



The View

School Information

Yearbooks are still for sale for \$55 (the same price as the last 3 years). The price will go up on January 1 to \$65. Bring or send payment to B-57 to order your 2008-2009 yearbook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

As of December 12th, 58 of our seniors had applied to a two or four year college: Natasha Moorman-Belmont Abbey College and Savannah State University; Candra Chaisson-College of Charleston and University of South Carolina; Kelly Hogan-Winthrop University and University of South Carolina; Sierra Henderson-University of South Carolina; Erin McAboy-Presbyterian College, and Ogelthorpe; Tess Miller-Presbyterian College; Chadwick Jackson-The Citadel; Ra'Shawdra Doby-Lees-McRae; Benjamin Suh-University of South Carolina-Upstate; John Knotts-University of South Carolina; Kristin Bunt-University of South Carolina and Presbyterian College; Shaina Salomon-University of South Carolina; Ariel Bledson-University of South Carolina; Lauren Fink-University of South Carolina; Nikhil Mathur-University of South Carolina; Meghan Jones-South Carolina State University, Florida A&M, and Johnson C. Smith; Gabrielle Laney-Midlands Tech; Hillary Henry-Erskine University; Courtney Williams-Troy University; Kristen Smith-Winthrop University, Bianca Young-Ogelthorpe, and University of South Carolina; Dejuan Gregory-The Citadel; Marisa Guera-Lander University; Michelle Feggans-University of South Carolina; Christopher Piepoli-University of South Carolina; Tia Selby-Francis Marion; Taylor Lucas-University of South Carolina; Charles McIntyre-University of South Carolina; Erica Moore-University of South Carolina; Cheryl Jennings-University of South Carolina; and Kate Wilson-University of South Carolina and College of Charleston.

RV teachers, Lisa Ellis and Nicole Walker, will be two of 37 American teachers working with the Invisible Children Teacher Exchange in Gulu, Uganda June 15-July 27.

Invisible Children is a non-profit organization that was created in 2003 after three young men from California accidentally stumbled upon the horrific tragedy occurring in Uganda, a small country in the middle of Africa. Uganda has been engaged in a civil war for the last 23 years making it the longest running war in Africa. The Ugandan government has been fighting the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army), a rebel fighting group led by Joseph Kony. Over the last two decades, millions of families have been involuntarily displaced from their homes and thousands of children have been kidnapped and forced to become child soldiers.

Invisible Children, Inc. focuses on long-term goals that enable children to take responsibility for their future and the future of their country through programs that address the following areas: quality education, mentorships, redevelopment of schools, resettlement from the camps, and financial stability. One of its programs is a Teacher Exchange, where teachers from the United States travel to Uganda to work with a particular school and teacher for six weeks. The goal of this program is to enhance present educational models and to establish long-term learning opportunities for both American and Ugandan teachers, generating collaboration among teachers from around the world.

The cost of this trip is \$10,000. Invisible Children encourages participants to fundraise since we are teachers, and let's face it, teaching is not the biggest money making profession. We would greatly appreciate it if you would consider being a sponsor. The contribution is tax deductible as Invisible Children is a non-profit organization.

Please make checks payable to Invisible Children and send them along with your physical address to mail a receipt to Ridge View High School care of Nicole Walker at 4801 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia SC 29229. If you have any questions, you may contact Nicole at 803-699-2999 x 300 or nwalker@richland2.org.

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.

Academic News

The end of the semester is quickly approaching! It's time for our students to begin thinking about their semester exams. The Semester 1 Exam schedule is as follows:

Exam Times	Monday 01/12	Tuesday 01/13	Wednesday 01/14	Thursday 01/15
Early Bird Classes meet at the regular time all week.				
8:37 – 10:07	1 st Period Exam	2 nd Period Exam	4 th Period Exam	7 th Period Exam
Break 10:07 – 10:17	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:22 – 11:52	3 rd Period Exam	5 th Period Exam	6 th Period Exam	10:22 – 10:52 2 nd 10:57 – 11:27 4 th 11:32 – Bell 6 th
11:52 – 12:31	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Early Dismissal
12:36 – 1:37 Announcements	2 nd Period Class	4 th Period	1 st Period	
1:42 – 2:34	5 th Period Class	6 th Period	3 rd Period	
2:39 – 3:30	7 th Period Class	7 th Period	7 th Period	

Athletic News

RVHS Boys' Soccer Booster Club is having a fundraiser! You can purchase your 2009 Entertainment Books for \$25 or Sonic Cards for \$5. If you are interested, please contact bgiannelli@unum.com. You can also purchase windproof/waterproof hooded RVHS Parkas and Blankets for \$38.00 to keep warm this winter season! If you are interested in purchasing a parka or a blanket, please contact mbishop1@bellsouth.net.

Wrestling season is underway! Please come out and support the team! The next match is on January 7th at South Pointe High School at 7:00 pm. The team will also have a tournament January 9-10th at Dreher High School at 7:00 pm.

Blazer Basketball has begun! The teams have a busy schedule and would love to see some friendly faces in the stands! The games this week are as follows:

Thursday, January 8th: B-Team Boys and JV Boys at Rock Hill High at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm

Friday, January 9th: JV Girls, Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys play at home at home starting at 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 10th: Varsity Girls and Boys play at home starting at 6:30 pm.

Tryouts for RV Varsity baseball and Junior Varsity baseball will begin February 2nd at 4:00 on the RV baseball field. Any player trying out must have a completed physical and parent permission form. There is also a non-refundable \$25 tryout fee. Tryouts for RV "C" Team baseball will begin February 5th at 5:00 on the RV baseball field. Any player trying out must have a completed physical form, parent permission form and the non-refundable \$25 tryout fee. Seventh and eighth graders new to the program must also have a completed middle school participation form.

If you have questions please call Coach Hill at 699-2999 (x233) or Coach Hardy at 699-2999 (x369).

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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open its application on January 1st. Now is the time to apply for the pin that both parents and students will need to complete the application. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for the student and parent pin.

The Richland Two Gifted and Talented Foundation is excited to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to one graduating senior for the class of 2009. To be eligible for our Julie Long Scholarship, the applicant must have been a student in the ALERT program at one time. In addition, we are asking applicants to write in an essay in support of their reasons on how ALERT has made an impact on their education.

RVHS will be hosting a Career Fair on February 10, 2009. If you are interested in being an exhibitor and sharing information about your business or career with our students, please contact our Career Specialists—Ann Holland at ext. 426 and Heather Kelly at ext. 426---for more information.

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.

Graduating seniors that plan to attend an accredited university, trade school or college in the Fall of 2009 must have all essays postmarked on or before March 9, 2009 and must include the Essay Scholarship Contest application. *The essay topic is: How will higher learning enable you to enrich your community?* Applications are available in the College and Career Center.

Applications for the 2009 Young Women in Public Affairs are now available from the Zonta Club of Columbia by contacting Betty Jo Carson at 875 Pine Forest Trail, Columbia, SC 29210-4920 or email at bandbjcarson@juno.com. The amount of the award is \$1,500. If you have further questions, you can also call 803-798-7265.

Student Activities

RVHS Winter Wishes Service Learning Projects began on November 10th and ended December 17th with much success! The results are as follows:

- Canned Food Drive to benefit God's Storehouse. **Goal: To collect 15,000 non-perishable goods. Goal met with 15, 363 good collected!**
- Foster Child Sponsorship to benefit the Department of Social Services. A Foster Child Party will also be held on December 17th for the children to receive their gifts and dinner. **Goal: To sponsor 75 children. Goal met with 75 children being sponsored!**
- 2nd Annual Soldier Carnival on December 12th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the large and small gyms. This event is for the families of deployed soldiers to come and participate in a festival-like party.
- Clothing Drive to benefit Midtown Fellowship We are still collecting coats, blankets, new socks, and new underwear. **Goal: To collect 500 items. Goal met with 500 items collected!**

From Our Literacy Coach

What Do I Do When I Don't Get It? Fix Up Strategies for Reading

- Make a connection between the text and another text, your life, the world.
- Make a prediction.
- Stop and think about what you have already read.
- Ask yourself a question and try to answer it.
- Reflect in writing on what you have read.
- Visualize what you are reading.
- Use print conventions.
- Retell what you've read.
- Reread.
- Notice patterns in text structure.
- Adjust your reading rate: slow down or speed up.

from Cris Tovani
I Read it But I Don't Get It

-Nicole Walker

From Our Cafeteria

"Offered vs. Served" Policy

In order to reduce food waste and food cost in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, we have implemented the "offered versus served" method in our cafeteria. This allows students to decline food they do not intend to eat. Students are encouraged to eat full meals or make wise food choices in order to get a nutritional meal.

Breakfast Procedure

Four required food items are offered to students. All four items or any three different items may be selected for the student meal cost of \$1.00 for full paid students and .30 for reduced price students.

4 Food Component Items:

1. Milk (1/2 pint)
2. Vegetable/Fruit/Fruit Juice (full strength) (1/2 cup)
- 3-4. Meat/meat alternate (2 oz)(Two servings) Or
- 3-4. Bread/Bread alternate (Two servings) (1 oz slice equals 1 serving)

Lunch Procedure

Five required food items are offered to students. All five items or any three different items may be selected for the student full price meal at a cost of \$2.10 (elementary) or \$2.40 (Middle and High School) and .40 for reduced price students.

5 Food Component Items:

1. Meat/meat alternate (2 oz.)
2. Vegetable/Fruit (1/2 or 1/4 cup)
3. Vegetable/Fruit (1/2 or 1/4 cup)
4. Bread or equivalent (1 each)
5. Milk (1/2 pint)

Community Involvement

The next School Improvement Council meeting with will be **held Monday, February 2, 2009 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.

Ridge View High School will be honoring the Dads with Pastries for Pops on **January 21st** from 8:00 am-9:30 am in the Media Center. Please come out and enjoy a pastries and juice with the RVHS family!

Important Dates

January 16: Teacher Workday, Students do not attend
January 19: MLK Day-No School
January 21: Pastries for Pops from 8:00 am-9:30 am in Media Center
January 23: Reports and Newsletters Distributed

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