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Presidents' Message

Dear Redmond High Families,
No doubt as you read this you are all in the midst of a whirlwind of activities that seem to define this "holiday" time of year. We appreciate you taking the time to catch up with the happenings at RHS, and we are especially grateful to those of you who have chosen to receive your Mustang Messenger subscription electronically. Because of you all "going green" this year, we printed only 150 Mustang Messengers last month. This is down from over 1600 per issue last year, saving us thousands of dollars. This money can then be spent on worthwhile projects at RHS. Feel free to print the newsletter on your home computer if you prefer to read a hard copy, and so you have it available for your reference.

In addition to saving money with our reduced newsletter costs, PTSA has been busy spending as well! We have approved the funding of \$3000 towards the installation of indoor batting cages for the gym. We also provided \$1500 in funds for the counseling office to be used at their discretion for students with specific financial needs. In addition, we have funded several department grant requests, including AP Chemistry review books, analog clocks for special needs students, and foreign language publications. We have also spent \$700 for printing and mailing costs for this year's school directories. We are happy to report that the round green picnic tables have been installed in the courtyard. Coordinating yellow umbrellas will be added when the weather improves, and we hope to add more tables with future funds. As mentioned, publishing of the school directory is complete and one has been mailed to every PTSA member...almost 700 of you! If you are not yet a member of PTSA but would like to join to receive your directory, please complete and return the Membership Form in this newsletter and one will be mailed to you. Almost 200 students took advantage of the Practice ACT and Mock SAT tests offered by PTSA this Fall. These tests will be offered again in the Spring. Many of you attended our evening workshop on College Admissions 101 and the Financial Aid night. It is wonderful to see so many parents coming out to these events! Our next evening is a Parent Ed night with Dr. Laura Kastner on December 2 at 7 pm in the PAC. She will speak on "Surviving and Thriving with your Teen" and how the development of the teen brain affects behavior, decision-making, etc. I would like to invite all of you to attend the PTSA Council's an-

nual Scholarship Basket Auction at the Resource Center on Thursday, December 4th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. There are dozens of "gift baskets" donated from each school's PTSA (RHS donated three baskets this year), in all different price ranges, which are sold "silent auction style". Proceeds from the auction go to the Council Scholarship Fund, which provides merit-based scholarships to LWSd graduating seniors. This event is always very festive....hope to see you there!

PTSA will be having our next General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm in the Career Center. At this meeting, we will be electing the Nominating Committee who will be in responsible for finding PTSA Executive Committee members for the 2009-2010 school year. More information will be provided in the February newsletter for those interested in serving on the Executive Committee next year. Please plan to join us on January 14th!

We wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a relaxing winter break! Happy Holidays!!

Lois Hiskey and Deena Polk, PTSA Co-Presidents

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Next deadline is January 15th.

Our PTSA at Work For You ~ Many Thanks

Staff Appreciation provided a "treat" for the staff the morning of November 13th. We served an assortment of homemade mini-muffins, cranberry bliss bars, cranberry-oatmeal-coconut bars, grapes, satsumas, and a choice of hot cocoa or hot cider.

Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs
Linda Burke and Kathy Friedrich



Do You Know What's Happening At RHS?

If you have *Parent Organizer* then you can answer "Yes!" to that question. If you don't have *Parent Organizer*, then you are missing out on the latest happenings and goings on at Redmond High School. *Parent Organizer* is the best way to keep up on the most current information.

To sign up for this free service, go to www.parentorganizer.com and follow the steps to start receiving emails for all the latest news that is sent to parents. Be sure to sign up for both RHS and RHS PTSA, both send out information that is important.

If you have any questions about this service, email Melinda Wilson, jamwilson@msn.com.

PTSA Treasurer's Report - October

Thanks to everyone who donated to the PTSA and joined RHS PTSA. To date we have raised \$16,685 for "Pass the Hat" and our membership this year is at 682.



PTSA General Account \$19,963.29
Grad Night Account \$6,130.70
Baccalaureate Account \$653.73

Don't forget to get in your matching funds applications (forms are on-line for both Boeing and Microsoft). Send your completed forms to Peggy Hunt, RHS PTSA Treasurer, 17272 NE 104th St., Redmond, WA 98052.

Redmond High School PTSA Presents:

Surviving & Thriving with Your Teen during the Teen Brain Reconstruction Phase

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

7 – 9 PM

Redmond High School Performing Arts Theater

Laura Kastner, Ph.D will discuss the roots of *teen-rebellion, risk-taking, motivation problems, foolish mistakes and moodiness* in the context of what is happening in the developing teen brain. Recent brain imaging studies have documented how the thinking part of the brain is literally “under construction” during the teen years, wiping out neural connections that give way to a period of high vulnerability for risk taking and poor reasoning skills, but also high opportunity for brain maturation. Parents will learn the importance of controlling their own emotions, conflict resolution strategies and a disciplinary style that lowers teen risk-taking while building social and emotional competence.

Laura Kastner, PhD. writes and lectures widely on adolescent development and family relationships. Since 1980, she has been a clinical professor of psychology and behavioral sciences at the University of Washington. She is a practicing psychologist and mother of two.

Dr. Kastner’s books include, *The Seven Year Stretch: How Families Work Together to Grow through Adolescence* and *The Launching Years: Strategies for Parenting From Senior Year to College Life*, both co-authored with Jennifer F. Wyatt. Kastner and Wyatt’s latest book is due out in spring 2009, now titled *CALM: Cooling Down Hot Times with Teens*.

This presentation is recommended for parents of students ages 12 and up.

Sponsored by the Redmond High School PTSA & the Lake Washington School District PTSA Council.

If you have any questions, contact Joanne Hall at jjjahall@juno.com

RHS PTSA says THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following list of dedicated volunteers who have given their time to support the students and staff of RHS...

Kristin Flanigan, for being a one-woman show and tackling the RHS directory...

Linda Burke and **Kathy Friedrich**...for doing such a wonderful job with Staff Appreciation, most recently an event providing cocoa, hot cider and various Fall-themed baked goods...**Colleen McLaughlin** and **Celeste Lavender** for coordinating volunteers for hospitality and chaperones for Homecoming...**Peg Hunt** and **Marilyn Polis** for taking on the PTSA tax forms...**Melinda Wilson** and **Nancy Chatterley** for coordinating the practice ACT and mock SAT test for kids...**Joanne Hall** for organizing the evening with Dr. Laura Kastner on December 2...**Barb Nappen** for helping out with the Multi-Cultural Night... **Matt Loschen** for representing Redmond High PTSA at the Legislative Assembly...

RHS PTSA Meeting Minutes Summary

Sally Whitaker, PTSA Secretary

A Board of Directors meeting was held on November 12, 2008. Melissa Pointer gave the Principal’s Report. She reported the Homecoming dance went well. And the tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays has started. Peggy Hunt gave the treasurer’s report. The current balance in the checking account is \$19,963.29. After a presentation made by Pat Frable (softball coach), the Board agreed to disburse \$3000 for electrical work for two new indoor batting cages at the school. Melinda Wilson reported approximately 50 students were taking the “mock” SAT today. Other committee updates were given. The Treasurer’s Report and more detailed minutes can be found on the PTSA website, www.redmondhsptsa.org.

From the Principal—*Jane Todd, Principal*

Dear Parents:

As perhaps most of you know by now, RHS has been using the state's Navigation 101 as the foundation of the work we are doing in advisory for all grade levels, along with the Culminating Project for Seniors. We had very specific goals for implementing this curriculum:

- we are concerned about the “average” student who, sadly, in a big high school, can become invisible. We want no invisible students at RHS.
- we want to improve our percentages of students opting for post-secondary education.
- we want to extend our counseling services so that all students have the information they need to make good career and post-secondary education decisions.
- we want students to feel more empowered regarding their own learning.

One aspect of Navigation 101 very appealing to me is student-led conferencing. I have always believed that public schools can learn much from private schools, and vice versa, and high schools can learn much from elementary schools, and vice versa. Student-led conferences are common practices in many elementary schools across the nation, and in some in our own district. It makes no sense to me that we should stop a practice that seems so positive just because our students are a bit bigger than sixth graders.

For that reason, I have proposed that we hold student-led conferences in early May, using a Wednesday afternoon and evening for the Sophomores and Juniors, who will share the research they have done on careers and post-secondary education as well as work samples they have selected from their classes this year. On a different Wednesday, Seniors will do the same, but will also present their Culminating Project as well. I shared this proposal with our staff this week. As part of our decision making process, they will have time to discuss the proposal before we take a vote. While they are doing that, I will be soliciting opinions from students and parents.

I am including some links here to articles that will provide some more information. The last link is to the Navigation 101 home page. Click the “multimedia” tab on the left navigation bar and then “conferences” to hear from students in high schools in other districts in our state who have been participating in student-led conferences for a few years now. <http://www.educationworld.com/admin/admin/admin112.shtml>; <http://www.nwrel.org/nwedu/12-03/pdfs/nav.pdf>;

<http://www.k12.wa.us/navigation101/Multimedia.aspx>

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, or would like more information. Then I will ask that you follow this link: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228H9789LXF>

to take a short (two question) survey that will allow us to determine the level of support for this idea in our community. Thank you, as always, for your support and guidance.

Jane

RHS Counselors' have arranged a 2nd
Financial Aid Information Night
Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00pm

Keep Your Kids Safe Online: Tools and Resources Available from Youth Eastside Services

If you missed the recent cyber-risk panel discussion hosted by Youth Eastside Services, you can still find resources and facts on keeping your kids safe online. Visit http://www.youtheastideservices.org/events/01_02_speakerseries.php to learn more and download information.

Tena Youngberg, CDP, NCAC-I Drug/Alcohol Intervention Specialist

December is when most kids try alcohol for the first time.

Research from CESAR (Center for Substance Abuse Research , University of Maryland) sites national data that shows more people are trying alcohol for the first time during the month of December than any other month of the year. The holiday season may include some traditions and/or attitudes that are higher risk for youth to first try alcohol. There are clear links between alcohol use & age of first use, and incidence of alcoholism, mental health problems, academic failure, sexual assault and other violence, accidents & death. **Delaying the first use of alcohol** as long as possible is therefore statistically shown to help prevent many such problems.

Statistics show how underage drinking affects the health and safety of teens:

- Among high school students who reported riding with a driver who had been drinking, 80% were frequent drinkers and only 14% never drank.
- Among 12 to 17 year old current drinkers, 31% had extreme levels of psychological distress and 39% exhibited serious behavioral problems.
- In 2000, youths ages 12-17 who reported past year alcohol use (19.6%) were more than twice as likely as youth who did not (8.6%) to be at risk for suicide during this time period.
- Girls ages 12-16 who are current drinkers are four times more likely than their non-drinking peers to suffer from depression.
- In 2004, 1.6 million youth ages 12-17 needed treatment for an alcohol problem. Of this group, only 126,000 (8%) of them received any treatment at a specialty facility, leaving an estimated 1.4 million youths who needed but did not receive treatment.
- Of all children under age 15 killed in vehicle crashes in 2003, 21% were killed in alcohol-related crashes.

See these sites:

www.niaaa.nih.gov/

www.alcoholfreechildren.org/en/audiences/parents.cfm

for youth: www.thecoolspot.gov/index.asp

Lake Washington PTSA Annual Scholarship Basket Auction

Lake Washington School
District Resource Center Lobby
Redmond Town Center

Silent Bidding Begins

November 6, 2008

Reception, Raffle
& Refreshments

Silent Bidding Ends

December 4, 10:30-11:00 AM

Don't miss this holiday shopping
opportunity with beautiful gift baskets for many
different
budgets and interests!

All proceeds go to the Lake
Washington PTSA Scholarship Fund, which provides
more than \$12,000 yearly in
scholarships to graduating
seniors and staff in the
Lake Washington School District.

Counselors' Corner

Counselors:	Cheryl Dennis	A – E
	Jennifer Martinson	F-Ld
	Ellen Z-Huls	Le – Rh
	Anita Page	Ri– Z

Counseling Center website - <http://www.lwsd.org/school/rhs/For-Students/Pages/Counseling-Center.aspx>

PSAT Results

In October juniors took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. If test scores arrive in time, we will return score reports before winter break. Students will not only receive their test results but they will also get their test booklets returned to them so they can seek help for problem areas, take pride in areas of strength, and learn what variables can affect scores. Students should also remember that for many this is the first pre-college type test they have taken, so they should not feel discouraged if their scores are not what they had hoped. After receiving scores students and parents should access the free PSAT/NMSQT College Planning Package at www.collegeboard.com/psatextra to:

- View PSAT/NMSQT answers and explanations
- Get a personalized SAT study plan
- Find lists of colleges, majors and careers

Juniors can start to register for SAT I tests in the spring

COLLEGE APPLICATION

Seniors still need to be on top of the application game. Many universities have priority deadlines coming up soon. Please be sure to remind your senior that if they are applying to a college or university to be aware of these deadlines. If they need a school report completed or letter of recommendation they need to give at least 2 school weeks for completion! If your student has taken late SAT or ACT tests, be sure to contact the test centers to have latest score sent to the college(s) they are applying to. If you are waiting for last minute test results your senior can still mail in the applications and have the test results follow as soon as they are available! Also, remember the FAFSA form is available after January 1st for submissions for the 2008-2009 school year— please remember to fill those out and submit as soon as possible after January 1st.

In state public college priority dues dates:

Central Washington University – April 1st

The Evergreen State College – March 1st

University of Washington – January 15th

Washington State University – January 31st

Western Washington University – March 1st

Please be sure to check individual college websites for updates and special program or scholarship deadlines.

COLLEGE SEARCHES

Many parents and students ask us how best to find colleges and when is a good time to start. Our response is usually “As soon as possible”. While interests may change if you start earlier in the process, you will be more familiar with what is available to your student, making the senior year a little less stressful for your whole family. There are many good websites for colleges visits available, but perhaps the most effective tool are the college visits arranged by our wonderful career specialist Sandy Davidson. We are visited by representatives from colleges around the state, country, and world who speak to our students for about an hour on what their specific schools have to offer, requirements to get in, and general information about their campuses. This fall students had many choices each week. While most of the students attending are seniors, ***students of any grade are encouraged to attend*** colleges that they are interested in to help with future planning. The counseling department is thrilled to have such a resource for our students and encourage all to contact Mrs. Davidson for more information!

NEW SAT REPORTING PROCEDURES STARTING FOR NEXT FALL

From the College Board Website: Designed to reduce student stress and improve the test-day experience, the College Board has approved Score Choice. This new policy will give students the option to choose the SAT scores by test date and SAT Subject Test scores by individual test that they send to colleges, at no additional cost. This will allow students to put their best foot forward on test day by giving them more flexibility and control over their scores. Score Choice is optional, and if students choose not to use it, all scores will be sent automatically. The new score-reporting feature will launch in spring 2009, and will be *first available to students in the class of 2010* participating in the March 2009 test administration. Please go to <http://www.collegeboard.com> for more information on reporting test results and registering for SAT test dates.

A SECOND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

With the FAFSA form coming on line January 1st, the counselor's have arranged for a 2nd Financial Aid Information Night on January 14th, thanks to the generosity of Seattle University. They will be sending a speaker to talk to parents and students about how to access college financial aid at any college or university. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately 1 hour. We hope to see you there!

CSS FINANCIAL AID PROFILE

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® is the financial aid application service of the College Board. More than 600 colleges, universities, and scholarship programs use the information collected on the PROFILE to determine eligibility for nonfederal student aid funds. The PROFILE is a fully Web-based application system that provides students a secure and efficient method for reporting their financial data to schools. Please check with the college of your choice to see if they require this in addition to the FAFSA form. You'll be charged a nonrefundable registration fee of \$9, plus \$16 for each college or scholarship program to which you want information sent. A limited number of fee waivers are granted automatically to first-time applicants based on the financial information provided on the PROFILE.

To see a list of colleges requiring the CSS, get more information, or to complete the application, go to <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid/8374.html> or call PROFILE customer service at (305) 829-9793 / TTY (800) 915-9990.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

In February we will begin registration for the 2009-2010 school year with RHS students. You can help prepare your student for this planning process as we send the information home regarding next year's schedules. We will make every attempt for students to receive a draft of their schedules by the end of school. Those schedules may change over the summer due to teacher changes, personnel shifts, changes in class size distributions, or other unforeseen situations. Students will still have to pick up revised schedules at the beginning of the next school year. Parents will be asked to sign their student's proposed schedules.

Please become involved in this process. Do you feel your son or daughter is being realistic in his/her class choices? Is the homework likely to get completed on time? Does their schedule fit in with future goals? What about other activities/athletics? **Your student needs your input, and we need your support.**

TEST DATES FOR 2008-2009

	Test Date
SAT	January 24, 2009
	March 14, 2009
	May 2, 2009
	June 6, 2009
ACT	February 7, 2009
	April 14, 2009
	June 13, 2009

OUR RHS CODE IS 480-978

Registration Deadline
December 26, 2008
February 10, 2009
March 31, 2009
May 15, 2009
January 6, 2009
February 27, 2009
May 8, 2009

Juniors – please note that the Spring test dates for both the SAT and ACT tend to fill up early, so be sure to register for the date you want early or you may not get the site or date you prefer!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	File online FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Remember to check college websites to see if they also require the CSS profile for financial aid and scholarships.
January 14	Financial Aid Night #2
January 23	Last day of 1 st semester
April 10	Last day of 3 rd quarter
May 4 – May 15	Advanced Placement Exams
June 11	Graduation
June 16	Last Day of School

PTSA Membership Form 2008-2009

Redmond HS PTSA counts on your support. Membership is \$10.00 per individual which provides:

- Enrichment activities for students
- Your ability to vote at general meetings & affiliation with State and National PTA
- Complimentary student directory (one per membership paid)

This is also your opportunity to make your contribution to our 'Pass the Hat'. PTSA does not do other fundraising during the year. These funds are used for additional enrichment activities, improvements to the school, support for a drug and alcohol counselor and for student agendas, the Parent Organizer program, scholarships for graduating seniors, etc.

We appreciate your participation! Your PTSA is dedicated exclusively to the welfare of all children.

Return to Redmond High School PTSA, 17272 NE 104th, Redmond, WA 98052.

Checks should be made payable to "RHS PTSA".

Parent Name: _____ Membership Yes No

Parent Name: _____ Membership Yes No

Child's Name (1): _____ Grade _____

Child's Name (2): _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Home Phone _____

PTSA Membership(s) @ \$10 each \$ _____

Pass-the-Hat Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Senior "Grad Night" Celebration 2009



Now is a good time to start thinking about senior graduation because as you may have experienced, the past twelve years seemed to have lasted about ten minutes.

This preliminary notice will tell you five very important things:

1. The RHS PTSA-sponsored "Grad Night 2009" is **Thursday, June 11th** following commencement.

Last chance to buy your tickets at the \$110.00 Price!

2. **The tickets cost \$110.00 until December 31st.** Then they will go up to \$135.00 through February and \$140.00 thereafter. **(Yes, it's expensive, but we keep them safe, sane and entertained all night long.)** Buy early, beat the rush, makes a great gift with a nice certificate, too!

3. We need volunteers from pre- party planning to chaperones for the night of the event. A meeting will be held in early January to gather volunteers and form committees.

4. We especially need you as well as your friends and family to enroll in eScrip. This program rebates a percentage of all Safeway purchases back to Redmond High PTSA. Log on to www.escrip.com . Enter Redmond High School as your group name, and our group number is 8566002. Complete the information requested and enter your Safeway Club number. This is an easy and profitable way to fundraise.

5. Tickets will be sold on Thursday, **Dec. 4th and Dec.11th during** lunch. You may also order tickets by sending your check payable to RHS Grad Night with the coupon below to: **Melinda Wilson at 22707 NE 142nd Place Woodinville, WA 98077.** Your receipt will be your ticket and will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Questions: Contact: Deena Polk at (425) 898-7070 or deenapolk@hotmail.com or
Melinda Wilson at (425) 882-9432 or jamwilson@msn.com

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Senior's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent Cell Number: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Are you interested in helping? _____

Miscellaneous

Yearbook Information

Parents: Senior Tribute ads are being accepted by the yearbook staff.

Please email Mrs. Mauck at jmauck@lwsd.org with the size you want to reserve. The deadline for payment and ad submission is **January 20, 2009**.

Directions for senior tribute ads:

Dimensions:

¼ page is 4 inches wide by 5 tall **\$70**

½ page is 8 inches wide by 5 tall **\$130**

Full page is 8 inches wide by 10 ½ tall **\$250**

All the ads are in color!

Submission methods:

1. Parents make up the ad on their computer camera ready

and submit a printed copy on high quality paper to us. We just put a sticker on it and mail it in!

2. Parents give us a sketch of the ad and the words they'd like to use. Our staff members try to follow the directions as best they can. We'll call if there's a question. Pictures are submitted loosely and we tell the company where they go in the ad. Pictures can be reduced or enlarged by the company as long as they're proportional. Pictures are returned in the spring after the book comes out. They're undamaged.
3. Parents make up the ad on their computer and submit it digitally or on a cd. A few rules for this type of submission: pictures should be 300 dpi. We can accept the following formats: Photoshop, InDesign, Jpeg, TIFF, or PPD. The yearbook company will not accept digital ads in Word, Publisher, or Power Point.

Redmond High School Internship Program

RHS is implementing a student internship program to give students the opportunity to explore careers and develop employability skills. Since only 25% of our students will hold a job while in high school, the majority of the students have little exposure to the work world upon graduation.

Qualified opportunities fall into 4 categories: job internships, project internships, structured job shadows, and part-time jobs. Internships and paid jobs should include new learning for the student, have a specific purpose, and have an outcome for the company. Job shadows should be a minimum of eight hours and should expose students to a variety of aspects within the company. Once an opportunity is identified, companies will interview pre-screened applicants to find the best fit. Students will complete a pre- and post-assessment as well as a journal of their experience. If a student is placed in a paid job or internship, they may also earn credit and a grade.

If your company would be interested in participating in the program at any time, contact:

Grace Brady
 Career & Technical Education Department Chair
 425-498-7156
gbrady@lwsd.org

LINKS- Looking Into the Needs of Kids and Schools

Nancy Wehr, LINKS Program Coordinator

Last June, AXA Advisors provided the initial funding to the Lake Washington Schools Foundation for LINKS, a volunteer and mentoring program of the Lake Washington School District. The LINKS program helps to connect students in the district with caring adults to provide emotional and academic support to student at all levels. Volunteer opportunities include mentors, lunch buddies, classroom help and tutoring.

LINKS has already placed 35+ adults with students this fall and has held a volunteer training programs, with more to come. Please contact LINKS Program Coordinator Nanci Wehr at links@lwsd.org or 425-702-3410 or visit www.linksvolunteer.org for more information.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on our committee. Please contact Nanci at the above email address for more information. *With one hour of your time each week, you can make a difference in a child's life.*

Sports, Bands, and Theatre

Cross Country

Cross Country had a very successful season. Both the Boys and Girls teams ended with a 12-1 League record. Both teams placed 2nd at Kingco with Aiden Irish being the Boys individual champion and Sarah Lord the Girls. The Boys were first at District with Mack Young being the individual champion, while the Girls placed second with Sarah Lord winning again. At State the Boys team placed fourth, earning a trophy and Mack Young was the individual State Champion and Aiden Irish placed 9th earning All-State honors. The Girls team placed 9th with Sarah Lord placing 3rd and Jillian Jaccard 16th. Both earning All-State honors. Sarah Lord finished in the top ten at State for her fourth year in a row.

Keep those winter blues away by listening to some music!

The **RHS Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble** would love to warm your heart and make you dance in your seat at their next concert on **Wednesday, December 10th at 7:30pm in the RHS-PAC**. Come hear them sing a medley of traditional Winter tunes including Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* commemorating the 100th year of his birth. This will be a joint concert with the RHS bands who are also working on some terrific favorites of the season. In addition to this concert, Chamber Choir will be participating in a Holiday Choral Festival on Friday, December 5th at the Carol Edwards Center in Woodinville and the Vocal Jazz group will be entertaining audiences at Bel Square in December. All these events are FREE and are guaranteed to at least make you smile!!!! ...So bring a friend and spend an evening with us! For more information, please contact Arianna Guthrie, choir director at aguthrie@lwsd.org

Also: Winter Concert – Jazz Band and Orchestra performing Wednesday, December 11th, 7:30 pm, RHS PAC

RHS Bands Fundraisers

The RHS bands much anticipated fundraiser of premium oranges and grapefruits begins the 11th of December. This fruit comes directly from the wholesaler and is always excellent! The funds each student raises help them directly with the expenses associated with traveling to band competitions and events and are gratefully appreciated. Check with any friendly band student for all the "juicy" details!

The bands are also once again selling Brown Bear Car Wash tickets. Good for a whole year and only \$5.00 for an environmentally safe car wash. They make great stocking stuffers! Thank you to all of our band supporters and we welcome you to join us at a concert to share in an evening of wonderful music. The RHS Bands.

RHS Theatre Arts

Who'd want to see a show called "Urinetown?" Despite the unappetizing title, this year's RHS musical has something for everyone: catchy tunes, snappy dance, plenty of laughs and--surprise!--a serious question to ponder and discuss as you leave the theater.

Water rights may seem like an unlikely topic for a musical, but in this Off-Broadway hit the boy who meets the girl is a lowly employee of the Urine Good Company, which controls all access to toilets. The girl, naive daughter of UGC's president, eventually joins those who must "pay to pee" in an uprising with unintended consequences. After moving to Broadway, *Urinetown* won Tony Awards for its book and score, by Greg Kotis and Mark Hollman. The show satirizes right and left, and riffs off musical conventions from *West Side Story* to *Les Miserables*.

In conjunction with this production, Theatre Arts is partnering with the Environmental Club to raise awareness of water conservation and pollution. A lot more fun than an international conference on the global water crisis, *Urinetown* will inspire us all to rise to these challenges.

Auditions and callbacks for *Urinetown, the Musical* will be held December 2-4 in the PAC. For more information please visit www.redmondrama.org or email Director Misty Carson at mcarson@lwsd.org

Performances will be March 5-7 and 12-14. Mark the dates on your new calendars!

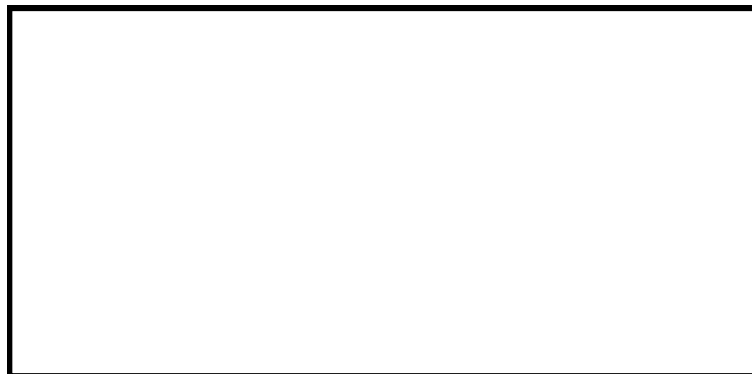
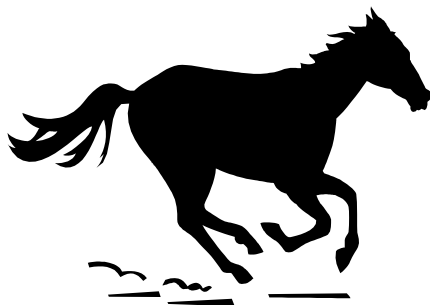


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RHS Calendar of Upcoming Events

*(Dates subject to change, please be sure to check the PTSA website at redmondhsptsa.org or
the school website at lwsd.org/rhs)*

Monday	Dec. 1	Reflections Entries Due	Entry Forms in Library	
Tuesday	Dec. 2	Parent Ed Program~ Laura Kastner	PAC	7:00pm
Thursday	Dec. 4	PTSA Council Scholarship Basket Auction	Resource Center	10:30am
Monday/Friday	Dec 22 - Jan 2	No School	Winter Break	
Wednesday	Jan. 14	General Membership Meeting	Career Center	6:30pm
Wednesday	Jan. 14	Financial Aid Information Night		7:00pm
Monday	Jan. 19	No School	Martin Luther King's Day	
Friday	Jan. 16	Reflection's Open House/Reception	Resource Center	6:00 pm
Friday	Jan.23	Last Day of the Semester		