


Ridge View High School
The View
Bi-Weekly News Bulletin
September 4, 2009

Open House, Tuesday,
September 8, 2009
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

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Monday 9/7/09	Labor Day Holiday-No School
Tuesday 9/8/09	Presbyterian College Rep Visit-2 nd Period in Career Lab Girls Golf at Northwoods 4:30 pm Swim Team at South Pointe 5:30 pm Football Study Hall 3:45 pm-4:45 pm in Cafeteria Herff Jones Parent Night 5:30 pm-8:00 pm in RVHS Main Hallway Open House 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Band Booster Club Meeting 7:30 pm
Wednesday 9/9/09	If you would like to take the SAT on October 10th, your registration must be received by the postmarked deadline of September 9th. You may register via regular mail or online at www.collegeboard.com . For a registration packet and practice book, please see your counselor in Guidance. Senior Parent Breakfast 8:00 am-4 th period in Auditorium Herff Jones Class Rings Ordering during Lunch in Main Hallway Volleyball at Brookland Cayce 5:00 pm/7:00 pm
Thursday 9/10/09	Jv/B-Team Football at Dutch Fork 6:00 pm/7:30 pm Volleyball at Lugoff-Elgin 5:30 pm
Friday 9/11/09	Mini Pep Rally at Lunch Varsity Football vs. Dutch Fork at District Two Stadium 7:30 pm Girls Tennis vs. Dutch Fork at District Two Stadium 7:30 pm
Saturday 9/12/09	Cross Country Coaches Classic at Sandhills 9:00 am JV Cheerleading Practice in Small Gym 9:00 am-11:00 am
Sunday 9/13/09	Swim Team at USC 9:00 am
Monday 9/14/09	Lenior Ryhyne College Rep Visit in Career Center at Lunch SIC Meeting in Media Center 7:00 pm
Tuesday 9/15/09	Interim Reports Distributed in 3 rd period Football Study Hall in Cafeteria 3:45 pm-4:45 pm Guidance College Night in Auditorium 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Volleyball at Northwestern 5:00 pm/7:00 pm Girls Golf at Mid Carolina 4:30 pm Swim Team at Spring Valley 5:30 pm
Wednesday 9/16/09	A Moment for Mom Breakfast in Media Center 8:00 am-9:30 am Columbia College Rep Visit in Career Center 1 st period Cross Country at Sandhills 5:00 pm
Thursday 9/17/09	Scholar's Academy Parent Meeting in Media Center 6:00 pm-8:00 pm JV/B-Team Football at Richland Northeast 6:00 pm/7:30 pm
Friday 9/18/09	Mini Pep Rally at Lunch Varsity Football vs. Richland Northeast at District 2 Stadium 7:30 pm Girls Tennis vs. Richland Northeast at District 2 Stadium 7:30 pm
Saturday 9/19/09	Blazer Band Mini Camp at RVHS 9:00 am-7:00 pm Girls Golf at Woodside Plantation TBA Cross Country at Conway 5:00 pm
Monday 9/21/09	Girls Golf at Fort Jackson 4:30 pm

Be in the know

Senior/Super Junior Advisements

The guidance department will begin individual advisements beginning Thursday, September 10th. We will start the advisements with a parent coffee Wednesday, September the 9th in the auditorium from 8:00 - 9:00 am. The guidance department will go over the advisement agenda including graduation requirements and post secondary plans, important senior dates, and contact information. Advisement conference appointment letters will be mailed out Wednesday, September 2nd. We look forward to assisting our 4th year students and their parents with achieving their future goals.

President Obama's National Address

As part of our school's character education and belief in teaching our students about the importance of citizenship and education, some of our classes will take part in President Obama's national address on education Tuesday, September 8 at noon. Some of our students will be able to view a live telecast while others will view a recorded telecast. The timing of the President's address makes it difficult for all to view the telecast live. If you feel that you do not want your child to participate in this historical event, we ask that you send a note stating so to our principal, Dr. Martin.

After School Detention and Work Detail

After School Detention and Work detail began on Thursday, September 3, 2009. All after school detentions and work details begin promptly at 3:40 pm and end at 6:00 pm. After school detention is offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in B-35. Work detail is offered on Thursdays and Saturdays in B-35. Saturday work detail begins promptly at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am.

School Community Leadership

School Community Leadership is an opportunity for students to exchange Study Hall, Early Dismissal, or Late Arrival for assisting a Ridge View teacher, office, or a neighboring elementary school classroom. School Community Leadership (SCL) requires students to report to their assigned location daily, keep up with their attendance, and do minimal written assignments. The grade received is based on attendance, supervisor evaluations, monthly meetings with the SCL Coordinator, and a few short, opinion-based papers. It is a wonderful opportunity for students with free periods to help out faculty while receiving school credit and work experience while boosting their GPA. One class period per semester equates a half credit. Interested students should pick up the SCL application form outside of C-72B.

About U.S. History

Please be aware that if your child is enrolled in U.S. History, he or she must take a cumulative end of course exam developed by the State Department of Education. This exam will count 20% of your child's final average in U.S. History. If you have any questions regarding the exam, please contact your child's U.S. History instructor.

Tardy Policy Change for 2nd Year Students

There is a change in the way we are dealing with 2nd year students this year. They will be going to Room A-01 for tardies. The tardy policy will be as follows:

- 1st tardy: Warning and sent back to class
- 2nd tardy: Lock-out and remain in A-1 for the entire class period
- 3rd tardy: Lock-out + Saturday work detail + Parent Notification
- 4th tardy and above: Lock-out and Suspension

If your child is a car-rider...

Parents are reminded that car riders are to be picked up in D parking lot only (beside the Auditorium). Parents are further reminded to follow the BLUE line painted in D-lot and not to cut across outbound traffic, as this presents a safety hazard.

RVHS is now on Twitter! Follow us at <http://twitter.com/rvhs!!!>



Community Service Opportunities

Did you know that Community Service is a great way to qualify for scholarships? Aside from helping the community out, making a difference in peoples lives and building your personal resume', Community Service proves to the "real" world that you care and think beyond your personal needs. It makes students aware of "real world" issues outside their personal lives.

Our surrounding Elementary Schools each provide After-School Care to their students. Some of these schools use the Girls and Boys Club of Columbia and some sponsor their own programs. Needless to say, they are in dire need of *HOMEWORK VOLUNTEERS!* That means 1-2 hours a week a RVHS student goes to an Elementary School near their home and helps kids do their homework for about an hour. What a great way to help your community! What a great way to make a difference in a child's life. Stop by Ms. Harmon's office C-72b for more information.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Parents do not forget to pick up a free and reduced lunch form from our main office! Forms will also be available at open house!

Congratulations

The HIRE 2 class just received over \$500 from *Donors Choose* to work on a unit on solar energy.



In July, 2009, Robin McCants attended and presented at the National Conference for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. McCants' presentation, "Differentiating Mythologically: Application in the Real Classroom," offered participants techniques of differentiation including jigsaw and expert groups as well as options for organizing information and grouping students flexibly. Comments from participants were positive. Ms. McCants enjoyed attending other sessions and meeting NBCTs from around the country.

Connie McCarty and Mike Houck completed the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) training course this summer with YEScarolina and are certified to teach entrepreneurship in South Carolina schools. The mission of YEScarolina is to teach entrepreneurship to young South Carolinians of all socio-economic backgrounds to enhance their economic productivity by improving their business, academic, and life skills.



Mike Houck and Ridge View High School hosted Cisco Network Academy training for 20 high school teachers from around South Carolina this summer. Cisco Inc. provided equipment, curriculum, and training grants to 5 high schools along the I-95 Corridor and to Ridge View High school to provide IT Essentials Training in PC Hardware and Software and Cisco CCNA Discovery curriculum. Midlands Technical College serves as our Regional Academy.

For more information about Ridge View's Cisco Network Academy or any Career and Technology (Business/Information Technology) courses offered, please contact Mike Houck at 699-2999 ext. 368 or mhouck@richland2.org.

Ridge View High School is a CompTIA Education to Careers (E2C) member and (the only high school in the US) CompTIA A+ Authorized Service Center for PC Repairs and Service.

Ridge View- History has been made! Ridge View brought home TWO National HOSA Gold Medals! Plus TWO TOP 10 in the NATION!

Destinee Allen - 1st place in the Nation - Medical Spelling!

Michelle Feggans - 1st place in the Nation - Physical Therapy!! (she came in 9th last year and was quite determined!)

Meera Manghani - Top 10 in Nation (we'll know placement by end of week) in Bio-Technology

Erin McAboy-Chelsea Randolph-Victoria Louis-Jean
CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING - Top 10 in the Nation - SV won 1st place @ state and didn't make 2nd round.

We are the only RCSD 2 school to ever bring 1st place home and this year the only school to bring home medals.

Many thanks to the 15 students that Diane Melton and Mary Harmon chaperoned and for their diligence and perseverance.



RVHS Media Specialist, Kathy Carroll, has been approved by the Certification Council of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to serve on the Library Media Standards Committee. She was selected from a pool of 425 exemplary applicants to serve on this committee, which will be responsible for review and revision, as necessary, of the existing Library Media Standards document.

Announcements

RVHS is proud to have The Teacher Cadet Program is now back at Ridge View High!!



The Health Science Department would like to welcome new teacher, Jessica Hinson. Ms. Hinson teaches EMS and Medical Terminology.



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



HOSA = Health Occupation Students of America: A professional student organization that focuses on the Health Science Career field. HOSA meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at lunch in room C-62. Diane Melton, RN BN MN NBCT is the Lead Advisor. She can be contacted via e-mail at dmelton@richland2.org. This organization is extremely active and participates in both State and National Conferences. Last year RVHS HOSA students took 5 first place at State and 2 first place at Nationals.

Have your student drop in on a Friday and check us out. The membership fee is \$20.00 and it registers you for both National and State memberships.



DECA = A professional student organization that focuses on Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing and Hospitality & Tourism (business related) career fields. Mrs. Pat Jackson, BS MAE NBCT NFTE is the DECA sponsor. Mrs. Jackson teaches Business and Personal Finance, Entrepreneurship and IBA 1 at RVHS. DECA students also compete on a Regional, State and National Level and this past year 2 of our RVHS DECA students participated on a National level. DECA meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in room C-67. Have your student stop by and talk to Mrs. Jackson about the DECA opportunity! If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Jackson, via email her at pjackson@richland2.org. The membership fee is \$20.00 which registers your student for both State and National membership.



MOVES: Movement Opportunities for Very Exceptional Students is a program designed to teach dance to special needs students at Columbia College. We will meet six Saturdays a semester at the College. If you are interested in assisting children with special needs in a modified dance class, please see Ms. Bull for more information and an interview.

National Honor Society for Dance Arts meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at lunch in the Dance Room.

SENIOR SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS students will meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at lunch in the Dance Room. Meetings are **MANDATORY** and will begin on Wednesday, September 2.

SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SEMINAR INDEPENDENT STUDY students will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at lunch in the Dance Room. Meetings are **MANDATORY** and will begin on Wednesday, September 16.



All health students this semester will be participating in 6 weekly sessions presented by Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands. Every Monday through Oct. 19, a representative will come to Ridge View to speak to the students during their class time covering topics ranging from gender stereotypes to rape and sexual violence.



Need a yearbook? We still have 21 yearbooks for sale at \$65. The rest will be \$75. Bring the \$ to me in room B-57.



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.

From our College and Career Center



Sen. Graham: "Every year I have the honor of nominating ten of the best and brightest students from SC to each of these Academies. I am proud to participate in this process, and I look forward to hosting students from RVHS at this special event. Elected members of the SC Congressional Delegation have also been invited to attend.

WHAT: 6TH Annual Academy Day

WHEN: Saturday, September 12
10 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
1620 Pendleton Street

FOR WHOM: Any student interested in learning about the US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy,

US Merchant Marine Academy, US Military Academy and the US Naval Academy, as well as their admissions process.

REGISTRATION: Begins at 10:00 AM with formal presentation at 10:30AM

CONTACT: Sara Snell at Lindsey O. Graham's Columbia office at (803) 933-0112 or academy_nominations@lgraham.senate.gov

DEADLINE: Wednesday September 9, 2009

7th Annual South Carolina Physics Scholars Institute at Francis Marion University

Students will participate with their peers in a variety of advanced physics experiments in nuclear and atomic physics, lasers, health physics, medical physics and computational physics. This will be a unique opportunity for these students to use upper-level physics equipment in a university setting.

The Physics and Astronomy faculty and senior students from Francis Marion University will run the Institute.

WHO: Applicants must be seniors or juniors; selected based on their ability and interest in exploring further opportunities in science. No limit on the number of students who apply to the Institute.

COSTS: All costs except for travel to and from the Institute are being funded by FMU.

APPLICATION: APPLY AT

<http://swampfox.fmarion.edu/scpsi/apply-now>

DEADLINE: September 24, 2009

NOTIFICATION: October 8, 2009

WHEN IS IT BEING HELD: November 5- 7, 2009

WHERE: Campus of Francis Marion University

Teaching Fellows Program

Are you a senior in high school? Want to become a teacher? Want \$24,000 for college?

Apply online today at www.cerra.org. Applications must be submitted by November 1 online by 11:59 p.m. Your guidance counselor and principal must submit your academic profile online at www.cerra.org by November 15. Three references and an official transcript must be sent to CERRA postmarked no later than November 15. All materials are to be sent in one envelope. Selected students will be invited to an interview on Jan. 16, 2010.

From the Media Center



There will be an organizational meeting for our new student book club on Tuesday, September 15 in the Media Center during lunch. Interested students need to attend. The first twenty who join will be able to purchase the first book at a major discount. Interested? Come to the first meeting to get more information!

The Patron's Club, Ridge View's own library club, has been revamped and we have many great activities planned for this school year. The first organizational meeting date will be posted in the next newsletter.

We will welcome Educational Entertainer Chad Crews on Wednesday, October 21. Chad Crews' program *Authors of Mystery and Horror* is designed to promote interest in the literary works and lives of several famous authors such as Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, and Arthur Conan Doyle. We will continue to provide additional information about this exciting event!

Follow the Scout's motto: *Be Prepared*. The Summer Reading Celebration will take place on Wednesday,

September 23. Read your selected book and be ready for a day filled with fun activities and surprises. SSR = FUN. Have you read everything in your SSR crate? Then come to the Media Center for a new book. We have something for everyone, and we look forward to helping you select the perfect book. If we don't have it, suggest it. We are always looking for new books for our faculty and students.

Always remember: *A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.* -Henry Ward Beecher



The Mathematics Department would like to thank Ms. Penny Hamilton for her generous donation. Her daughter graduated from this district several years ago and is now in graduate school. She wanted to give back to the school by purchasing the required school supplies for Algebra 1. Unfortunately, we were only given her name and were unable to send her a personal thank you letter. We do hope she gets this and wanted to tell her we really appreciate what she has done for one of our Algebra 1 students.



Schwan's Fundraising® will have a truck at Ridge View High School on September 8 from 6PM to 8PM during Open House!!

Why: To benefit RVHS' AVID Program

The truck will have over 300 of Schwan's quality products to choose from or you can preorder to guarantee that your product will be available by visiting www.schwansfundraising.com. When you visit the site, please use the campaign ID number 24223 so we can get credit for our sales.

Alumni News

The Blazer Family would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of 2005 RVHS graduate and former Blazer football player, Abraham Sherrod Wheeler, III. Spc. Wheeler was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan on August 28, 2009. According to the Department of Defense, Spc. Abraham S. Wheeler III died Friday, August 28, in Logar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Spc. Wheeler was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. He will be truly missed and never forgotten!



Attention Alumni: We want to hear from you! Please send us updates, along with a current photo of yourself, to rvh-info@richland2.org. Please put Alumni News in the subject line!

**"FREE"
TUTORING
Tutoring! Tutoring! 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	P-22 McLeod
No afternoon tutoring	3:40-4:40	3:40-4:40	3:40-4:40	No afternoon tutoring
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****Note: This bulletin will be sent bi-weekly to our Blazer family.****