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Presidents' Message

With daylight finally coming early enough so our kids are no longer arriving at school in total darkness, it seems amazing that we have already reached March in our school year. Third season sports will be starting soon, and before we know it, June will be here. For those of you who are parents to seniors, the next few months will be a blur of activities. Senior parents should be sure to mark their calendars for two very special events....**Baccalaureate** will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 9th at City Church in Kirkland. More information will be available on this very special evening as it nears. The other "big night" is **graduation** itself, which will be held in Seattle on the evening of Thursday, June 11....followed by a PTSA-sponsored all-night "**Grad Night**" event for the Class of 2009. Look for more "Grad Night" info elsewhere in this newsletter!

At the Feb. 11 PTSA meeting, we voted to contribute **\$1500** to the Redmond High **Robotics Club**, who will use the money to purchase a regulation tournament mat and host a competition here at the high school in mid-March. We are so fortunate to be able to offer so many different activities for our kids...whether their interests are robotics, sports, drama, the environment, multi-cultural activities, etc. there is a niche for all kids at Redmond High.

Redmond High is also fortunate to have some very special volunteers in our midst. At the annual **Founder's Day Luncheon** at Sahalee Country Club on Feb. 9 (Founder's Day is the anniversary of the founding of the national PTSA), two Redmond High parents were honored for their service to the PTSA Council. **Melinda Wilson** was given the Outstanding Service Award for her many years of dedicated service to PTSA. Melinda has served as past president at Wilder, Evergreen and Redmond HS. This year she is an Area VP for the PTSA council, VP on our Redmond High executive committee, as well as being a co-chair of Grad Night, administrator for Parent Organizer and co-chair of SAT and ACT practice tests. **Joanne Hall** was another worthy award recipient, being given the "Golden Acorn" Award for her work with Parent Education. Over 400 people attended the Laura Kastner program on the teen brain here in December, and last month we had a great turn-out for a program on teen driving. Joanne coordinates parent ed programs for the entire school district and promises more programs for parents later

this spring! For those of you Evergreen Junior High Alumni, you should know that principal **Jan Olson** was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award (bestowed on our own Jane Todd at last year's luncheon!)

Special thanks to our Hospitality Co-chairs **Celeste Lavender** and **Colleen McLaughlin** and the many volunteers who provided refreshments for the Incoming Sophomore Night on January 28 as well as for Tolo three days later!

Remember to check the school website (www.lwsd.org/rhs) for information on school events. PTSA-sponsored events, such as Grad Night, Baccalaureate, SAT practice tests, etc. will be on the PTSA website (www.redmondhsptsa.org). Continue to read your Parent Organizer daily bulletins and encourage parents not currently subscribed to sign-up at www.parentorganizer.com. There is a lot of communication from Redmond High and we don't want you to miss any of it!
Go Stangs!

Lois Hiskey and Deena Polk
PTSA Co-Presidents

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Next deadline is March 12th.

MANY thanks from RHS Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee would like to recognize and thank all of the people that generously provided baked good donations and assisted with refreshment service for each of the following recent events:

Tolo – baked good donations

Miranda Roberts, Celeste Lavender, Diane Durant, Kindra Reid, Barb Hernacki, Becky Mulligan, Carrie Wright, Priscilla Leytus, Sally Whitaker, Karen Brechner, Carrie Ulvestad, Diane Decker, Sheri Sanders, Anna Tucker, Debbie Marchione, Susan Pfeifer, Shannon Grina, Sarah Bell, Amy Eisenmann, Julie Criss

Tolo – refreshment service

Carolyn Binford, Ryoko Matsumoto, Dara Harlan, Linda Burke, Sheri Sanders

Incoming Sophomore Parent Night – baked good donations

Neila Hardwick, Ryoko Matsumoto, Lori Creekmore, Paula Lazzeri, Maureen Padilla, Diane Mroz, Jenny Hussin, Katie Bies, Kathy Olin, Lila McBride, Kathy Weiss

And...

A **long overdue** thank you to those who assisted with Homecoming in October:

Homecoming – baked good donations

Lil van den Heuvel, Katy Bies, Kathy Olin, Cynthia Ashley, Karen Brechner, Barb Hernacki, Priscilla Leytus, Sarah Bell, Shari Hsu, Diane Mroz, Paula Lazzeri, Cara Byrne, DeeDee Beliel, Diane Decker, Miranda Roberts, Sheri Sanders, Susan Townsend, Susan Pfeifer, Pam Adams, Diane Durant, Cheryl Booth, Julie Conley, Becky Mulligan, Ryoko Matsumoto, Maureen Padilla, Neila Hardwick, Carrie Ulvestad

Homecoming – refreshment service

Barb Nappen, Lisa McNichols, Joan Thomas, Dara Harlan, Jacki Pietromonaco

Also, we have received great support from RHS staff Pam Summa, Linda Simpson, Ross Johnson and the entire custodial staff for each of these events.

We are most grateful for all of your help!

Colleen McLaughlin & Celeste Lavender

Co-staff for RHS Hospitality

PTSA Treasurer's Report - January 2009



PTSA General Account \$17,075.22

Grad Night Account \$10,031.62

Baccalaureate Account \$653.73

Peg Hunt Garing, Treasurer

RHS PTSA Meeting Minutes Summary, Sally Whitaker, PTSA Secretary

A Board meeting was held on February 11, 2009. Jane Todd gave the Principal's Report. She discussed the incidence at the Garfield/Redmond basketball game. She stated extra measures were being put in place for the Eastlake/Redmond basketball game. Peg Hunt, Treasurer, reported we have \$17,075.22 in our checking account. A motion passed to grant the Robotics club \$1500 for their next tournament. Part of that money will be spent on a special foam tile floor. The Nominating Committee reported that they are still searching for candidates for the next school year. The Treasurer's Report and more detailed minutes can be found on the PTSA website,

www.redmondhsptsa.org

The Princeton Review
and Redmond High School PTSA

Present

**Practice ACT Test
and Scores Back Session**

Practice Test:

Wednesday, March 25

2:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Scores Back Session:

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Both sessions will be held at

Redmond High School

Cost: \$20/student

Checks payable to RHS PTSA

To register send your payment of \$20 & the form below to

RHS PTSA

Practice ACT

17272 NE 104 Street

Redmond WA 98052

Name _____

Address _____

Grade _____ Phone _____

Student Email _____

Parent Email _____

an email is required for confirmation & reminders

Questions –Melinda Wilson jamwilson@msn.com or Nancy Chatterley nancy@chatterley.info

~Registration Deadline March 23~

From the Principal—*Jane Todd, Principal*

Dear Parents,

As I write this, we are coming off of an intense week in which our school has been vilified and we have all been second-guessed in the press and on blogs. It has been a rough one on everyone, to be sure, but I strongly believe that life is a school and when difficult times occur it is because there is an inherent lesson important for us to learn. I also strongly believe that everything we do as a school should be about education.

We are moving forward in working with our colleagues and fellow students of Kingco League schools to accentuate the positive – cheering for our team and not against anyone or anything – in working with the Referees' Association so that they can partner with us in providing safe and fun high school sporting events, and in reaffirming, through the pain, the best about who we are. One of the lessons we hope our students are also learning is that the anonymity of the internet makes it a very easy venue for all sorts of mischief.

Some of our students may have already experienced cyberbullying, a term that, sadly, has had to make its way into our student handbooks over the last several years. It was surprising to me, however, how naïve our students seemed in the aftermath of the Redmond-Garfield game about the notion that people who do not know them, people who have never set foot on our campus and who are not likely to ever do so, people who clearly are not in possession of the facts, and who, frankly, do not seem to care much about facts, could be so mean to our school on a public press blog. While that naiveté is somewhat charming, it is also dangerous.

Thanks to a parent who sent it to me, I have an article from Reuter's News Service (Feb. 3) which talks about MySpace who, after some convincing (a subpoena) on the part of the task force of attorneys general who are looking into sex offenders' use of social networking, has reported that they have finally removed 90,000 registered sex offenders from their site. While it is comforting that these 90,000 individuals are at last banned from

interacting with our unsuspecting young people, for those of us who have ever been a victim of a virus, who have ever been hacked, or who have ever had our identity stolen, it is relatively small comfort, because we know that there will always be ways to circumvent even the most vigilant server security. We also know that our young people, just as we did, and just as generations to come will do, believe they are immortal and therefore immune to danger, deaf to parental admonitions and able . . . faster than a speeding bullet . . . to overcome any obstacle and face any foe. We know that our adolescents value privacy almost above anything else, and so, in order to avoid having their lives examined by their parents, it is a fairly common practice for them to have at least two myspace accounts, one that is, shall we say, P-rated (for parents' consumption,) and one that is not.

I am usually resistant to the notion that our times are the worst of times, history being somewhat cyclical and all. However, whether we are just on a particular part of that cycle or the cycle itself is evolving, I feel fairly confident in saying that these times are more dangerous times than the ones in which I was an adolescent, if, for no other reason, because of the ease of access to a very adult world. The only real antidote, in my opinion, as was reaffirmed for me in conversations with our students this week, is communication. When we adults really listen, and provide both the time and opportunity for conversations to occur; when we clearly communicate what is important to us and why it is important; and we give credit to our young people for having the brains and the courage to "get it" if given even half a chance, we will rarely be disappointed. In fact, I predict we will be amazed by just how good the hands are in which we place our future. I hope you will share the information as reported by Reuter's New Service with your son or daughter. I hope this might spark a conversation in your family about safety, about technology, about perception, about any number of things. In many ways, the conversation itself is what's most important.

Sincerely,
Jane

RHS PTSA Scholarship Opportunity

Seniors! The Redmond High School PTSA is pleased to announce the Scholarship Committee will award at least two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors to be used for books, tuition or room and board at a vocational, 2-year or 4-year college or university.

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarships based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Extra-curricular and community service activities | 2. Academic excellence and motivation |
| 3. Future goals | 4. Essay response |
| 5. Character references | 6. Correct completion of the application |

Applications are now available in the RHS Career Center. The deadline for applications to be submitted is March 27, 2009, which is the Friday before spring break. Please contact committee chair Sally Morris at sally.morris@in-advantage.com or 425-241-6900 for more information.

Melissa Pointer, Assistant Principal

As many of you have heard, the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Randy Dorn, has big plans to dramatically modify state standardized testing. His goal is to completely get rid of the WASL in the near future. As word spreads about this, students and parents have begun to ask what this means for WASL testing this year. There are **NO CHANGES** to the current WASL requirements for graduation in Washington State. Students must still meet a reading, writing, and math WASL requirement for graduation this year. Additionally, Mr. Dorn’s proposed changes will not have any impact on high school WASL testing until 2011 at the earliest. And even then, the proposed changes are only procedural changes that will not affect the current graduation requirements.

WHAT ARE THE WASL RELATED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

WASL reading and writing requirements:

Students must pass the WASL reading and writing assessments in order to be eligible for graduation. If a student fails the reading or writing portion of the WASL, they must continue to retake the portion they failed each spring until they **PASS**. The Legislature has also approved three alternative assessments that students may use to meet the reading and writing requirements. These are called CAA options (see below for more information). To be eligible for a CAA option, students must have taken the WASL reading and writing assessments at least once.

WASL math:

Students must pass the WASL Math assessment in order to be eligible for graduation **OR** For the classes of 2009-2012 Student can graduate without passing the math WASL if they: **1) earn two math credits after their 10th grade year AND 2) attempt the math WASL assessment annually**. NOTE: Students that choose this method for meeting the WASL math requirement for graduation will NOT receive a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA). They will however, earn the exact same diploma as students that did pass the math WASL.

Additionally, the Legislature has also approved three alternative assessments that students may use to meet the Math requirement. Again, these are called CAA options.

CURRENT 10th GRADE STUDENTS:

10th grade students that passed the high school WASL last year as 9th graders, are NOT expected to take the test again this spring. All other students that have yet to pass the reading, writing, and math sections of the WASL will be expected to participate in spring WASL testing for the portions of the WASL they still need to pass.

The testing schedule is as follows:

March 16-17	Reading
March 18-19	Writing
April 13-14	Math
April 20-21	Science

A detailed daily schedule for WASL testing is posted on the RHS website. Additionally, classroom testing rosters will be posted in several locations around campus two weeks prior to testing.

CAA OPTIONS:

All high school students are encouraged to earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA) by demonstrating proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics before graduation. The CAA is a state endorsement of a student’s knowledge and skills in these areas. Most students will earn a CAA by passing the High School WASL. Some students however, may need to use an assessment other than the WASL to demonstrate their skills. For these students, the CAA Options (state approved alternatives to the WASL) are available. The CAA Options are required to assess the same level of knowledge and skills as the WASL. There are three available CAA options; Scores on Selected Advanced Placement and College Admission Tests, Collection of Evidence, and WASL/ Grades Comparison. Once a student has attempted the High School WASL they can begin to access CAA Options (with the exception of students that transferred to RHS from out state as a junior or senior. Those students may access the CAA options right away without first attempting the High School WASL. I will highlight one of the CAA options, AP and College Admission Test Scores, that several RHS students have taken advantage of in the last few weeks.

AP and College Admission Test Scores

Students may use their reading, writing, or mathematics scores on the SAT or ACT to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in these areas and to satisfy the WASL graduation requirement. In addition, students who earn a score of three or higher on specified Advanced Placement (AP) tests may use those scores.

What SAT or ACT score do I need?

Students must meet or exceed one of the following scores in a subject area:

	SAT	ACT
Mathematics	470	19
Reading	350	13
Writing	380	15

Which AP tests count?

Mathematics: Calculus or Statistics

Writing: English language and composition

Reading: English literature and composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States history, World history, United States government and politics, or Comparative government and politics

Learn more about all of the CAA Options at www.k12.wa.us/assessment/CAAOPTIONS/default.aspx

If you have any questions about any of the WASL information above, feel free to contact me.

Counselors' Corner

Students are assigned counselors based on their last name.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors are encouraged to pick up our Scholarship Bulletin either in the career center or online and look it over for possibilities. Applying for scholarships is self initiated; the counselors encourage your student to take the time and apply to those scholarships that appear to match his/her qualifications. Scholarships are not always looking for a 4.0 student. They could be looking for your student. Also, if your student has already been offered a scholarship to a college, please inform the Counseling Center by bringing a copy of the award letter to Mrs. LaBrie. It doesn't matter if your student plans to attend that particular school; please tell us anyway. This is the only way your student will receive recognition in the graduation program. Don't forget to check out our career center. Mrs. Davidson has updated lists of scholarships and application details!

SENIORITIS?

This is just a reminder that colleges request both a 7th semester and 8th semester transcript of your student. Even though your senior may have already been accepted to the college of their choice, if the admissions office does not like what it sees ("F's" or "D's", opting out of academic year long classes for easier, "less substantial" electives, failure to meet minimum requirements such as 2nd semester intermediate algebra or foreign language), the college can rescind its admission offer. Some colleges may also "require" students to take additional courses during the summer if they wish to attend classes on their campus in the fall. In other words, the message from colleges is strong and clear: seniors can not afford to develop bad study habits or lapse into senioritis. Help your student by helping us to keep your senior accountable 2nd semester, especially when the weather improves and graduation grows closer. And remember, colleges want to see four years of college preparation with solid performance that reflects both motivation and promise.

GETTING "GOOD" GRADES

Fall registration is almost complete. As counselors, we are torn between encouraging students to take a tough academic load and balancing their program with a variety of electives. It is possible to find a balance throughout the high school years, though. The key to managing a successful program is increased devotion to good study habits and careful preparation for classes. The only way this can be translated into action is "DO YOUR HOMEWORK." Do it consistently; once behind, energies become divided--students must play catch up while at the same time continuing to do daily work. In sequential subjects like math and foreign language, it is especially important not to fall behind. Students need to seek extra help from their teachers early if they don't understand something. Students also need to take a look at their outside employment commitments; too many hours lead to exhaustion and, in some cases, to misplaced priorities. A high school student's first and most important "job" is high school. Make it count!

ADD TO YOUR JUNIOR'S LIST OF THINGS TO DO:

Juniors need to register to take the SAT or the ACT this spring. If unhappy with their scores, they can retake SAT/ACT in the fall.

Juniors also need to begin their college search this spring. Once they have their SAT/ACT scores, they will be able to find colleges where they'll be competitive.

Juniors also need to talk to older students home from college. Ask them what they like/don't like about their school.

Visit several campuses.

Refer to our list of college web resources online on our website.

TEST DATES FOR 2008-2009

OUR RHS CODE IS 480-978

	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT	May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009
	June 6, 2009	May 15, 2009
ACT	June 13, 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

April 10	Last day of 3 rd quarter
May 4 – May 20	Advanced Placement Exams
June 11	Graduation

REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL PTSA AWARDS

Golden Mustang, Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate

RHS PTSA is looking for input from RHS staff, parents, students and community. The PTSA is seeking recommendations in identifying exceptional advocates and volunteers within our school community. Below you will find several award categories. Awards are presented to honorees at RHS. Recommendations can be sent to the RHS office addressed "PTSA Awards" or you can email recommendations to Redmondrose@juno.com .

You may nominate more than one person for each award.

Deadline for submissions is April 24, 2009.

The **Golden Acorn** award is given to a person who has given exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community. This award consists of a gold pin in the shape of an acorn, a special certificate and a contribution of \$65.00 in that person's name to the Washington State PTSA Financial Grant Foundation. The foundation provides scholarships each year to high school graduates entering college or vocational school.

Golden Mustang Award is unique to the Redmond High School community. The recipient should be a positive role model for all students. It is someone that goes above and beyond the call to encourage the success of our students, in turn making RHS a better place. The award is offered at the discretion of the Awards Committee and may not be awarded every year.

Outstanding Educator Award is also offered by the Washington State PTA to recognize individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial and challenging. A pin and certificate are awarded as well as a donation to the State PTSA Scholarship Foundation.

Outstanding Advocate Award Established in 2004 recognizes and honors individuals for their advocacy work on behalf of children and youth. An outstanding advocate could be a PTA grassroots advocate teacher, assistant, administrator or community member.

Past award recipients are posted on the RHS PTSA website at <http://www.redmondhsptsa.org/awards.htm>

If you have any questions please contact Barb Nappen at 425.885.3391 or Redmondrose@juno.com

I nominate: _____

Award title: _____

Nominee's volunteer or advocacy accomplishments: _____

I nominate: _____

Award title: _____

Nominee's volunteer or advocacy accomplishments: _____

I nominate: _____

Award title: _____

Nominee's volunteer or advocacy accomplishments: _____

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

Teen Gambling

The legal age for gambling is eighteen however gambling is becoming more and more problematic for an increasing number of teens. Adolescents represent twelve to eighteen percent of Washington's population that has a compulsive gambling problem. The increase among teens is rising at an alarming rate.

It generally starts off innocently, playing poker, Texas Hold 'em, arcade or video games and dice games. The money may be nickels, dimes and small amounts of money. Another common denominator in teen gambling involves sports. This may include local teams or using the Internet to bet against out of state teams or the horse races.

The profile of a teen gambler may be surprising. Generally he/she is someone who is a high achiever, popular, good in math. Someone most parents wouldn't expect to be involved with

gambling. Young males represent 12% of the population, females 8% who have a gambling problem. Problem gamblers are more at risk for also developing problems with alcohol and other drugs.

As the compulsion for gambling increases, debts are incurred and the teen may feel desperate and use desperate measures to fulfill the debts; selling personal or family items, seek out loan sharks, borrow from friends and steal. More than 20% of compulsive gamblers consider suicide.

Most parents and the general public are not aware that compulsive gambling is an addiction. Information and understanding about compulsive gambling is where knowledge of substance abuse and addiction was in the '60's and 70's.

Class of 2010 Spring Break Adventure in Brazil and Argentina

If you have a student who will be graduating in the class of 2010 there is an opportunity for them to have a unique and educational experience during next year's spring break. Redmond Jr. High Spanish teacher, Jill Samppala, will be taking students to experience the culture and history of two of the most prominent Latin American countries, Brazil and Argentina, from March 26-April 4, 2010. The students will enjoy all that these places have to offer, while gaining extensive knowledge and forging life long friendships. If you have interest in this trip please visit www.myexplorica.com/samppala-4371 or email Ms. Samppala at jisampala@lwsd.org.

Jill Samppala, RJH

PTSA Scholarship Information - Check it out!

The LWPTSA Council Scholarships forms are now posted on the LWPTSA Council website, <http://lwptsacouncil.schools.officelive.com/default.aspx>.

Paper copies are also available in the Career Center. The deadline is March 23rd. Encourage your student to check them out!

SENIORS....Start Thinking About Your Baccalaureate!

One especially wonderful part of graduation festivities is the **Baccalaureate**. Baccalaureate has been a tradition at Redmond High School for many years, and is an inspirational program for graduating seniors and their families, welcoming students of all faiths and cultures. It is an evening for seniors to reflect upon their high school years, express encouragement and gratitude, and to inspire one another as they go forward into their futures. It is also a time for seniors to showcase their abilities and talents in the presence of family and friends, before the big production of graduation. Everyone will enjoy this intimate, reflective and inspiring evening as they watch and listen to the seniors.

This year Baccalaureate will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th** - two

nights before graduation - at City Church in Kirkland. We would like this time of celebration to represent you, the class of 2009, so we look forward to many of you participating to make this a special event. There will be a chance to sign up for speech, music, and fine arts at an upcoming senior meeting and auditions will be held shortly thereafter. A multimedia presentation featuring pictures of the senior class would be awesome, so if this is your talent, let us know. **Every senior is welcome and encouraged to start thinking about how you would like to participate in making your Baccalaureate...an evening to remember!**

Watch the Mustang Messenger next month for more information.

Barb Hernacki & Terri Whidby
Baccalaureate Co-chairs '09

Senior Grad Night: Is Just Around The Corner!

Senior "Grad Night" Celebration 2009



PARENTS! DON'T LET YOUR STUDENT MISS THIS FUN EVENT!
STUDENTS! DON'T MISS THE BEST SENIOR CELEBRATION YET!



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. A Redmond High School tradition for over the years, the Senior Class Celebration gives the graduating class the opportunity to honor their achievement and celebrate one last time with their classmates. The evening has become a much planned and anticipated event, culminating in an "all-nighter" of secret destinations and non-stop fun with the opportunity for wonderful memories. The Grad Night Committee hopes each student wishing to attend will consider it one of the highlights of their high school years.

The evening begins with bus transportation to the venues on June 11th, 2009 following the graduation ceremony. The logistics will be announced once we know graduation times. Students will be transported and entertained for the next eight hours and may be picked up between 6:00 -6:30am the morning of June 12th, 2009 at Redmond High School. Please make arrangements to pick up your student! We will not let any students drive themselves home after staying up all night! **They must have a ride home!**

Tickets are now available for the cost of \$140.00 until June 5th. **(Yes, it's expensive, but we keep them safe, sane and entertained all night long.)** Now is the time to buy your senior a ticket if you haven't already!

The following rules will be strictly enforced:

- Alcohol and drug products will **not** be used or brought in by students. Should a student be found in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs prior to boarding the bus or at any time during the party, the student will be sent home immediately.
- Phone calls will **not** be allowed by any students during the evening. If there is an emergency, a grad night chaperone will make the call for you. **Cell phones will not be allowed!**
- No one will board the bus without a consent form on file.
- Students may **not** leave the celebration unless picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Purses, wallets, backpacks, duffel bags or any other type of bag will **not** be permitted on the bus.

All Seniors will be searched before entering the busses!

Tickets are available 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 mailed to you. Thank you.

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

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Senior's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Parent's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Parent's Email Address: _____
 Are you interested in helping? _____

More Senior Grad Night Info

BUS SIGN-UPS WILL BEGIN IN MAY

Your senior must have purchased a **"ticket"** and together you must have completed and signed the **Permission to Attend Form** to sign up for a bus with their friends. Buses fill up fast and will be done on a first come, first serve bases. Volunteers will be checking to see if all necessary paper work has been filled out before signing any seniors to buses.



WANTED ~ PRIZES FOR GRAD NIGHT!

The Senior Grad Night Celebration Committee is currently seeking donations from businesses, community leaders and parents for prizes for the seniors attending the Grad Night Celebration on June 11th. Gift cards, sport tickets, CD's, CD players, iPods, movie passes or ANYTHING a graduate would enjoy would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to provide a tax-deductible donation of an item, please contact:

Deena Polk at 898-7070 or deenapolk@hotmail.com

***It's not too late to get involved with the Senior Celebration!!
Chaperones are needed and you don't need to be a senior parent!***



- You'll be kept busy and it really is fun watching the students have such a blast for one last time as a class!
- There's a lot to eat and coffee too!
- You are on an active rotation schedule so you have fun and don't get bored!
- ***Believe It or Not, the Seniors Want You There!***

If you would like to become involve in anyway, please contact, Deena Polk

When is the School Nurse at RHS?

I will be available at RHS most Mondays and Fridays in the Career center, behind Sandy Davidson's desk area, and am available for staff/students for:

- Community resources for health and dental care
- Help with general medical questions
- Blood pressure monitoring
- Vision and hearing screening

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Sports and Theatre

RHS Students Put the “WOW!” in the LWSD Reflections Art Competition

Our Redmond High School students have many great attributes: athletic, studious, enthusiastic, concerned....and TALENTED! Each year the National PTSA sponsors an art competition called Reflections. Students can participate in six categories: Literature, Film/Video, Visual Arts, Dance/Choreography, Musical Competition, and Photography. Entries are judged for creativity, representing that year's theme, and, of course, following the rules. The 2008-2009 Reflections theme is “WOW!” and our students “wowed” them at the Lake Washington School District competition!

Of the six potential categories, Redmond High Schools students participated in five. Each RHS student that participated had at least one entry go to the District competition. Four students received Awards of Excellence and were selected to represent Redmond High at the LWSD PTSA Founder's Day Luncheon: Jonathon Shi (Literature), Shanley Sabo (Photography), Edward Daschle (Photography) and Collin Meredith (Music). In addition, Collin Meredith received 1st Place for his musical composition titled “Hollywood Redux” and progressed to the State Competition.

Redmond High PTSA wants to recognize all our talented students:

Literature: Jonathon Shi, Gail Parsons, Amber Amin, Tejas Renade

Film/Video: Rachel Ballantyne

Music: Collin Meredith

Visual Arts: Jeremy Crawford

Photography: Rachel Ballantyne, Shanley Sabo, Edward Daschle, Jennifer Loschen

As soon as all the entries have been returned from Founder's Day, there will be gallery showing at Redmond High. Thank you for participating in Reflections!

Track and Field

It is not too late to join our team. We are a coed, no cut, no experience necessary, everyone participates type of team. We offer sprinting, relays, hurdles, distance, jumps, throws, and the pole vault. We have three home meets this year: April 9th vs. Roosevelt and Sultan, April 23rd vs. Bellevue, and May 7th vs. Juanita, LW, and Eastlake. We have a parent night on March 16th at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Thanks to all who are a part of our program and offer us encouragement and support.

RHS Theatre Arts

URINETOWN Is Now In Town!

March 5-7 and 12-14 at 7:00pm in the PAC

RHS Theatre Arts presents the Tony-award-winning musical that, despite its awful title, has won the hearts of audiences everywhere with its catchy tunes, snappy dance, satiric comedy and a serious question to ponder as you leave the theater.

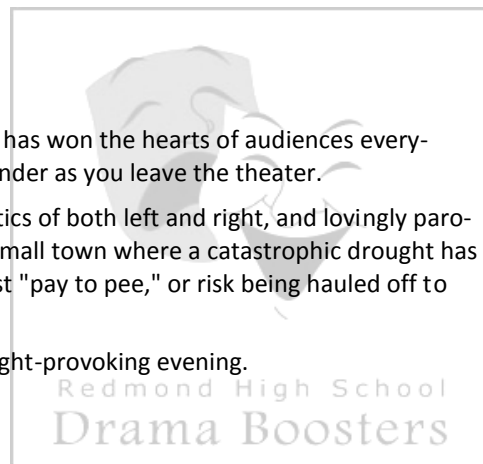
How can a musical about water rights be such a hit? The show satirizes the political tactics of both left and right, and lovingly parodies musical conventions from *West Side Story* to *Les Miserables*. It tells the story of a small town where a catastrophic drought has left the Urine Good Company complete control over "amenities." Even the poorest must "pay to pee," or risk being hauled off to Urinetown for punishment. A love story and a revolution ensue.

Only six performances! Tell all your friends and get your tickets for a hilarious and thought-provoking evening.

Tickets: \$7 students/seniors, \$10 adults

Online at www.redmondrama.org or at the door

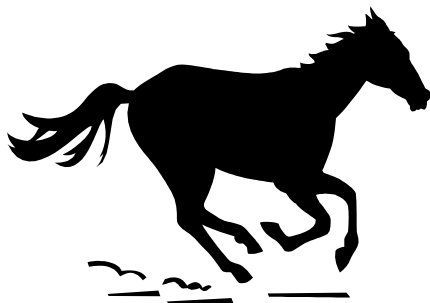
Please contact the Director, Misty Doty at mdoty@lwsd.org for more information.



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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/school/rhs)*

Friday	Mar. 6 th	No School	LEAP Day	
Wednesday	Mar. 11 th	PTSA General Meeting	Career Center	10:30am
Mon.-Fri.	Mar. 30 th –April 3rd	Spring Break	No School	