



# 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:**

Twenty-one more RVHS Seniors have received college acceptance letters: Michael Dabeck-Full scholarship through the Dept. of the Army to the school of his choice—Furman University, Clemson University, Wofford College, Texas A&M, or University of Missouri; Brittany Bitz-Winthrop University; Candra Chaisson-Charleston Southern University; Anika Cobb-Johnson C. Smith; Kiana Davis-Hampton University and Florida A&M; Alexandria Giannelli-Lander University; James Gladden-Coastal University; Shantavius Hall-Francis Marion, South Carolina State University, and Coastal Carolina; Chadwick Jackson-University of Alabama; Keith Jones-Tuskegee University; John Knotts-Midlands Tech; Nicole Lagombra-Newberry College, Brenau University, and Winthrop University; Brejahe Martin-Winthrop University; Alexandria Miller-Augusta State University and Francis Marion; Angelica Moore-Georgia State University and South Carolina State University; Christopher Piepoli-Charleston Southern University; Kamara Randle-Francis Marion; Tia Selby-University of Alabama; Shannon Swaby-Johnson and Wales; Jordan Welch-Johnson and Wales; and Vanessa Woods-Francis Marion.

The STEM's Blazer Express Team competed in 8 different categories against 27 teams at Benedict College's Extreme STEM's event and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Biology and 5<sup>th</sup> in Math.

## Academic News

RVHS offers tutoring for all students. The tutoring schedule is as follows: On Mondays from 7:30 -8:30 am Science tutoring is offered in D-77. On Tuesdays, from 7:30-8:30 am English tutoring in P-15 and from 3:35-4:35 pm Spanish tutoring in A-23, Math in B-31, and English in A-6. On Thursdays, from 7:30-8:30 am English tutoring in P-15 and from 3:35-4:35 pm Math tutoring in B-31 and English in A-6. On Fridays from 7:30-8:30 am, Science tutoring in D-77. Please encourage your child to attend these free sessions if they are having trouble in any of these subject areas.

Semester exams will be given January 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

RVHS BioHealth Magnet students are sponsoring a fundraiser! Clemson and Carolina cups are amongst many of the teams available in 12 oz. hard plastic heliographic cups. You can get a set of 4 for \$12.00. If you are interested please call Kathy at 714-8311 or Diana at 736-4985. All proceeds directly benefit the BioHealth Magnet Program.

## Performing Arts News

### Upcoming Performance Dates in RVHS Auditorium:

RVHS' Musical Theatre Class presents a "Dessert Theatre": Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm

RVHS' Symphonic and Concert Band Winter Concert: December 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm (Admission is 1 canned good or \$1).

RVHS Blazer Band is having a fundraiser! On Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-8:30 pm you will be eligible to win a USC Gamecock blanket by attending CiCi's Pizza Night in the Village of Sandhills and dropping your PAID receipt in the fish bowl at the counter.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mbishop1@bellsouth.net).

Wrestling season is underway! Please come out and support the team! The next match is on December 10th at Rock Hill High at 6:00 pm.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Girls and Boys at Irmo High at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: JV Boys play Eltham College at home at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Girls and Boys at Calhoun County at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Varsity Girls and Boys at Dutch Fork at 6:00 pm and 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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open its application on January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> and will culminate with a school-wide assembly on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be taking part in numerous service learning projects in order to give back to the community. Please show your support for each of the following events:

- Canned Food Drive to benefit God's Storehouse. **Goal: To collect 15,000 non-perishable goods.**
- Foster Child Sponsorship to benefit the Department of Social Services. A Foster Child Party will also be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> for the children to receive their gifts and dinner. **Goal: To sponsor 75 children.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soldier Carnival on December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

If you are interested in giving your time or support to help us reach our goals, please contact Lisa Ellis, Student Activities Director, at [lellis@rvh.richland2.org](mailto:lellis@rvh.richland2.org).

## From Our Literacy Coach

### What Good Readers Do

- Use existing knowledge to make sense of new information.
- Ask questions about the text before, during, and after reading.
  - Draw inferences from text.
  - Monitor their comprehension.
- Use “fix-up” strategies when meaning breaks down.
  - Determine what is important in the text.
- Synthesize information to create new thinking.

Please encourage your children to be good readers and to read often. The more they read, the better at reading they will become.

-Nicole Walker

## Community Involvement

The next School Improvement Council meeting will be **held Monday, January 5, 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.

Richland School District Two Holiday Open House for Teaching Candidates---Teaching in Two will kick off the 2009-2010 school year with an open house to be held on December 20 and 22 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm in the Community Room at the Village of Sandhills located across from Village Bistro. Certified teachers interested in coming to teach in Richland Two are encouraged to drop in. Interviews will be available. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to come and join the Richland Two team! For more information, please call Richland School District Two Human Resources at 738-3303.

## Important Dates

**December 12: Solider Carnival from 6:00-9:00 pm in large and small gyms**  
**December 16: Interims Distributed**  
**December 17: Winter Wishes Assembly**

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