or any 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that have not passed the Writing and/or Reading HSPE will test this March. The Writing HSPE will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Reading HSPE will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

To check on students progress of the End of Course Exams or HSPE results please check The Source under Assessments. If the information does not seem accurate, you can email me and I will check for results.

**Measure of Academic Progress Testing**

Students new to the district tested this month in Reading and Math. Their results will be posted on The Source, under Assessments by November.

9<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test in Reading through their LA classes this winter and spring. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in Algebra I will also take the Math MAP through their math classes this winter and spring.

MAP results will be posted on The Source; under Assessments a month after the test is taken.

If you have any questions please email or call. Erin Bailey Academic Intervention Specialist 206-252-4824 or [eebailey@seattleschools.org](mailto:eebailey@seattleschools.org)

**Flu Shots Available at the Teen Health Center**

The Center for Disease Control recommends flu vaccine for ALL CHILDREN. Flu shots are particularly important for children with asthma or immune-suppressing conditions, or if the child has a family member at home who is at high risk (an infant, young children, elderly, diabetic, asthmatic or immune-suppressed).

To view information on the flu vaccine, or any of the vaccines we offer in the Teen Health Center, you can go to [http://www.immunize.org/vis/vis\\_english.asp](http://www.immunize.org/vis/vis_english.asp)

For a registration form and more information on our clinic, visit our link on the Roosevelt home page:

<http://roosevelths.seattleschools.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=276746&sessionid=cc1a0f43796c18390ac156c43d88c886&sessionid=cc1a0f43796c18390ac156c43d88c886>

Should you like an appointment, please call 206-527-8336, ext. 3. You can speak with our clinic coordinator, Robin, or leave her a message.



## **Playwriting Project- Performance Dec 13th! A Partnership with Roosevelt Drama and the Seattle Repertory Theatre**

Mrs. Orme's Drama 3 class in partnership with the Seattle Repertory Theatre will present our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Performance December 13th at 7:30 pm in the Leo K theatre at the Seattle Rep. Four playwrights, J. Cameron, A. Kinerk, D. Zambroski, and R. Zane, tutored by Andrea Allen, Educational Director from the Seattle Rep have written one-act plays. Professional directors have then rehearsed and staged these original works with actors from Mrs. Orme's Drama 3 class. After a full day of tech, dress, and final rehearsals at the Seattle Rep, this is a performance you will not want to miss! This is a Thespian required event. This event is free but you must reserve your tickets by calling (206) 443-2222. There is a \$5 donation at the door. This is our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this amazing project! Contact Beth Orme at [baorme@seattleschools.org](mailto:baorme@seattleschools.org) for more information.

**Senior Corner****Final Call for "11,12,13 Pledge Campaign" Donations!**

Thank you to all of you who have been contributing to the 2013 Senior Class fund for the last few years. Time is closing in on the Senior activities which these donations support including: Senior Luncheon, Spree, and Prom. Again, these funds go to keep the cost down for all students and provide scholarships for those who could not afford these activities otherwise.

We welcome any contribution in any amount. You needn't have donated over the last few years to participate. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to RHS PTSA-Class of 2013. Then mail your check to Deb Hudacek, 7735 Forest Drive NE, Seattle WA 98115 Thank you for your support.

Warm Regards, Class of 2013 Parent Reps.

## Attendance Procedure

Students are expected to be in school and in class daily. A student is considered absent if they enter class after 10 minutes have elapsed. Punctual attendance is the first requirement for success – both here and in the “real” world. A large part of learning takes place during class discussions and participation. Many of our teachers use instructional methods that require student participation; if students are absent, they miss out on that learning.

The depth of coverage of material in our courses requires active student engagement and participation. The failure to attend class prevents active student engagement. Consequently attendance is a necessary component of our classes and will be considered as a basis for grading in all courses.

All absences to school are unexcused unless the parent/guardian contacts the school by phone, email, or note within three school days (72 hours). The Attendance Office phone number is 206 252-4814.

### Excused Absences

- Participation in a school-approved activity (field trip), (auth in-bldg), (auth out-bldg)
- Request made by parent/guardian such as illness, health conditions, family emergencies, religious purposes, vacations or educational opportunities
- Disciplinary actions or suspensions

### Unexcused Absences

- Absences not authorized or excused from the above reasons

### Tardiness

- Students arriving late to school or class for any reason not described as an excused absence will be counted as unexcused tardy.
- Arrival to class late, by more than 10 minutes will be considered an absence.

**ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS:** It is YOUR responsibility to keep track of your attendance. You may look on THE SOURCE or get a Print-out from the Attendance Office. You must excuse absences by a Parent Note, Parent E-mail or Parent Phone Call, within 72 hours (3 days). When you return, you need to pick up your Pink excuse slip at the Attendance Office and show these to your teachers. If you need an Early Dismissal slip, please go to the Attendance Office before you leave the school. When you return, please check back in at the Attendance Office and show the early dismissal slip. If you come from another classroom with a note, show the note to the teacher and then bring the note to the Attendance Office. This ensures that your absences will be excused. (Teachers can only mark Absence or Late in the computer system. They cannot excuse the absence or late in the Computer, the attendance office does this.)

If you are more than 10 minutes late to a class, you are marked absent.

If you will be gone on a pre-planned event, make sure you fill out a Pre-planned Absence Form and have teachers sign. You need to do this at least 3 days in advance.

See the Attendance page on the RHS website for this information and the Pre-Planned Absence Form at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/attendance.php>.

## National Honor Society

The National Honor society is the foremost national institution for recognizing outstanding high school students in America. When a student becomes a member of NHS, he or she must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and must complete 60 hours of community service beyond the normally required 60 for graduation (and including 12 with a group) during the junior and senior school years. The NHS chapter at Roosevelt is headed by Ms. Tashibu (Japanese teacher), and has over 100 members



## Latin News

The Junior Classical League held its annual Halloween party in Room 139 on

Wednesday, October 24th. It was a fun time for all.

Students are encouraged to make a trip with parents and friends to a free conference designed specifically for Latin high school students!

Participants typically arrive at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday for a delightful day of interactive seminars on various Latin-related topics including language and literature, Roman life and customs, Roman history and mythology. After the Forum, you have the opportunity to visit the Portland Art Museum's current sculpture exhibit entitled "Greek and Roman Beautiful Bodies."

Questions? Please email Magistra MacDonald at [njmacdonald@seattleschools.org](mailto:njmacdonald@seattleschools.org)

## RHS School Foundation

The grant requests are in! Teachers and staff have submitted their proposals to the Foundation and the board will announce grant recipients in November. We are so grateful for the generous support of all of our donors--- including some of you--- who make these grants possible through generous donations. If your year end plans include charitable giving, please consider a tax-deductible gift to the RHS Foundation. Your donation will directly benefit the students and programs at Roosevelt. Online giving is available at <http://www.rooseveltfoundation.org/donate.php> or call 206.226.5679. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE!** In honor of a decade of supporting RHS, the Foundation is planning Roosevelt High School Day at the Seattle Mariners on Sunday, April 28! All parents, students, alumni and families welcome. Reduced priced tickets will be available in the new year. Stay tuned!

## Communicating with Roosevelt Drama and Roosevelt Drama Booster

The **RHS Drama** department and **RHS Drama Boosters** work together, but with different jobs! **RHS Drama** is behind all of the in-class happenings for your student, including productions and Thespian events. **RHS Drama Boosters** is the parent-led booster group that serves to raise funds, volunteer and offer general support to the efforts of the RHS Drama department, including cast feeds, parties and trips and front of house activities for the productions. We also are there to build community amongst the families and community members who wish to join us!

If you have questions about in-class happenings or shows, check the RHS Drama website at, [WWW.Rooseveltdrama.org](http://WWW.Rooseveltdrama.org) Lots of information is available to you there!

If you have questions about volunteering, fund-raising or being a part of RHS Drama Boosters, let us know at: [AFORD2009@gmail.com](mailto:AFORD2009@gmail.com)

## RHS Drama Presents the 57<sup>th</sup> Drama Festival

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Drama Festival of Student-Directed One-Act Plays, better known as Drama Fest, kicks off on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and runs daily through Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately after school in the theater.

Ten, student-directed plays will be adjudicated by local Seattle theatre professionals. The top three shows, as chosen by the adjudicators, will be re-presented on Friday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at **Best Of Fest**. Our own RHS Drama Tony Awards-style event follows with awards for Best of Fest, Best Director, Best Actor and Actress and many more. Drama Fest participants come dressed to the nines as they eagerly await the results of this fun and entertaining evening.

Tickets are available daily at the door only, or a pass good for all of the afterschool performances is available at the door as well. Best Of Fest is a separate ticketed event, also available at the door on Friday night.

This year's productions include:

**Not Enough Rope** by E. May, directed by A. Bernhard

**Mirrors** by J. O'Brien, directed by B. Briggs and A. Dudley Berrios

**Chester Who Painted The World Purple** by M. Ramirez, directed by S. Truzzi

**Izzy Icarus Who Fell Off The World** by A. Godlstein, directed by T. Webster

**Commercial Break** by J. Jory, directed by E. Otanez-Carter

**If Girls Asked Boys For Dates** by A. Coulter Martens, directed by C. La Patra and A. Schoreter

**The Virtuous Burglar** by D. Fo, directed by M. Delman

**Prodigal Son** by G. Keillor, directed by D. McCulloch

**I am an Emotional Creature** by E. Ensler, directed by M. Colburn

**Duet for Bear and Dog** by S. Rosen, directed by M. Reitz



## Rider Marching Band - And the madness continues!

The Band has been madly busy this fall. Fall Band Camp at Pack Forest was great fun and, besides giving freshman a chance to see what the marching was all about, the early camp gave the Band the opportunity to play at more football games. After school practices brought everyone into formation for fabulous half time field shows at two games and Homecoming to the great music of Stevie Wonder. Senior band members were honored with traditional Band necklaces. After football season, the band regaled audiences at the Pumpkinseed Concert on November 1st, showing that they are just as good indoors as they are on the field. The Band and family members rose early the day after 'the big dinner' to join the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Seattle! RHS Band looked and sounded sharp as they marched into the holiday season in one of the happiest parades of the year.

Heads up: Get into the spirit of the season by catching the annual Holly Berry Concert at school on December 20<sup>th</sup> where merriment joins the madness in a cheerful evening of music. After the holidays it will be time to move into Pep Band mode with some rockin' music to cheer on the winter sports teams.

The Band Boosters have been busy helping with band events and raising money for needed equipment repair and upcoming festivals. Magazine sales, wrapping paper sales, and wreath sales all go to make Rider band better and better. Join us! We've got lots of things to do as we head into the new year. **SAVE THE DATE:** FEBRUARY 8, 2013 is the annual Spaghetti Dinner! If you haven't been getting our emails, contact Mary @ [macmarymm@aol.com](mailto:macmarymm@aol.com). If you haven't joined the list go to [rhs-subscribe@riderband.org](mailto:rhs-subscribe@riderband.org). Visit the web site for Calendar changes and updates: [www.riderband.org](http://www.riderband.org)



## 10th Annual Riders Sports Hall of Fame Auction

This year's Hall of Fame Sports Auction will be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm** at the Mountaineers Club in Magnusson Park

Roosevelt High School encourages all students to participate in athletics, band and cheer squad, regardless of their ability to pay. We are proud of the fact that over 850 students participate in these programs each year.

The Seattle School District budget for athletics shrinks every year. The goal of the auction is to raise enough funds to fill the gap between what the district provides and the needs of the teams. Our first auction was held in 2000 and we have been raising roughly \$60,000 each year since.

As you can see from the facts below, trying to fund 12 men's and 12 women's sports teams, as well as a cheer squad, and club sports, is costly!

- Transporting one team to one sporting event costs \$ 275
- One vaulting box for the gymnastics team costs \$ 2,800
- The cost for one football player's equipment is \$400

These are only a few examples of what it costs to support these vital programs in high school. The NEED for this auction is clear, and our goals are simple:

- To supplement the school's athletic budget
- To stay on an even par with our competitors when it comes to coaching, equipment, uniforms, fields, and referees
- To keep students active and involved.

The evening consists of three silent auctions, Hall of Fame inductions and a live auction. Dinner and beverages are included in the price of the ticket. Dress is casual. IT'S A GREAT EVENING! DON'T MISS IT!

If you haven't been contacted by a Roosevelt sports representative and are interested in donating goods or services to the auction, we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to: [RHS.SportsAuction@gmail.com](mailto:RHS.SportsAuction@gmail.com)

For more information and to purchase your tickets, please go to the Athletic Boosters' website: <http://roosevelthleticboosters.org/auction.aspx>.

## What is the Purpose of Class Fundraising at RHS?

**Why do we have class fundraising at RHS?** During the spring of senior year, there are many graduation-related activities at RHS including Senior Luncheon, Graduation, Senior Awards, Senior Prom and Senior Spree (student party following graduation). 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. All monies raised will directly help lower the cost per student and to offer scholarships when needed.

**Do 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 (under Parents) at [www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php](http://www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php). If you have more questions or want to get involved, contact your class representatives listed on the Class Fundraising page.

If you're a senior parent, you can volunteer for many of the senior activities listed on the Senior Events page (at [www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php](http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php)). Sign up on the Volunteer Opt In page (at [www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php](http://www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php)).

## Roosevelt Orchestra News

RHS is known for its great music and this fall is no exception. October brought the Collaborative Orchestra. This was a fantastic concert combining musicians from *Seattle Symphony*, *Roosevelt Symphony Orchestra* and the *University of Washington*.

Please join us for the upcoming concerts:

- Pumpkinseed Concert: Thursday, Nov. 1 – Auditorium
- Hollyberry Concert: Thursday, Dec. 20 – Auditorium, 7pm

### The RHS Orchestra is also selling beautiful Poinsettias as a fundraiser.

Orders are due by Nov. 19th and will arrive Nov. 29th. Order forms can be found on the RHS Orchestra website, located under the "Arts" tab on the school's main site.



## RHS National Merit Semifinalists

Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation named 2 students from Roosevelt High School, B. Early and E. Pengra Sult, as Semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among 16,000 students nationwide who earned top scores on the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

B. Early and E. Pengra Sult play in the RHS symphony orchestra, and both represented roosevelt in the state solo/ensemble contests and the all state orchestra this past year.

These high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$32 million, that will be offered next spring. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

### **What is the RHS Career Center?**

The Career Center provides information to enhance your RHS experience with opportunities for career and college related activities. Students in all grades with all kinds of interests are encouraged to stop by the Center. Students who are trying to determine which field or direction might be a good match are welcome as well.

You'll find a tremendous amount of information on the updated Career Center page <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careercenter.php> on our website. Upcoming events related specifically to career and college activities are posted on the online Career Center Events Calendar at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careerCalendar.php>. Add the updated event calendar to your favorites as events are updated frequently. Another great resource is the extensive list of Helpful Career Links at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careerLinks.php>. You'll find links to numerous websites related to Careers and Employment, Service Learning, Vocational and Apprenticeship, Extracurricular Programs, College Fairs and Information and International Opportunities.

College visits are a great way to find out valuable information regarding the colleges that interest you. Representatives from colleges all over the country come to the Career Center to give presentations (approximately 30 minutes or so) and answer any questions that you may have. To attend a college visit, go to the Career Center to sign up and receive an invitation to report on the day/time of the visit. College visits are happening each week. Teacher permission is required to attend these presentations.

Stop by Room 108, across from the Counseling Center.

### **Host Family Needed for RHS Student**

AFS Intercultural Programs is looking for a host family for Saba, an AFS YES exchange student from Pakistan attending Roosevelt. Saba is a self-motivated young lady with excellent English and academic skills. Math is her favorite subject and she tutors Special Ed students in math. She joined the cross country team, plays badminton and is very involved in community service activities. She likes to cook spicy Pakistani food and even brought along her own stash of spices. As a Muslim, she does not eat pork and prefers halal when available. She does eat fish and seafood and vegetarian. Her family in Karachi includes three girls and is very close. She does not wear a hijab.

AFS students are all hosted by volunteer families who provide room and board and a home environment during the student's stay. The YES Program, which sponsors students like Saba, is a US State Department program which brings top students from countries with large Muslim populations to the US to study for a year or semester.

The YES program is also accepting applications for US students who are interested in studying in one of the participating countries. Fifty fully paid scholarships are awarded annually. A Roosevelt senior was one of the recipients of a YES scholarship last year, and this year three students from Seattle Public Schools are studying in Thailand and Turkey through the YES scholarships.

For information about hosting or YES scholarships, please contact Pat Griffith, AFS Local Coordinator, at 206/285-2452

