



Ridge View High School
The View
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Welcome Back to School!

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Monday 8/24/09	Do you like helping others? Do you like meeting new people? Then, become a Ridge View Blazer Ambassador. Any student interested in serving as a Blazer Ambassador for the 2009-2010 academic year must attend the interest meeting in the small gym on Tuesday, August 25 during lunch. Applications are available in guidance now through Tuesday, August 25. If you have any questions, please see Ms. King or Mr. Patterson in Guidance.
Tuesday 8/25/09	Cross country Meeting in the main gym. Practices are everyday after school beginning at 3:45 PM. All are invited to attend the meeting and practices to find out if Cross Country is for them. We believe that once they experience it one time that they will find they love it. Girls Golf-Charwood at 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8/26/09	Last day for schedule changes for semester classes Girls Golf at Oakhills at 4:30 pm
Thursday 8/27/09	JV/B-Team Football at Irmo at 6:00/7:30 pm
Friday 8/28/09	Soccer Interest Meeting in big gym at 1:00 pm Girls Tennis- District Two Stadium at 7:30 pm Varsity Football vs. Irmo-District Two Stadium at 7:30 pm
Saturday 8/29/09	Volleyball-RV Invitational at RV from 8:00 am-8:00 pm Cross Country at McAlpine Park-9:00 am
Monday 8/31/09	Volleyball vs. Ben Lippen at RVHS-6:00 pm (varsity only)
Tuesday 9/1/09	Girls Golf at Mid Carolina-1:00 pm Cross Country at Blythewood-9:00 am Volleyball vs. Airport at Airport-5:00 pm/7:00 pm
Wednesday 9/2/09	Last day for schedule changes for year long classes
Thursday 9/3/09	Swim Team at Rock Hill-5:30 pm
Monday 9/7/09	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday 9/8/09	Open House 6pm-8pm Band Booster Club Meeting-7:30 pm

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AVID NEWS!!!

Welcome to Ridge View High School and to the AVID program. I hope everyone is excited about the new school year. We have lots of great ideas and plans, including college field trips and, for the first time ever, an AVID Club. Feel free to browse around our Black Board site, simply follow the instructions for login on the Blackboard homepage. Blackboard can be accessed through the Richland 2 website. print any information you feel you need. Copies will be provided in class, but just in case you forget to pick one up, you can print your own from Black Board. We are also on Twitter. You can find us at <http://twitter.com/CarmanAVID>. We will be announcing field trips and posting reminders there. We'll also send out any news from AVID via Twitter, so be sure to check in.

We are looking for tutors, students, and parent volunteers to be members of the RVHS AVID Site Team. These will be quarterly to monthly meetings held at the high school. We will discuss the program and what is going in AVID. We will use this time to plan Family Workshops, college trips, and fundraising. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our site team please let me know as soon as possible.

Remember that you should be completing community service hours throughout the year. You need 10 hours by the end of the year, forms are available on Blackboard to verify your service. You also need 2 cultural events (one may be an athletic event) by the end of the school year, ticket stubs or programs from the event will serve as evidence of your attendance. Binder checks and notes checks happen weekly for AVID 1 and 2 and every two weeks for AVID 3 and 4. We will conference on grades every three weeks when progress reports or report cards come out. The table shows what a week in AVID looks like.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AVID Curriculum (WICR)	Collaborative Inquiry (tutorials)	AVID Curriculum (WICR)	Collaborative Inquiry (tutorials)	Binder checks/ Notes checks/ Team Building/ college trips/ guest speakers, etc.

I look forward to an exciting year with you. As always, if you need to contact me don't hesitate. I can be reached by email at kcarman@richland2.org or by phone at (803)699-2999 ext 607.

Congratulations

Ridge View Selected for Classroom Computer Pilot

Ridge View High School has been selected to participate in the South Carolina State Dept. of Education Digital Pilot Project which provides laptop computers full time in selected classrooms. Dr. Gordon Maynes' Honors Chemistry 1 class is our participant; around the state other schools have nominated teachers of biology, physics, physical science, social studies, mathematics and English to participate with their classes. The general objective of the pilot is to make full and intimate use of classroom computers to aid learning and instruction. Specific benefits of and uses of the equipment are to be defined by the individual instructors and their students.

One question the pilot seeks to answer, in fact the original basis for the work, is to determine if it would be feasible in the future to forgo purchasing printed textbooks and issue only computer versions. At Ridge View, students will have both the printed textbook home and the computer version; only the latter will be used in class. If this works, there is a real potential benefit to students in that they could have to carry only the computer and maybe a notebook to classes, easing up the load on backpacks, and students would always have all your textbooks at hand. With a direct comparison in hand, student input will be sought on the practicality of e-textbooks.

Assigned computers will also make it more feasible to require use of word processing and spreadsheet programs for, for example, analyzing and reporting laboratory results, and will open access to a whole wealth of supplementary materials from the Internet. Communication and collaboration among students and the instructor will also be facilitated.

The Department of education selected a fully-functional laptop, the Dell 2100, to facilitate a multifaceted pilot, instead of a more limited Kindle or other e-book host. This pilot is being facilitated and supported by Information Technology Specialist Mrs. Donna Teuber, Assistant Principal Mrs. Brenda Mack-Foxworth, Information Technology Manager Mrs. Janine Sears in the Richland 2 District Office and Information Specialist Mr. Barrett Blackwell, and has the personal involvement of our Principal Dr. Marty Martin.

Linda Hellstein, Science Teacher, has been accepted into the New Science Teacher Academy sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and the Amgen Foundation as an Amgen-NSTA Fellow.

Regis Goode, Science Teacher, has been asked to pilot test the 6th edition of the text book, *Chemistry in the Community*, for the American Chemical Society (ACS). The ACS is providing the preprint copies for each of her students. The students will also be able to access the PDF files of the book online at home. Each student and Mrs. Goode will be asked to evaluate the text section by section. RVHS is of 10 sites from around the country that has been asked to participate in this pilot. It is pretty exciting!

In July, our RVHS Cheerleaders attended UCA camp for 4 days. Teams for all around travel to these camps to work on skills, learn new things, and compete. Schools like Dutch Fork, Lexington, Irmo and other top programs in our area have been going to these camps for years. This was the first time for RV and we did extremely well! Varsity competed against 12 teams and took 1st place in dance, cheer, and overall camp champs and the Leadership award. This award is given to 1 team that was a leader on and off the mat, best skills, attitude, etc. This was the best award given to our Varsity girls. JV took 2nd place in cheer and dance. There were also individual awards. Brittany Gibbs, Jodi Duncan, and Brittany Bullock, seniors, were selected for All-American--which means they get to go to London this year to participate in parades and activities. In addition, there were 4 JV girls selected to go to NYC for Macy's Day Parade on Thanksgiving.

Announcements

Project CARE Tutoring Schedule
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays



3:35 - 4:35

Algebra I

Mrs. Osborne/Ms. Roberson A-7

Algebra I, Part I

Mrs. Weeks/Ms. James B-53

English I/Ms. McCants A-12



Ridge View Blazer Band Fundraiser

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

\$ 5.00

Applebee's -Two Notch Rd (near Wal-mart)

Saturday, September 12th

8am to 10am

Ridge View Swim Team

Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash

Applebee's-Two Notch Rd (near Wal-Mart)

Saturday, September 5th

8am-10:15am

Parents: Please make sure you update your contact numbers with our school. Please call Patsy Smith at 699-2999 ext 209.

The summer reading celebration will be held on Wednesday, September 23. If you have changed your book choice over the summer, please contact Nicole Walker at nwalker@richland2.org. If you would like to review book choices, you can find them at www.rvhs.org--summer reading.



Blazer Nation Strength and Conditioning Fall Schedule for any athlete not playing a fall sport with a current physical:

Mondays 4:00 to 5:30 Speed/Agility/Quickness Training

Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:30 Weights

Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:15 Aerobic Conditioning

Thursdays 4:00 to 5:30 Weights

Coming to Ridge View High School:

Career Connections

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(Career Connections squared)

Online career cluster information, support and mentors

Purpose: To deepen communication between students and teachers. Also to continue to strengthen the link between subject area content and its application outside the classroom as students see themselves as active citizens, actually living out what they learn.

Currently Under Construction

Attention 2008-2009 SIC Members- The new school year has started and that means it's time to get back to business! The Ridge View School Improvement Council will be holding elections the night of Open House for new openings on the council...so we need to know ASAP whether you wish to continue to serve for the 2009-2010 school year, or if your position will need to be filled.

Elections for new members will be held the night of Open House, September 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nominations will be accepted until September 2 but ballots will also have a place for write-in votes. If you know parents that are interested in running for open positions, please ask them to email me at: njccwhite@earthlink.net.

Free Tutoring

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30-8:30	7:30-8:30	No morning tutoring	7:30-8:30	7:30-8:30
Science P-22 McLeod	English P-15 Vanderhorst		English P-15 Vanderhorst	Science P-22 McLeod
No afternoon tutoring	3:40-4:40	3:40-4:40	3:40-4:40	No afternoon tutoring
	Spanish -A 23 Buchell English -P17 DeForrest Math B-3f Chigoba	English-P17 DeForrest	Spanish -A23 Buchell Math B-3f Chigoba	

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

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August 17, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The novel H1N1 flu (swine flu) has continued to affect our state during the summer break and has been declared a worldwide pandemic. We believe that this flu virus might spread more now that schools are back in session. We need your help to prevent the spread of flu among our children.

The novel H1N1 flu (swine flu) spreads the same way that regular seasonal flu viruses spread, mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the flu. It can also spread when a person touches an object or surface that harbors flu germs, then touches their eyes, nose or mouth.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting your flu shot each year. We expect that a vaccine to fight the novel H1N1 flu (swine flu) will be available later this year. Please watch for its availability and discuss vaccination with your school nurse or other health care provider.

You can also help slow the spread of flu by doing the following:

- Talk with your child about hand washing. Frequent hand washing with soap and warm water helps remove germs and viruses. Children should wash their hands for about 20 seconds or as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- Teach your child to cover his or her mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and then to throw the tissue away. Your child can cough or sneeze into his or her upper sleeve if no tissue is handy. Wash hands afterward.
- Encourage your child to eat healthy foods, exercise, and get plenty of rest.
- Keep your child home if he or she has a fever of 100°F or higher and a cough or sore throat for which there is no known cause. Call your child's school and tell them your child's symptoms. In most cases, your child can return to school after he or she has been fever free for at least 24 hours **without** taking fever-reducing medications.
- Make sure the school has a way to reach you during the school day. Students who become ill at school with flu-like symptoms must be sent home.

We greatly appreciate your help and understanding. Families should have plans for child care in the event that schools and day care centers must be closed. Information on the novel H1N1 flu (swine flu) continues to change quickly. We will do our best to keep you informed. Together we can keep our children and schools healthy.

If you have questions, please call your child's school or your local DHEC public health department.

Sincerely,

C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner