



The View

From Our Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

During some of my recent reading, I discovered the following quote from John Goodlad, author of *A Place Called School*: "We have created a world in which there no longer is a common body of information that everyone must or can learn. The only hope for meeting the demands of the future is the development of people who are capable of assuming responsibility for their own needs. Schools should help every child to prepare for a world of rapid changes and unforeseeable demands in which continuing education throughout adult life should be a normal expectation."

Goodlad's comments give all of us a picture of the challenge and importance of our task to properly educate both our youth and ourselves. When we continue to say that we intend to design and implement education components at Ridge View High School that address the academic needs of all students, many with a clear understanding of what that will require, consider such ambitions impossible to accomplish. I agree that it will not be an easy task. Certainly, patience and hard work will be required.

More importantly, the serious, consistent, continuous, and enthusiastic involvement of parents and community members will be essential. The Ridge View community has an increasing commitment to this involvement. It must grow even greater. Too many "hang back."

As we move towards insuring that each student at our school has and believes that he/she has an adult advocate who care about him/her, we are going to need more and more of our community to provide the resources of time and talent to make it happen. You see, when we discover the particular academic barriers for each student, we must find the resources to remove those barriers. This will require increased parent and community assistance. The old adage, "no one cares how much you know until they know how much you care," is especially true of teens. The secret to raising student achievement is customized caring for each student. Some would suggest that the caring is worn out. But, "the repetition of a true phrase does not reduce its relevancy; it vouches for its validity."

So, what can you do? When called upon to help us save a student, respond. When asked if you will mentor a student, respond. If you see things we don't, that might improve our efforts toward doing the impossible-which is reaching every student, tell us about it. With your positive responses and proactive interventions we can get much closer to achieving the impossible, a customized and accomplished achievement plan for every student.

I agree wholeheartedly with one of my favorite people, Walt Disney: "It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

-Marty Martin

School Information

Attention Parents: Effective immediately—Parents picking their students up after school between **3:30 pm & 4:00 pm should do so in D-Lot** (the parking lot nearest the auditorium). Parents picking up their students **after 4:00 pm should pick them up in front of the school**. Also, if you are attending parent conferences **after school, you should park in the two lots behind the school, lots B and C**.

RVHS JROTC, Student Activities, Athletic Teams, faculty, staff and students hosted a number of events to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Male Faculty members also participated in the Miss Understood Pageant. The contestant with the largest amount of money raised was crowned Miss Understood. This year, Chris Nostrant (Art Teacher), was crowned Miss Understood by raising \$1000. The total raised from the pageant was \$2,759.38. All proceeds go directly to the JDRF.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

RVHS art students, Angelica McGee, Kindra Robinson, Lydia Davidson, Ebone Kennedy, Ronnisha Willis, Lorenzo Brown, and Min Lee won awards in the student art competition at the South Carolina State Fair. The South Carolina State Fair Student Art Show will be exhibited in the Americraft-Cantey Building October 8-19, 2008.

Kudos to Bruce Davis, for being recognized as a National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant.

Twelve RVHS Seniors have received college acceptance letters: Natasha Moorman-USC Upstate; Alex Miller-Columbia College and USC Upstate; Brandi Quattlebaum-Florida A&M; Angelica Moore-USC Upstate; Ashley Greene-Columbia College and Coastal Carolina; Meredith Harris; Clemson University; Lauren Fink-Coastal Carolina; Charles McIntyre-Coastal Carolina; Erica Moore-Ogelthorpe; Mark Price-Anderson University; Alex Sanders-USC Upstate; and Bianca Young-Ogelthorpe.

The Blazer Band for finishing in 4th place at the 4A Upper State Preliminaries. The top 6 bands from Upper State and Lower State competed for the State Finals on October 25th with our band receiving 5th place.

Academic News

The Blazer Academy will be distributing cupcakes for success on report card day, October 30, 2008. Ninth and Tenth graders with A's and B's in all of their classes will receive a cupcake!

AVID NEWS

AVID I & II Family Night on November 6th from 6pm-8pm

Community Service Opportunities are available, contact an AVID teacher for more information

AVID is still looking for tutors! Please contact mroberson@rvh.richland2.org.

Athletic News

For the second year in a row, the Ridge View Boys Cross Country Team won the Region Championship! The boys defeated Spring Valley HS, Rock Hill HS, Blythewood HS, Lancaster HS and South Pointe HS to win the Region 4-AAAA title Wednesday, Oct. 23 at South Pointe HS. David Jennings won the boys race to be crowned as the region champion for the second consecutive year and Joe Keitt finished second overall to earn All-Region honors as well.

Congratulations to the Blazer Cheerleaders! The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders finished 2nd place at the Ultimate Cheer Challenge Competition at Dutch Fork High School on October 11th! Please come out and support the cheerleaders on November 1st at the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic at the Colonial Center and on November 8th at the Palmetto Classic at the Columbia Metropolitan Center.

The Blazer Football teams need your support! Please come out and show support for our players and coaches. The B and JV team home game is on October 30th at 6:00 pm. The Varsity team plays Blythewood on November 7th at 7:30 pm.

From Our School Nurse

Cold and Flu season will arrive soon. Please remind your children to cover their mouths when coughing and to wash their hands often. These two actions are the biggest factors in reducing the risk of colds, sore throat, flu, whooping cough (pertussis), and other highly contagious respiratory diseases. Please report any signs or symptoms that worsen or persist for an extended amount of time to your child's physician.

From Our Guidance Office

Once again, we are pleased to offer students the opportunity to apply for the McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship Award. The scholarship is available to all high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own business while in high school. We offer up to \$10,000 per academic year for four years to any US college. The application must be submitted by January 25, 2009. Please visit the College and Career Lab for more details.

The 2008 ED-OP College Fair will be held on October 28th at RVHS. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. The purpose of the ED-OP Program is to provide a chance for high school students, particularly juniors and seniors, to be exposed to many different educational opportunities and to explore scientific interests.

Would your child like a \$1,000 scholarship? Every month, South Carolina Student Loan will give a \$1,000 scholarship to one lucky winner. Visit www.scstudentloan.org.

Student Activities

RVHS will be hosting Blythewood Spirit Week November 2nd-7th! GO BLAZERS! In support of Ridge View's continued commitment to Invisible Children and our partnership with Awere Secondary School in northern Uganda, we will be hosting a book drive for our Blythewood spirit week. Please drop off books at Ridge View High School. Books must have an ISBN number. The specific requirements are attached. Our goal is 10,000 books.

Seniors and super Juniors who had their pictures taken at Lifetouch should go to B-57 during 5th or 6th period, before or after school, or during lunch to their pictures and choose which pose they want to appear in the yearbook by November 3rd.

Yearbooks are still available to purchase for \$55. Checks should be made payable to RVHS or you can purchase online at www.buyyearbook.com

Last day for Senior ads and quotes is November 3rd. These can be given to Mrs. Robinson in room B-57.

It is time for our annual Miss Ridge View Pageant! This year we will also be holding a school supply drive to benefit Sister Care. The pageant will held on Saturday, November 8th at 7:00 pm in the RV auditorium.

On October 30th, RVHS will hold a mock election. Students will be voting for their choice of presidential candidates.

Community Involvement

The next School Improvement Council meeting with will be **held Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the RVHS Media Center**. The SIC is a group of parents, students, community members, teachers and administrators who help advise the principal and actively seek ways to improve the school. We're looking for fresh, new ideas and energetic volunteers. SIC meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. To join or get more information on the SIC, please contact Vikki Kinsey at 803-699-2999 ext. 207.

RVHS presents, A Moment for Mom, on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 8:00 am-9:30 am in the Media Center. RVHS would like to give our mothers the opportunity to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday and take a moment for themselves. Refreshments and relaxation will be plentiful!

It is with extreme sadness that Richland School District Two acknowledges the death of one of its members of the board of trustees. Stephen Shellenberg suffered a massive heart attack at home and died October 24, 2008. While Mr. Shellenberg did have a history of heart trouble, this comes as a shock to the entire Richland Two family. Ridge View High School would like to extend our deepest condolences to his family and to everyone who knew, loved and admired him.

On November 4, 2008, Richland Two will ask voters if it can borrow \$306 million to build four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one magnet center. Additionally, some existing facilities will be renovated and upgraded. The 2008 Bond Referendum would cost property owners of a \$100,000 house, \$108 per year or 30 cents per day. To get more answers to your questions about the 2008 Bond Referendum, visit www.richland2.org and click the 2008 Bond Referendum link.

Important Dates

November 1st: SAT

November 11th: EXPLORE, PLAN and ASSET testing

November 3-7, 2008: Blythewood Spirit Week and Book Drive

November 7, 2008: Miss RVHS Pageant in the Auditorium-Please bring school supplies to benefit Sister Care!

November 10, 2008: Winter Wishes Begins

November 11, 2008: Veteran's Day

November 12, 2008: A Moment for Mom from 8:00 am-9:30 am in the Media Center

November 15, 2008: Community Yard Sale from 7:00 am-2:00 pm

*****Note: This bulletin will be sent bi-weekly to our Blazer family. *****

Invisible Children Book Drive November 3rd-7th

BOOK ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

Books: Must have an ISBN. The ISBN may be printed in barcode format on the book's back cover (or inside a mass-market paperback's front cover). Alternatively, the ISBN may be printed in 10-digit or 13-digit format on the book's copyright page. Please do not send books in poor condition. Other Media: DVDs, music CDs, Books on CD are acceptable to donate (must be operable and include the original artwork and casing) Software: Unopened software sets are acceptable to donate.

PLEASE DO NOT COLLECT BOOKS THAT ARE:

- Dirty
- Moldy
- Water-Damaged
- Damaged Binding or Pages
- Missing Covers or Pages
- Excessive Writing, Markings, or Highlighting
- Books with Cut-Out Library Treatments
- Paperback Books Warped From Storage

- Academic Journals or Literary Criticisms
- Activity Books (coloring, crossword, etc.)
- Books Published by Magazines (Reader's Digest Condensed Books)
- Books that do not contain an ISBN
- Case Law and Procedural Law Books
- Custom Course Packets
- Directories or Telephone Books
- Encyclopedia Britannica, World Book, Childcraft, or Incomplete Sets
- LP Records, VHS, Cassettes, or CDs
- Open Software Sets
- Periodicals or Magazines (i.e. National Geographic, TV Guides)
- Tax Documents or Government Documents
- Book Club Editions
- Harlequin Romance Novels
- The Modern Library Series
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- Who's Who
- Yearbooks or annuals