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Principal’s Message — *Jane Todd, Principal*

Dear Parents:

Ah, communication. Such a wonderful thing. Such a difficult thing.

Back in the day, when I taught a World Language, I used to do an exercise with my students in which we talked about how complex it is even when the communication is very straightforward: two people of the same gender and same age, from the same geographical location, conveying simple information. With each change in that formula, the complexity increases. My point to my students was to illustrate the inherent difficulty in cross-cultural communication, language aside.

Imagine, then, how wonderfully intricate communicating to a large group of people can be. Recently, the counselors at RHS arranged a second Financial Aid night. They advertised the event over several weeks in the *Mustang News*, in the previous month’s *Mustang Messenger*, and via an e-mail I sent at their request which alerted parents that written information from the first Financial Aid night was available and simultaneously announced the date for the second night. The morning of the second Financial Aid night, a parent e-mailed asking for confirmation of the date, as he had written it on his calendar. We thought that perhaps a quick e-mail reminder to parents would be a good thing to do. I do not suppose I should have been surprised, given how much experience I now have in this communication thing, to receive several e-mails from parents who were grouchy about the late notice. Sigh.

Please understand I am not blaming parents, and I am not upset with the grouchy e-mails. I have been on the other end of this way too much, and while I

laughingly blame my inability to keep track of details on my age (but since my birthday is approaching rapidly, we won’t be communicating about THAT just now); I think the real problem is not that there is a lack of information out there, but that there is too much and too many ways to deliver it. In the case of school communications, I have often thought we need a single place where we post everything anyone needs to know. We have tried to do that with the website, but either we have not been consistent enough, we have not had long enough to retrain folks to look *there*, we are hampered by the vagaries of technology and the inability of some of our families to access the web, or my premise is flawed. Or all of the above. And, of

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Mustang Messenger

The Mustang Messenger is the newsletter of Redmond High School PTSA. It is published once a month throughout the school year. The purpose of the newsletter is to report information from the PTSA and RHS staff to the school community.

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Next deadline is February 18th.

Principal's Message, *continued*

course, who knew a dark reader board would cause such concern? (Yes, we know it's dark. Our district's electricians have been out at least four times by my count, and now it's in the hands of the company that made the sign. Keep your fingers crossed.)

I do not have a good solution at the moment for doing a better job of giving you all the information you need, but only what you need, in just the way and at the time you want it, but I have always made a commitment to find new and better ways to improve communication. If you have an idea or two you would like to share, I hope you will do so.

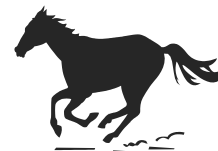
In the meantime, please note that in the "Counseling Corner" section of this newsletter, there is very important information regarding pre-registration, among other topics; the course catalog will be posted on our website, as will the preregistration video the counselors have prepared to walk students through the process.

As always, let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Happy Spring!

Jane

Jane Todd, Principal



PTSA Treasurer's Report

January Treasurer's Report

as of 1/12/2010



Baccalaureate	\$450.76
Grad Night	\$7,652.03
Checking	\$24,342.55
CD	\$10,000



Many thanks to those who have shopped at Everything PARTY and mentioned RHS! We are pleased to see our Baccalaureate fund grow.

Kathy Dennis

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PTSA Co-Presidents' Letter, *Lois Hiskey and Inez Mobley*

Dear RHS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second half of the school year! For RHS students, these next few months will continue to be busy, and for seniors and their families they may be bittersweet. Kids can be torn between being "so ready" to graduate and feeling sentimental over all of the 'lasts' (the 'last Tolo', the 'last game', etc.) Many parents shake their heads in wonder at how the last 17 or 18 years could possibly have flown by so fast!

If you **are** the parent of a senior, please be aware that there are several scholarship opportunities available through PTSA. Redmond High PTSA awards two \$1000 merit-based scholarships each spring (look for the separate article for details, or on the PTSA website at www.redmondhsptsa.org). The Lake Washington School District PTSA Council gives out a whopping 11 merit-based scholarships (one to each of the 6 high schools plus five other "at large" awards) In addition, the Washington State PTA distributes several \$2000 scholarships, based on merit as well as financial need. For further information, go to www.lwptsacouncil.schools.officelive.com for the council scholarships and www.wastatepta.org/programs/scholarship/index.html for the state awards. Hard copies for all three scholarships should also be available in the Career Center.

Please mark your calendars for **February 9th** as that is **Election Day** in our area! As you are probably aware, during this election we are voting on the renewal of two existing levies and on a bond that will provide an expansion to Redmond High. **Please remember to vote on February 9th!**

PTSA continues to work to fill the needs of the students and staff at Redmond High. In December we voted to contribute \$2000 to the school Robotics Club, which has seen its membership rise from 18 two years ago to 70 this year, and was therefore in great need of funding. Also, in January, we voted to pur-

chase a new Scantron machine for the school (used to electronically grade tests), as the old one completely gave out in mid-December. It should also be noted that we made a budget line-item for the RHS Help Fund this year in the amount of \$2200 to go towards helping students in need of financial assistance with school-related activities.

Now that the second semester is in full swing, PTSA is already looking ahead to next year! We have elected a **Nominating Committee** (Kathy Dennis, Shelley Flores and Deena Polk) that is in charge of securing executive committee members for next year.

The incoming slate of officers will be voted on at the April General Meeting, and at that point a search will also be started for committee chairs for next year. We hope you will consider signing up for a committee;details to follow in the spring!

Congratulations to the ten Redmond High students who received awards in this year's **Reflections** art contest. These deserving students received their awards in the categories of Visual Arts, Photography and Literature. Five of these award-winners will now go onto the state contest! Congratulations to all!

In closing, it is with great sadness that we note the passing of our dear friend and PTSA Secretary Sally Whitaker. Sally passed away on January 25th. She was active in PTSA for many years and made valuable contributions to our school and to the community in support of her three senior students. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Whitaker family at this time.

Lois Hiskey and Inez Mobley
PTSA Co-Presidents



COLLEGE BOUND NEWS

RHS PTSA Scholarship Opportunity

Seniors! The Redmond High School PTSA is pleased to announce the Scholarship Committee will award two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Redmond High School 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:

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, online at the RHS website under the scholarship bulletin, or on the RHS PTSA website. The deadline for submission is March 24, 2010, which is the Wednesday before spring break. Please contact committee chair Marie Kent at 425-985-6078 or mariekent@gmail.com for more information.

COLLEGE EXAM PRACTICE TESTS

If you missed taking the MOCK SAT and Practice ACT in the fall, here is another chance to take these tests.

- The Practice ACT will be held on **Wednesday, February 24th** with the Scores Back Session following on Wednesday, March 10th.
- The MOCK SAT will be held on **Saturday, March 20th** with the Scores Back Session following on Wednesday, April 7th.

Watch for additional information in your Mustang News as things develop. Please contact Shari Newton at shari@newsf.com or Carrie Ulvestad at carrieu@live.com with any questions.

College Sorority Information Forum

Attention, parents of college-bound girls. The popular College Sorority Information Forum is coming up Thursday, March 4, 2010. This is the opportunity for you and your daughter to learn everything you ever wanted to know about sorority life. Speakers will include current University of Washington sorority members and alums who have benefited from sorority networking in their post-college years.

Parents and daughters from all high school grade levels are invited to the free event, which will be held in Conference Room #1 at the Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 – 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic hosts the forum and sponsors a

scholarship program, as well.

The scholarships are awarded to qualified Eastside high school senior girls who plan to attend four-year colleges or universities with National Panhellenic Conference sororities. Winners are encouraged to consider sorority membership, but are not required to join. Last year, 11 girls representing 10 Eastside high schools received OAPH scholarships. Applications are on file in all Eastside high school counseling offices and will be available at the forum.

For further information, go to www.overlakealumnaepanhellenic.org or call Mary Anderson, 425-641-6922, Jean Cerar, 425-392-1821, or Anne Dumond (scholarships), 425-883-8124.

RHS NEWS & THANK YOUS

RHS National Honor Society

News from National Honor Society at RHS! Now that first semester is complete, it's time for students to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. To qualify, students need to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above (for sophomores, that means 9th grade and the first semester of 10th grade)

and to complete an application. Applications are available on the Honor Society page of the Redmond High School web site and must be turned in to Mr. McDonald's room, E-208, no later than Wednesday, March 3rd. The induction ceremony for successful applicants will be held on April 21st.

Gregg McDonald, NBCT
World Studies and American Government



YOU CAN HELP STUDENTS IN NEED THROUGH RHS HELP

Despite the wealth in our community, there are more and more families in need. To help our students in need, Redmond High School started the program [RHS Help](#) to assist with the cost of lunch, school supplies, class fees, ASB cards, sports physicals, Advanced Placement (AP) and SAT/ACT test fees, formal dance tickets, college application fees, graduation supplies, and more for students who otherwise would not be able to participate. By the end of 2009, RHS Help had distributed \$6,486 to support over 200 students with school-related expenses.

We want to continue to help our students, but we need your help. Here are a few easy ways you can support this worthy cause:

- Use [GoodSearch.com](#) as your search engine and [GoodShop.com](#) for your shopping needs. Just enter RHS Help as your charity of choice when you begin.
- Register for the [eScrip](#) online mall. Once you enroll and select RHS Help as your charity of choice, a percentage of your eligible online purchases will be credited to RHS.
- Link your [Safeway Club Card](#) to eScrip. After you enroll with [eScrip](#), earn even more money for RHS Help each time you buy groceries by linking your Safeway Club Card to the program.
- Enroll in the [Target Take Charge of Education Program](#). Each time you use your Target card, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to RHS Help.
- Make a monetary donation by writing a check to RHS Help.

~ Thank you! ~ Melissa Pointer, RHS Assistant Principal

Many Thanks from Staff Appreciation

On December 16th, Staff Appreciation hosted an Italian-themed luncheon for the staff. Our menu included lasagna, caesar salad, French bread, and homemade Italian wedding cakes. We would like to thank the following volunteers: Claudia Ye, Denise Larson, Kathy Olin, Laurie Chirichigno, Nancy Knight, Dawn Wilcox, Ryoko Matsumoto, Bonnie Ellis, Julie Conley, Pam Adams, Jill Harrington, Kathleen Moore, Carrie Ulvestad, Kristin Jazdzewski, Judy Russo, Neila Hardwick, Lynelle Spencer, Tricia Brazier, and Sheri Sanders for their delicious contributions.



We wouldn't be able to do it without your help. Thank you!

Linda Burke and Celeste Lavender

Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

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>

2010-2011 REGISTRATION

Yes, it is that time. Registration for next year will begin February 3rd in home room. We will be starting registration on Career Day so your students can see the connections between long term goals and their high school choices! Students will have until February 9th to enter their requests in the computer and turn in their registration sheets to their teachers. Your student will be given a current transcript and credit check form, registration materials, and course catalogue in homeroom February 3rd. Please go over this information carefully with your student and help them make strong choices. Are they covering all graduation requirements? Is your student choosing a well balanced schedule – neither too challenging nor not challenging enough? Is your student covering requirements for their post high school plan? The RHS staff has worked hard to update and clarify the information in the course catalogue to give you and your student the information to make strong informed choices. Our course catalogue and a U-Tube presentation on the registration process are also linked on the counselor's school website if you need further information.

Please take an active role in this process. Your student needs your input and we need your support!

A REMINDER FOR SENIORS

Any seniors in need of waivers need to make an appointment with their counselor as soon as possible. Students who have not had waivers approved by administration may have graduation requirements added to their schedule or risk endangering their graduation status.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS.

Seniors will soon begin hearing back from colleges on the status of their applications. With letters of acceptances come decisions. Most colleges will not ask for a decision until late spring – please read all communications carefully for due dates. According to a recent survey by *Kaplan*, parents and students do have some common interests.

PARENTS CONSIDER THESE ISSUES OF HIGH IMPORTANCE WHEN SELECTING A COLLEGE:

<i>Cost</i>	92.7%
<i>Academic Reputation</i>	77.8%
<i>Specific Majors Offered</i>	72.9%
<i>Proximity to Home</i>	61.6%
<i>Job Placement Reputation</i>	57.1%

STUDENTS CONSIDER THESE ISSUES OF HIGH IMPORTANCE WHEN SELECTING A COLLEGE:

<i>Cost</i>	66.6%
<i>Specific Majors Offered</i>	60.9%
<i>Proximity to Home</i>	48.3%
<i>Academic Reputation</i>	44.4%
<i>Where Friends are Applying</i>	40.2%

The best decisions are informed decisions. Take time to discuss the different opportunities with your student. The information above will be a good place to start!

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

If you are currently filling out the FAFSA and are encountering some difficult questions, we encourage you to call financial aid offices at any of our local community colleges or universities. They will be more than happy to help answer your questions. It is important to submit the FAFSA as soon after January 1st as possible. Many schools have early spring financial aid deadline dates. They strictly enforce deadlines and need your financial information as early as possible in order to give your student the best aid package. **Be sure to contact the college your student plans to attend to find out if they require additional forms.**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PRE-COLLEGE TESTS FOR JUNIORS

This is the time of year when we hear from juniors about the SAT and ACT. They sound more like alphabet soup than acronyms for pre-college tests. Colleges usually require one of these tests, and testing is normally done during the spring of the junior year and in the fall of the senior year.

The American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is required by in state and out of state schools. Most colleges accept either one, but it is always best to check college websites for specifics. The SAT or ACT is also required of those planning to participate in NCAA Division 1 athletics, for those applying to military academies, and for those applying for most scholarships. SAT Subject Tests are required by many colleges and universities; usually these colleges require two or three Subject Tests. It's a good idea to take at least one of these at the end of the junior year. Please check with the schools your student is interested in to see how many and what type of subject tests they require.

Both testing organizations have excellent web sites: the SAT can be found at collegeboard.com and the ACT at ACT.org. These web sites not only allow you to register for their tests, but also have excellent college search tools, financial aid information, and online sample tests. In addition, students will need to refer back to these web sites to have their test results sent to colleges during the application process. Test dates and registration deadlines are listed below. Because so many students take these tests in the spring, students need to sign up early. Registering close to the registration deadline may mean testing as far away as Tacoma or Olympia.

RESOURCES FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

We are often asked for resources to help students and their families plan for life after high school. The counseling department has posted an updated list of web resources for you on our website. This list covers a wide variety of subjects: apprenticeships, community and technical colleges, college searches, financial aid and scholarships, athletic eligibility, colleges and learning disabilities, even college testing (see above

article). This is by no means a fully comprehensive list, but we think it provides a solid starting base for post high school planning. These websites have all been checked this year, but are subject to change. Please remember that the Lake Washington School District does not endorse any of these websites; they are provided as resources only.

And, as always, remember that our Career Center and Sandy Davidson are also excellent resources for information and planning, as is your student's counselor!

TEST DATES FOR 2009-2010 **OUR RHS CODE IS 480-978**

	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
SAT	March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
	May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
	June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010
ACT	April 10, 2009	March 5, 2009
	June 12, 2009	May 7, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3	Career Day/Registration for 2010-2011 School Year
April 9	Last day of 3 rd quarter
May 3 – May 14	Advanced Placement Exams
June 15	Graduation
June 16	Last Day of School

WASL Replacement News

WASL CHANGED TO HSPE

Beginning in the 2009-10 school year, the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is being replaced by two new tests: the grades 3 - 8 [Measurements of Student Progress](#) (MSP) and the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE). Students in the classes of 2010-2012 must pass a reading and writing assessment to be eligible to graduate. If a student has already passed a specific assessment via the WASL (i.e., reading), they will not have to take the HSPE in that content area. There is also an HSPE math assessment requirement for graduation.

WHAT ARE THE HSPE RELATED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

HSPE reading and writing requirements:

Students must pass the HSPE reading and writing assessments in order to be eligible for graduation. If a student fails the reading or writing portion of the HSPE, 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 access 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 HSPE reading and writing assessments at least once.

HSPE math:

Students must pass the HSPE Math assessment in order to be eligible for graduation **OR for the classes of 2009-2012 only**, students can graduate without passing the math HSPE if they earn two math credits after their 10th grade year. **NOTE:** Students that meet the requirement by earning math credits will NOT receive a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA). They will however, earn the exact same diploma as students that did pass the math HSPE. The Legislature has also approved three alternative assessments that students may use to meet the Math requirement. Again, these are called CAA options.

WHAT IS THE SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE?

All students that have yet to pass the reading, writing, and math sections of the HSPE will be expected to participate in spring HSPE testing for the portions of the WASL they still need to pass.

The testing schedule is as follows:

March 16	Reading
March 17-18	Writing
April 13	Math
April 15	Science

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

WHAT ARE 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 skill in these areas. Most students will earn a CAA by passing the HSPE.

WASL Replacement News

Some students, however, may need to use an assessment other than the HSPE to demonstrate their skills. For these students, the CAA options (state approved alternatives to the HSPE) are available. The CAA Options are required to assess the same level of knowledge and skills as the HSPE. There are three available CAA options: Scores on Selected Advanced Placement and College Admission Tests, Collection of Evidence, and HSPE/Grades Comparison. Once a student has attempted the HSPE they can begin to access CAA Options (with the exception of a students who transferred to RHS from out state as a junior or senior. Those students may access the CAA options right away without first attempting the HSPE.) I will highlight one of the CAA options, AP and College Admission Test Scores, of which many RHS students take advantage.

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 HSPE 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 HSPE information above, feel free to contact me.

Melissa Pointer, Assistant Principal

Drug/Alcohol Counselor / PTSA Nomination Form

Teens Driving Drugged

Recent research has indicated that teen's brains are not fully developed until about 22 to 23 years old. The area of the brain that monitors 'risky behavior' is one of the last areas to develop. This means teens are getting their driver's license at a very vulnerable time in their life. Studies have found that teens are more likely to drink, smoke cigarettes and use other drugs around the time they acquire their driver's license.

New research shows one in six high school students has reported being under the influence of marijuana and/or alcohol while driving. For this reason parents need to be clear with rules. Explain to your adolescent it is not acceptable to use these substances and that driving is considered a privilege. If students are

using any kind of substance at any time (including alcohol), re-evaluating privileges may be necessary.

It's important for parents to understand that marijuana stays in the body longer than any other drug. Therefore a student who used marijuana two days prior to driving is still affected. This can have an impact on judgment and response time. Staying informed about alcohol and other drugs allows you to talk with confidence about the dangers of 'teens driving drugged'.

Tena Youngberg, CDP, NCAC

RHS Drug/Alcohol Counselor

Clinical Counselor, Youth Eastside Services

RHS: Tuesday/Friday

Redmond High School PTSA Recommendations to the Nominating Committee

The RHS PTSA Nominating Committee is now taking nominations for the 2010-2011 PTSA officers. We welcome you to submit your recommendations for the positions as indicated below. If you are interested in one of these positions for yourself or someone you know and need job descriptions, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members. *We need your help to create next year's slate of officers.*

For Office of: **President** **VP-Programs** **VP-Services** **Secretary** **Treasurer**

Name _____

Contact Info _____

(Phone number or email address)

Please send your recommendations to one of the following Nominating Committee members by February 22nd:

Kathy Dennis skdennis5@verizon.net , **Shelley Flores** shelley.flores@comcast.net , or **Deena Polk** deenapolk@hotmail.com

Respectfully,

RHS PTSA Nominating Committee 2010

WORK CREDIT & GRAD NIGHT

Does your student work? They can earn credit!

If your son or daughter is employed they can earn a grade and up to 1.5 credits for their job. Any student who has completed a .5 occupational credit, or is currently enrolled in an occupational credit class, can register for the Work Experience class. Students earn a .5 credit for every 180 hours worked with satisfactory employer reviews and the completed required paperwork. This is a great way for students to show colleges and future employers their ability to handle academics together with employment. Email gbrady@lwsd.org for more information or have students see Mrs. Brady in room E100.

Grace M. Brady, NBCT, CTE Department Chair

PLANNING A PARTY? NEED VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS?



Whenever you shop at **Everything PARTY** just mention "**Redmond High School**"

to the store cashier at the start of your transaction and they will donate

10% of your purchase price to the **RHS PTSA Baccalaureate Fund.**

Redmond Location: 17181 Redmond Way

WANTED: PRIZES FOR GRAD NIGHT!



The Senior Grad Night Celebration Committee is currently seeking donations from senior parents for prizes for the seniors attending the Grad Night Celebration on June 15th. Gift cards, sport tickets, 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: Kathleen Kulchin at 868-9833 or kulchin5@comcast.net.

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 keep busy and have fun watching the students have such a blast for one last time as a class!
- There's plenty 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 involved in any way, please contact Kathleen Kulchin at 868-9833 or kulchin5@comcast.net.

Grad Night Celebration

Senior Grad Night News and Updates



Now is a good time to start thinking about graduation because as you may have noticed, the past twelve years seemed to have lasted about ten minutes. A Redmond High School tradition for many 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 anticipated event, culminating in an "all-nighter" of secret destinations and non-stop fun with the opportunity for wonderful memories.

The evening begins on June 15th following the graduation ceremony with bus transportation to the venues. 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 16th at RHS.

Tickets are available for just \$135.00 until February 28th when the price will be raised to \$150.00. **(Yes, it's expensive, but we keep them safe and entertained all night long.)** Buy early and beat the rush!

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 anytime 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 the student. **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 buses!

Tickets are available by sending your check payable to RHS Grad Night with the coupon below to: **Jannie Nitso at 7510 245th Way NE, Redmond, Wa 98053**. Your receipt will be your ticket and will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Questions: Contact Kathleen Kulchin at (425)868-9833 or kulchin5@comcast.net
or Jannie Nitso at (425)836-5482 or jannienitso@cbbain.com

Senior's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Are you interested in helping? _____

Arts & Theatre

Drama Fest 2010

Drama Fest is an annual festival of short plays and monologues that are written, directed, produced, and acted entirely by Redmond High students. This unique event gives long-time theatre students as well as newcomers to the stage a chance to show off their talent and collaborate with other students to create a show completely their own.

This year's Drama Fest will run February 23 through 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the RHS Performing Arts Center. The pieces are grouped into two playbills, the Green Bill and the Gold Bill, each performing two nights. The festival ends with an awards presentation after the final show on Friday evening.

The plays for Drama Fest 2010 are as follows:

GREEN BILL – performed Tuesday & Thursday nights

ACT 1

Streetlights

Written by Patrick Mulligan
Directed by Greg Rocha

Enter Stage Right

Written by Dalton Broback
Directed by Greg Rocha

Dance With Me

Written by Julia Chusid
Directed by Ashley Wren

ACT 2

Death by Choice

Written by Briana Vallene
Directed by Tyler Menezes

Team Player

Written by Mathew Toivonen
Directed by Cody Mozzola

GOLD BILL – performed Wednesday & Friday nights

ACT 1

Don't Act Like You Don't Know

Written by Savannah Ledgerwood
Directed by Dalton Broback

Trouble in the Family

Written by Keith Roper
Directed by Cody Mozzola

Suspended in Motion

Written by Thomas Moore
Directed by Tom Cote

Fight Club

Written by Tom Cote
Directed by Dalton Broback

ACT 2

Meeting Robert

Written by Thomas Moore
Directed by Patrick Mulligan

Friend Request

Written by Dalton Broback
Directed by Thomas Moore

Tickets will be on sale at the box office on performance nights. For more information, visit www.RedmondDrama.org.

~ Julianna Castro
Redmond Drama Boosters

Reflections Awards Recipients

Gretchen Loschen



The 2009 Council Reflections awards recipients have been announced. Congratulations to the following Redmond High School students! Please note that Outstanding Interpretation and Award of Excellence recipients will be forwarded to the State Reflections level for further judging.

Visual Arts

Award of Excellence: Sophia Xu
Award of Excellence: Sung Bo Shim
Award of Merit: Claire Asplund
Award of Merit: Edward Zhang

Photography

Award of Excellence: Jessica Christian
Award of Merit: Edward Zhang

Literature

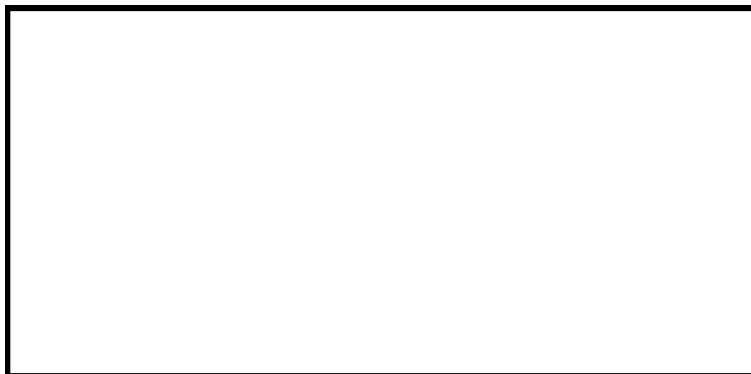
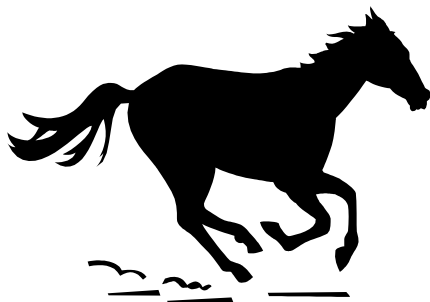
Outstanding Interpretation: Sarah Du
Award of Excellence: Alexandra Mariani
Award of Merit: Alexandra Mariani
Award of Merit: Keira O'Hearn

All are invited to view these and other district level entries at the Reflections Art Show on Friday, January 8, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the LWSD Resource Center at Redmond Town Center.

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RHS Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dates subject to change; please be sure to check the PTSA website at www.redmondhsptsa.org or the school website at www.lwsd.org/school/rhs.

Thursday	Feb. 4	LWSD PTSA Council meeting	LWSD	9:30 am
Friday	Feb. 5	TOLO Dance	RHS	9-Midnight
Tuesday	Feb. 9	Election Day		
Thurs/Fri	Feb. 11-12	No School Mid-Winter Break		
Monday	Feb. 15	No School President's Day		
Wednesday	Feb. 17	PTSA Board Meeting	Career Ctr.	4:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 18	Mustang Messenger Newsletter Deadline		
Tuesday	Feb. 23	LWSD Special Needs meeting	LWSD	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 24	PTSA Practice ACT Test	RHS	2 - 6:00 pm