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Principal’s Message - Jane Todd, Principal

Dear Parents:

I am trying very, very hard to have spring fever. Most days, though, I find myself as caught between hibernation and spring reverie as I am between snowflakes and gentle rain. All of which means, of course, that my brain is about as mushy as my garden and I’m given to flights of random thoughts. In that vein, here are some things going on at RHS this spring, in no particular order:

The students have been engaged in developing a number of initiatives specifically designed to increase student participation in the decision making processes of the school and in creating a safe and healthy school climate. To that end, we have had three of the four seminars on “Raising Student Voice through Participation” in which all students in the school were led through a brainstorming exercise to identify things they wished to improve. What is on their list ranges from buying some microwaves for the cafeteria, to looking at more flexible scheduling so that some students could opt to start their school day a bit later (and stay later.) Now that they have gotten a taste for making their voices heard and their opinions count in positive and productive ways, there were many requests to be involved and many suggestions for what we should address as we prepare to welcome ninth graders. Students chose to use a national anti-bullying curriculum to create a sense of community and develop relationships in our school as a first step antidote to bullying and harassment.

We are holding student-led conferences on progress on the portfolio, with staff members and parent volunteers as our first step, with 10th and 11th graders on the mornings of the days of the Senior presentations, May 11 and 18. We will take this opportunity to make certain our underclassmen understand why we do the portfolio, what connections they should be making between the artifacts in the portfolio and the district’s profile, which is a description of what a graduate of the Lake Washington School District should be and be able to do, and what will be expected of them for their Senior presentation.

As a staff, we have had a number of very positive conversations

about using the reconfiguration and the addition of ninth graders as an opportunity to look at the school as a whole and create structures and programs that may serve our students better. It is still very early in the game, but so far we have discussed (but not decided upon) transition programs, including peer mentoring; intentional guidance on exploration of post-secondary options; teacher teaming; and opportunities for intramurals for 9th and 10th graders and the possibility of more flexible scheduling, an opportunity to pre-specialize in an area of interest, internships and other community connections, and project based learning as potentials for 11th and 12th graders. We plan to involve both students and the parent community as we go forward and begin to put some more specifics to these thoughts.

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Principal's Message, continued

We have had so much difficulty keeping up with all the different bell schedule changes necessitated by student initiatives, going to three lunches (an absolute necessity), the HSPE schedule, the math End of Course test schedule, STAMP testing for World Languages, and the usual senior final exams, underclassmen final exams, Moving Up Assembly, graduation rehearsal, etc. – not to mention best laid plans that took a nosedive because of snow – that it has become a joke around the building. And people are laughing when they're not tearing their hair out.

We have our usual crop of all stars in state and regional, sometimes national, competitions in all content areas. Redmond High School always defines what it means to be excellent in all areas to me when I look at the number of students who are recognized, the areas in which they have excelled and the levels of achievement they have reached. There is not one program or department who is left without bragging rights. Very impressive.

We are dealing with the reality of the economy, the unknowns about the state budget as I write this, and the ramifications of these factors on our school. We have been given the bare bones in staffing, which means that, for the first time, I have had to make some hard decisions about cutting classes that are undersubscribed after pre-registration. These are never popular decisions, but I can reassure parents and students that our counselors take very good care of students who are not able to take their first choice classes, particularly with regard to graduation requirements.

This represents just a sampling of the many things going on at our school. This is always a very busy time of year, and this year it seems even more so. We are grateful for your patience, your understanding and your support, as always, and we, like you, are grasping those literal and metaphorical rays of sunshine whenever they come our way. For me, for my entire career, all it takes is one smile from a young person and my whole very bad, no good, horrible day just disappears. And that's why I do this. Wishing you a happy . . . spring?

Sincerely,

Jane

Shelly Sharp Macer, Redmond High School Librarian

--The RHS Library would like to thank the anonymous donor of the book *On American Soil: How Justice Became a Casualty of World War Two* by Jack Hamann, a local author. We are so appreciative of this wonderful contribution to our library.

--The RHS Library *really* wants to thank Wesley Vance for organizing the weed clearing party in the garden area outside the library! Imagine our surprise when we walked in on a Monday and saw that it had been cleared out. We had a good time trying to guess who our group of garden angels were. J Word has it that Wesley saw a need and organized a troop of helpers to clear and haul away overgrown weeds and blackberry bushes. Wesley's attitude toward community and service will bode well for him and his community. Many thanks!

Thanks so much. Two great surprised for us this month.

PTSA Co-President's Letter - Shelley Flores and Deena Polk

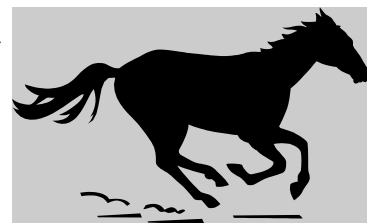
The week of May 2nd marks the commemoration of **Staff Appreciation Week**. There is no more appropriate time to show our teachers and staff members how grateful we are for all they do for our kids. If you know of a teacher, coach, administrator, or other staff member who has made a positive impact on your child's experience at Redmond High, we encourage you to send that person an email or a note of acknowledgement and thanks. Certainly the validation you offer to that teacher would be well-worth those few minutes of time. Our own Staff Appreciation committee has done a great job this year in letting staff know how much they are valued. Sincere thanks to co-chairs **Pam Adams** and **Celeste Lavender** and their army of volunteers for coordinating these special events!

At the General Meeting on April 13th, **Needs Assessment** results were reviewed and voted on. Needs Assessment is the annual process in which PTSA asks staff members to submit wish lists of items that could be used for curriculum enrichment and/or to fill a need at the school. **We are happy to report we were able to vote on over \$13,000.00 for equipment and programs for our students.**

Also at our General Meeting, elections were held to vote on incoming executive committee members for the 2011-2012 school year. Officers next year will be: **Shelley Flores** and **Jan LaFond** (Co- Presidents), **Peg Hunt** (VP of Programs), **Karen Figurelle** (VP of Services), **Marie Kent** (Secretary) and **Susan Seabrooks** (Treasurer). Thank you to the Nominating Committee (**Jerry Smith, Brenda Hunt, Julie Firth and Kim Axelrod**) for their work in recruiting these volunteers! We are now in the process of forming committees for next year. If you are interested in learning more about being on a committee, please contact Shelley Flores (shelley.flores@comcast.net) for more information.

Graduation is fast approaching and we all want to keep our children safe while celebrating this momentous occasion. Statistics show this night can be one of the most dangerous for young adults as many times they make unwise choices while celebrating after graduation. One of the best ways to keep your senior safe, while having a great time, is the all night **"Grad Night" Celebration** sponsored by the RHS PTSA. This celebration allows

them to have fun with friends in a safe environment. The seniors are taken to 2 undisclosed locations for the all night celebration. Both locations offer many activities that the kids enjoy plus plenty of food to keep them energized. Be sure to purchase your student's ticket before they sell out. Thank you to **Cindy Swanson** and **Denise Larson** and their many volunteers to keep RHS seniors safe on June 15th.



Another activity that PTSA works on at this time of year is the Senior's Baccalaureate Ceremony held the day before graduation; this year on June 14th. Historically this was a sermon given in Latin at a graduation but today it has become an interfaith service that celebrates the completion of an academic career. The Baccalaureate gives students a chance to speak from their hearts about what their education has meant to them and a chance to thank those that may have had an instrumental hand in helping them achieve their goals. It can come in many various forms, a speech written by themselves, a musical piece or a dance performance. We are fortunate to have **Gayle Di Iorio** and her wonderful committee that works with students of all faiths to make this a very special evening. If you have a senior, we urge you to attend this wonderful, inspiring evening.

We are almost at the home-stretch of the school year, with only two PTSA meetings remaining on the schedule. On **May 11th at 4 pm** we will be holding a General Membership meeting to vote on next year's budget. On **June 8th at 7 pm**, our final meeting, we will be awarding three \$1000.00 student scholarships and announcing PTSA awards to deserving volunteers. All are invited to attend!

As always, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that make our organization run smoothly.

Go Stangs!

PTSA Financial Report

As of 4/10/2011

PTSA General Account \$30,939.91

Baccalaureate \$883.68

Graduation Night \$9,891.56



For a detailed treasurer's report, please go to the PTSA website, <http://redmondhsptsa.org>.

—Kathy Dennis, PTSA Treasurer

Baccalaureate 2011

Baccalaureate is an awesome tradition here at RHS, a wonderful celebration many students don't even know about until their senior year!

Baccalaureate celebrations have been taking place in conjunction with graduation ceremonies since the 1400's! It all started at Oxford University and is a tradition older than America itself. As the years have passed, the look and feel of Baccalaureate has changed too. Today, it is a ceremony for seniors to reflect on their high school years, to express encouragement and gratitude, and to inspire one another as they go forward into their future. It is an evening put on by the seniors, and each graduate is encouraged to participate in this inspirational event. Seniors will have an opportunity to share their talents and speaking abilities.

Sign-ups to audition will be available at the senior meeting on May 5th. We need speakers, musicians, dancers, performers, artists, candle lighters, candle extinguishers and scout honor guards. Auditions will be held at RHS May 16th-18th and May 23rd-25th and the dress rehearsal will be at The City Church on Monday, June 13th from 3-5 pm. To sign-up early, contact Gayle Di Iorio at the link below.

We are looking forward to a special evening shared with classmates, friends and family and hope that everyone will make time in their graduation festivities for Baccalaureate on **Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm at The City Church in Kirkland.**

Gayle Di Iorio
Baccalaureate Chair
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Congratulations Seniors!

Graduation Information for Parents/Guardians of Graduating Students - by Lloyd Higgins, Associate Principal

As we approach the last few weeks of your student's high school experience, you may want to be aware of the following information concerning the Moving-Up Assembly, Graduation Ceremony, and the events that will occur on June 15th.

MOVING-UP ASSEMBLY - Monday, June 13th at 8:25am in the RHS Gym. This assembly is a celebration to honor seniors for academic, athletic and ASB awards.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL - Tuesday, June 14th in the RHS Gym starting at 10am. Please remind your seniors that the rehearsal is mandatory in order to participate in graduation. Seniors will receive as many graduation tickets as needed. All fines must be paid in order to participate in rehearsal or the ceremony.

GRADUATION CEREMONY - We are committed to presenting a first-class commencement program at Key Arena in Seattle **Wednesday, June 15th at 2:00pm.** In order to participate in the commencement program, students will need to follow these procedures:

●**Dress:** Boys must wear shirts with collars. Ties are recommended. Girls should wear a dress, skirt or nice slacks. Students will not be allowed to alter or add to the graduation caps or gowns. No leis are permitted to be worn.

●**Behavior:** Since the graduation exercises serve a serious purpose, students exhibiting inappropriate behavior at graduation or rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

●**The event held at Key Arena is school sponsored.** Therefore inappropriate behavior will lead to disciplinary action including ejection from the arena.

Drug/Alcohol Possession, Use and Paraphernalia: Please be proactive with your students to avoid the temptation to use drugs or alcohol. The consequence for possession, use or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school grounds or during school sponsored events is a 45-day suspension from school.

AT KEY ARENA:

●Graduates are to report to the Thomas Street entrance at Key Arena by 1:00 pm. No guests are allowed in the Graduation staging area.

●Doors will open for audience at 1:30pm. To enter, use the west or east doors. Please exit to the east side of arena.

●Tickets will be collected before entering the ceremony. In lieu of a ticket, guests may show an RHS Graduation Invitation. One ticket or invitation admits an entire family.

Food concessions will be closed. Key Arena does not allow food or beverages to be brought in. **No helium balloons are allowed in Key Arena.**

BUSES TO KEY ARENA: If you want to ride a school bus to Key Arena, you must purchase a round-trip ticket from the bookkeeper (before school or during lunches) by **Wednesday, June 8th**. Buses will be available for parents and graduates leaving RHS at 12:15 pm for \$8.00 per person.

PARKING AT KEY ARENA: Off-site pay lots and street parking are available. Disabled parking is located at the 1st Avenue North garage Lot 3 directly south of Key Arena and the 2nd Avenue Lot 6 on Mercer Street.

These rules and guidelines are very simple. We desire to present a dignified and meaningful ceremony for the students. By working together we can be sure that our students will look back upon their graduation with pride.

P.S. SENIOR FINES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO COMPLETE CHECKOUT PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. DIPLOMAS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT KEY ARENA.

RHS Staff Appreciation Update:

In **March** we hoped to welcome spring with a wonderful "**Spring Salad Luncheon**" for the RHS staff. The lunch was delicious, however spring is sure taking it's time to arrive. We served 20 different varieties of salad, warm soft bread sticks from "Olive Garden Restaurant", and a nice selection of bar cookies. Our fabulous volunteers made all of the salads. They looked so fresh & colorful on the serving table. The staff lounge was decorated with a garden theme. Complete with flowers, garden tools, garden books, etc.

In **April** we did a "**Baseball Theme Lunch**" to welcome the opening season for the Seattle Mariners. We turned the staff lounge into a ballpark. We served hot dogs with the fixin's, root beer floats, assorted chips, popcorn, peanuts, sunflower seeds, red licorice vines, Chex mix, etc. Our volunteers helped us out by donating many of these items. We decorated the staff lounge with plenty of baseball gloves, bats, balls, etc. It was a "home run" day for the RHS Staff! We even provided a t.v. with the "Mariner" highlights playing.

And thanks to Pam Adams for donating 4 of her Mariner season tickets for a **raffle prize**. Her seats are 7 rows above the Mariner dugout :) The lucky staff winner was Pete Saxby. He was thrilled! He said he never wins anything... it was his lucky day.

We thank all of our parent volunteers for helping us spoil the RHS staff with these fun monthly events. The staff truly appreciates all that we do for them. And we couldn't do any of it without the help and donations from all of you.

We love our RHS Staff!

We would like to recognize and thank the following volunteers:

Donna Stopenhagen, Dana Young, Kelly Cagle, Gayle Dilorio, Claudia Ye, Renee Grant, Anne Dardenne, Kathy Weiss, Laurie Chirichigno, Inez Mobley, Nanci Wehr, Kelly Petty, Karen Osborn, Rosemary O'Connell, Karen Dalton, Tammy Lord, Tricia Brazier, Caryn Wheat, and Julie Westwater.

Celeste Lavender & Pam Adams
RHS Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

The RHS staff would like to extend a very big thank you to Celeste Lavender and Pam Adams for coordinating all the delicious treats and luncheons throughout this school year. Your time, effort and energy to always provide us with the most wonderful food and drinks is gratefully appreciated. We would like to also extend a thank you to all parents who so generously donated food to make these treats and luncheons delicious and possible.

The RHS Staff....

Lake Washington PTSA Council Parent Education Calendar of Events

If you have any questions, contact Joanne Hall, Chair, Parent Education at lwsdparented@gmail.com

Date	Time	Speaker/Topic	Location	Suggested Audience
Wednesday, April 20th	7 – 9 PM	Susan Quattrociocchi, PhD Career Development in a Time of Uncertainty: Focusing on Strengths, Skills & Interests for the Long-Term	Juanita High School Library 132nd St., Kirkland	Parents of Teens Free Class
Wednesday, April 27th	10am - noon	Ken Wong & Jeannine Ewing What You Might Want to Know about High School Teens	Redmond High School Band Room 17272 N.E. 104 th Avenue	Parents of High School Students (9 th grade and up) Free Class
Wednesday, May 18th	7 – 9 PM	Bill Corson & Laura Doerflinger Factors Influencing Teen Decision Making & Behaviors	Redmond High School Band Room 17272 N.E. 104 th Avenue	Parents of Teens Free Class

Program Descriptions follow for district programs:

Wednesday, April 20th from 7 – 9 PM

Location: **Juanita High School Library (132nd St., Kirkland)**

Career Development in a Time of Uncertainty: Focusing on Strengths, Skills & Interests for the Long-Term
Presenter: Susan Quattrociocchi, Ph.D.

There is a growing body of research to substantiate what common knowledge attests: parents have a profound and lasting impact on both children's school achievement and successful career and college planning. More importantly, *only* parents can insure that their child turns out to be what the future needs: Caring human beings with strong interpersonal skills and a passion for contributing to society.

Come learn:

How to better understand your student's interests & strengths

How those interests & strengths should serve as the base for career planning

How YOU can guide and empower your child to make the most of their secondary school year experiences.

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Susan Quattrociochi, Ph.D is the former Director of the Washington State Initiative, *“A Call to Parents: How to Cut the High Costs and High Risks of Education after High School”*. A popular national speaker and writer, Susan is a respected authority on the power of parental involvement and the educational/career needs of young people.

Recommended for parents of high school & junior high school students

This **FREE** program is sponsored by the Lake Washington PTSA Council
No registration required

Questions? Contact Joanne Hall, Chair, Parent Education at lwsdparented@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 27th from 7 – 9 PM

Location: **Redmond High School Band Room** (17272 N.E. 104th Avenue, Redmond; enter at Performing Arts Center entrance and follow signs to the Band Room)

What You Might Want to Know about High School Teens

Presenters: Jeannine Ewing & Ken Wong

What is on your teen’s mind? *School work? College? Measuring up? Homecoming date? Friends’ problems? Making the team? Getting a part in the next drama production? What to do to help out after the disaster in Japan?*

What do our teachers and youth leaders see and hear in their daily roles working with teens that we may not experience as parents? Why do teachers love teaching high school students? What are our students concerned about?

Come listen to two seasoned teachers and youth leaders discuss their experiences with our adolescents and their insights for parenting strategies.

Jeannine Ewing has taught at RHS for 27 years. She currently teaches health class interacting and guiding almost 300 11th grade students each year. She has also coached softball and basketball and served as the athletic director. She has a master’s in education and attended WWU. Her daughter is a graduating senior this year from RHS and will also attend WWU next year. Jeannine’s passions include running, reading and learning something new from kids every day.

Ken Wong is currently the Teen Programs Director for the City of Redmond. Ken has been in the kid profession for over 20 years on the Eastside as an educator, consultant, counselor, community leader and an intervention specialist. Community education and parent support is where his work has brought him and where he sees the most need. His heart and passion is working with youth. Ken has a Master’s Degree in Social Work, but considers himself a lifelong learner.

Recommended for parents of students 9th grade and higher

This **FREE** program is sponsored by the Redmond High School PTSA

No Registration Required

Questions? Contact Joanne Hall, Chair, Parent Education at lwsdparented@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 18th from 7 – 9 PM

Location: **Redmond High School Band Room** (17272 N.E. 104th Avenue, Redmond; enter at Performing Arts Center entrance and follow signs to the Band Room)

Factors Influencing Teen Decision Making & Behaviors

Presenters: **Bill Corson & Laura Doerflinger**

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The RHS Library is thankful for the support of our community that allows us to offer a first-class library to students.

In order to maintain its current and relevant collection we add materials that support our teachers through various means: PTSA grants, operating budget, book donations from parents and teachers, and the Amazon Wish List donations. If you would like to make a donation of books to the RHS Library, visit our Amazon Wish List by and search for RHS Library.

<http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist>

We do appreciate any donations that can be made and offer our continued thanks in supporting information literacy at Redmond High School.

Community Partners

Thank you to our corporate and community partners!
RHS PTSA wish to gratefully acknowledge the following businesses for their support in helping us advance our mission and fund critical programs that support our teachers and students:

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Microsoft
Roos Orthodontics

Parent Education

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In recent years, researchers have shed light on the many factors influencing teen behaviors. Well intended, involved parents are not immune from facing challenges with their students.

The goal of this program is two-fold:

To improve parents' understanding of the complex mix of factors that can result in questionable decision making by our teens

To provide parents with reasonable strategies for guiding & monitoring their student

Topics covered will include the following:

- Teen brain development in brief
- The role of temperament
- Characteristics of leaders, followers; "group think"
- Risk factors
- The impact of different parenting approaches
- What is normal teen experimentation and when should you seek outside assistance
- The important role parents play in adolescence

Bill Corson is the current Redmond Junior High School Resource Officer. He has served as a school resource officer in this area for 7 years. In addition to 29 years in the police force, he has worked with teens in a variety of settings for over 30 years spending much of his spare time leading teen and adult groups on wilderness adventures. He is the parent of 4 adult children. Bill has a passion for serving youth & a great deal of insight into understanding adolescent behavior from many perspectives including law enforcement, parenting & recreation.

Laura Doerflinger, MS, a licensed mental health counselor, is the Executive Director of the Parent Education Group in Kirkland. She has been working with families for 17 years & has a great deal of experience working with students in the Lake Washington School district. Laura has two children ages 12 & 15. She understands the importance of establishing communication strategies within families. She is a wealth of information on how to access services appropriate to individual family needs. For more information about her work, go to

<http://www.familyauthority.com/http://www.familyauthority.com/>

Recommended for Parents of Students 7th grade & up

Counselors' Corner

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

On A Personal Note

Jennifer Martinson, counselor to students with last names that start with the letters F – Ld, will be out on maternity leave mid May through the end of the current school year. She and her husband are welcoming their first child, a baby girl, due on May 11th.

During her leave substitute Joan Freiheit (pronounced JOE-ANNE FRY-HEIGHT) will be available to those students and families assigned to Mrs. Martinson. Joan was a counselor in the LWSD for many years before she retired a few short years ago. She brings a great deal of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm with her to RHS and looks forward to meeting and working with our students. Should you need anything during Jennifer's leave please contact Joan by calling by email at jfreiheit@lwsd.org or by phone 425-936-1807 (direct) or 425-936-1804 (counseling main line).

Jennifer will return to work in August with the rest of the RHS staff to prepare for another great school year!

Cheryl Dennis announced she will retire at the end of the school year. Cheryl has worked in education for 31 years, including K-12 and at the college level. She came to Redmond High School in 1989. She states it has been a great pleasure to work with RHS students and families. She has many fond memories of working with students and particularly admires students who have overcome obstacles to obtain an education. Cheryl is looking forward to having more time to enjoy personal friendships, read, bike, kayak, hike and walk her dog "Sparky" with her husband Dennis. She will especially appreciate time to travel for visits with family in Southern California, Arizona, Georgia and North Carolina.

Cheryl says, "I will greatly miss the staff at RHS and particularly the counseling team because of their constant professionalism, support and candidness with one another!" A search will soon begin for her successor to facilitate a smooth transition into the 2011-12 school year. You are invited to a reception to honor LWSD retirees taking place on June 8th at 4 p.m. in the Lake Washington School District Resource Center.

Grades and Spring

As the days get warmer, many of our students find their thoughts turning to summer activities. Seniors especially often have a difficult time keeping themselves on track. Please remind your student that the school year is not quite over yet and they still have plenty of work to do! Use Standard Score to keep up with your student's progress, and if you have specific concerns do contact your student's teachers to see how they can improve before the end of the year. **Remember, seniors must have all graduation requirements completed (including all level 5 essays, Formal Lab Report, QSR and their portfolio presentation) or they will not be allowed to walk at the graduation ceremony!** These can be tracked through parent access by clicking on Graduation Standards. Also, colleges require a final high school transcript sent to check second semester grades and they do reserve the right to rescind acceptances if students show lack of progress. Seniors will provide the school with the name and address of their chosen college or post high school program during senior check out in June.

Sophomores and juniors do have the option of taking missing credits through summer school. Please see below for more summer school information.

Scholarship News

If your student has been offered a scholarship to a college, **please inform the Counseling Center** by bringing a copy of the award letter to Mrs. LaBrie **no later than May 12th**. 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.

Seniors are encouraged to pick up our **Scholarship Bulletin** either in the career center or online and look it over for possibilities. Sandy Davidson, our career specialist, updates the scholarship newsletter every few weeks, and she says there are still plenty of opportunities available! 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. Scholarship committees are not always looking for a 4.0 student. They could be looking for your student.

Counselors' Corner (continued)

Post High School Plans

Seniors are asked to stop by the Counseling Center and tell us their post high school plans - where they plan on going to college (including 4 year, community college or trade school), if they are going into the military, if they have big travel plans, or if they are going to work. We would like to add them to our "Going Places" map! Please make sure your student registers their post high school plans with the counseling office by May 20.

Advanced Placement:

Advanced Placement exams are scheduled for May 2 through May 20. Students have been preparing for their exams with their teachers. Of course, it goes without saying that students need to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast the day of their tests. Being aware of the time and location, what materials to bring, and the testing procedures will help reduce test anxiety. Reading the registration materials passed out in March or referring to the College Board website will also help. Students are reminded that they CAN NOT leave any test early for any reason. The College Board has very strict rules regarding testing procedures, including no cell phones or other electronic devices. All students must bring their receipt of payment and photo identification (either a driver's license or student body card with a picture) in order to enter the testing room. Congratulations to each student who has stretched, struggled, and survived each of these demanding college level courses. Good luck to each of them!!!

Summer School

Registration information for Lake Washington School District Summer School is now available on line through the Lake Washington School District website! Registration dates are May 16-June 24. This is an excellent chance for your student to earn missing credits or increase skills for next year. Please refer to the district website or counseling office for more information.

Summer Travel

As your family makes summer travel plans please keep in mind opportunities for your student to investigate post high school options. If your travels take you past technical schools, community colleges, or 4 year colleges or universities, maybe carve out some time to just walk through the campus. Even on informal tour like this can open your student's eyes to possibilities that they might not have considered before!

Summer Enrichment Programs on College Campuses

Is your student interested in learning more about medical research or how to write the perfect novel? There are many summer programs for sophomores and juniors available through college and universities across the country. Many of these programs take place on college campuses allowing students a taste of what the college experience will be like. If your student is interested in summer programs, you can refer to university websites or see Mrs. Davidson in the Career Center for options and ideas.

	TEST DATES FOR 2010-2011	OUR RHS CODE IS 480-978
	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT	June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011
ACT	June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011

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!

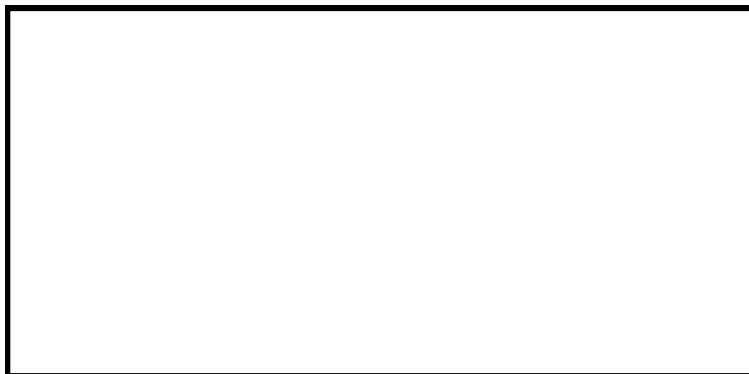
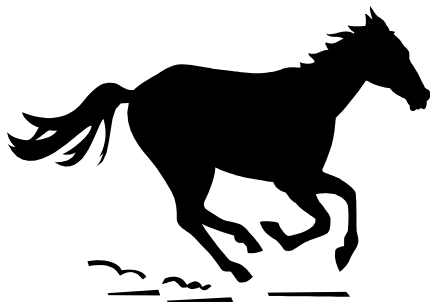
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RHS Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Thursday	May 5	ASB/Class Elections Assembly	RHS	
Friday	May 6	LEAP Day	No School	
Saturday	May 21	Prom	Shilshole Bay	9-12 mid-night
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day	No School	
Wednesday	June 8	PTSA General Meeting	RHS Career Center	7-8:30 pm
Wednesday	June 15	Graduation	Key Arena	2:00 pm
Tuesday	June 21	1/2 school day		
Wednesday	June 22	1/2 school day Last School Day		