

Communication from Redmond High School (aka: “How do I keep up with all that is going on?”)

Communication between school and parents is vital. With a school the size of Redmond High, and with all that is going on, it is natural for parents to worry about not hearing about important events. To keep everyone in the loop, four main communication tools are used. Here is the summary:

ParentOrganizer: We cannot stress enough the importance of this program. ‘PO’ is an email-based communication tool...you sign up, and announcements are sent to you via a very brief daily email. It is free to you (the subscription is paid by PTSA) and your email address is never shared. ParentOrganizer gives you the most up-to-date school announcements...if there are any event changes, updates, etc. you would find them here. If you are the parent of a sophomore, be sure you update your PO profile to include RHS instead of the junior high. Important note: it is essential that you sign up for both ‘RHS’ and ‘RHS PTSA’. Even if you aren’t a PTSA member, you will want those notices because PTSA sponsors many student school activities, such as Grad Night, Baccalaureate, SAT prep classes, Reflections, etc. and therefore information about those will come out only under ‘PTSA’ (in other words, the PTSA section isn’t just about PTSA meetings!)

To be sure you are properly signed up:

Go to www.parentorganizer.com

- Follow instructions either to sign up as a ‘new member’ or, if checking to be sure your profile is correct, click on ‘existing members’.
- Sign in using your email address and password.
- Your name will appear on the right side – click on ‘Edit’.
- PTSA groups should come up....check the one for RHS PTSA (you can delete schools you are no longer affiliated with at this time also by unchecking).
- If you do not have PTSA groups as a choice in this ‘Edit’ section, click on ‘My Profile’ on the left.
- Scroll down to the bottom where each individual is listed – Be sure you are registered as an adult (some schools had their parents sign up as a child at the beginning) – change yourself to adult from the dropdown menu following your name.
- Then click on ‘Org Signups’ – PTSA groups will then be offered to you – check RHS PTSA.

If you have a student from another school and need to update your ParentOrganizer profile, follow the same steps above. If your child came from outside the district and you were using ParentOrganizer, you will need to update their profile first by clicking on ‘Org Signups’ next to their name in the ‘My Profile’ section and then going to your own name and clicking on ‘Org Signups’.

Redmond High website www.lwsd.org/rhs

This site gives valuable information such as upcoming school events, contact information for staff members and links to their websites, graduation requirements, school policies, attendance information, college visitations, college admissions information, etc. The site is maintained by the school.

Redmond High PTSA website www.redmondhsptsa.org

This site, maintained by a PTSA volunteer, contains information about PTSA-sponsored events, as well as Legislative news. Events sponsored by PTSA would include parent presentations, ACT/SAT practice tests and prep classes, Reflections information, Grad Night, multi-cultural events, Baccalaureate, as well as information about PTSA meetings.

Mustang Messenger Newsletter

The monthly newsletter, produced by PTSA, is full of pertinent information about goings-on at RHS. There are usually submissions by teachers, administrators, counselors, and PTSA committee chairs. Here is where you will find details on everything from sports summaries and drama events to yearbook photo submission, college application deadlines and Grad Night details.

Due to rising printing/postage costs, the Mustang Messenger is being electronically whenever possible. When a new issue is published, you will be notified via ParentOrganizer, with a link to the PTSA website, where you can read the new publication. Paper copies will be available at the school office. If you prefer that a paper copy be mailed to your home, this can be requested by sending your name and address to Vick Martino (mvmartino@comcast.net) or Pat Bishop (dbishopjr67@comcast.net), or by returning the form below to the school office.

We encourage you to use all four of these communication tools to stay informed with the RHS activities!

Mustang Messenger ‘Opt-In’ Form

I would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Mustang Messenger via regular mail. Please mail my copy to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Print and return to school office for placement in the PTSA mailbox.