



The View

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.**

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.

Ten RVHS Seniors have received college acceptance letters: Kara Mattacks-Columbia College; Jennifer Hundley-Columbia College; Michael Squirewell-The Art Institute of Charleston; Ashley Bautista-Midlands Technical College Pre-Nursing Program; Treanudria Powell-American Intercontinental University; Tiffany Leggon-Nascar Technical Institute; Steffon Batts-Air Force Academy; Alejandro Fonseca-Charleston Southern; Alexandria Miller-Valdosta State University; Pretrena Phill-American Barber Institute.

The Blazer Band for finished in 4th place at the *Olde English Festival of Bands* on October 4th. Eight great bands were selected from the preliminaries that afternoon to advance to the finals. The top four bands were within 5 points of each other. Ridge View also received "Best Percussion" in Class.

On October 11th, the strongest orchestra students from Lexington, Richland and Aiken counties auditioned to participate in the 2006 Midlands Region Orchestra. Of the 144 students accepted from the three counties, 59 are from Richland School District Two! Ridge View students who are commended for their hard work and dedication are: Briana Thompson, Taylor Toves, Christine Arroyo, Chantal Jules, and Lindsay Ferguson.

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!

The Institutes of Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences students are expected to attend the first Exploring Program meeting at Providence Hospital at 7:00 on October 14.

The Scholars Academy hosted its annual Fall Picnic at Sesqui State Park on Sunday, September 14th. We had the largest crowd in the history of our program in attendance. We calculate that attendance to be in excess of 130. Thanks go to our officers Anna Lucas, President, Jennifer Walker, and Julie Strelow. Julie deserves special appreciation because she secured our meal with the generous assistance of Charlie Siegel, the manager of Publix. If you have the opportunity to thank him for his support it would be appreciated. Thanks also to Rich Strelow and his sons Jacob and Josh, who provided the manpower to get everything on site and set up for us.

The first meeting of the Parents of Scholars was held on Thursday, September 18th. At this meeting parents of Freshmen were introduced into the rigors of the program and parents of Sophomores and Juniors were introduced into the demands of the college search, application, and scholarship process. Special thanks to Rosemary Towle, and Heather Kelly who directed the college session. The next meeting of the Parents of Scholars will be Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 PM in the Information Center. The topic that night will be AP Courses and their expectations and demands. That will be of particular relevance to Sophomore parents who will have their first experience with AP, and Junior parents who will have their first experience with multiple AP's in a single year.

Athletic News

Congratulations to Senior Jarvis Davis, and Junior, Michael Green, who have been invited to participate in the South Carolina Basketball Coaches' Association (SCBCA) Elite Camp. The SCBCA Elite Camp is an invitation only camp where the top 8- players from South Carolina are invited to participate.

The Girls' Golf team defeated Heathwood Hall and Richland Northeast on October 1st! RVHS medalist was Katie Jeffers with a score of 48.

The RV Cross Country boys' team is ranked #3 for the second time in a row. David Jennings is ranked among the individual boys and Sierra Henderson is ranked #4 in the individual girls. GO BLAZERS!

Congratulations to the Blazer Cheerleaders! The Varsity Cheerleaders finished 2nd place and the JV Cheerleaders finished 3rd place at the Blazer Cheer Challenge on October 4th! Please come out and support the cheerleaders on October 21st at the Shamrock Cheer Invitational at Eau Claire High School and on October 25th at the Lake Murray Invitational at Dutch Fork High School.

From Our Guidance Office

The PSAT/NMSQT will be given to those 10th and 11th graders who have signed up and already paid the fee to participate on October 15th. This test provides students an opportunity to practice for the SAT in the spring and can also qualify them for a National Merit and/or National Achievement Scholarship. B-hall will be closed 1st-4th periods for testing on this day!

Fall administration of the HSAP will be held October 21-23rd at school. This administration is for any student in the third year of high school who has not yet had an opportunity to test or who has been unsuccessful on the ELA and/or Math section in the past. Please call Mr. Herron, Assistant Principal, at 699-2999 ext. 255 with any questions.

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.

RVHS will host a Junior Parent meeting on Wednesday, October 29th at 8:00 am. Please contact the guidance department at 699-2999 ext. 213 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.

Not able to access Parent Portal? First, you need to go to our District website at www.richland2.org. Click on the Parent Portal link on the right-hand side of the page. When the Parent Portal page comes up, you will then click under the **Need an Account** link. **You will need to enter the email address we have on file at RVHS in lowercase letters. If the email address we have on file at RVHS is not current, you will not be able to access Parent Portal.** From that point, follow the on-screen instructions. If you have any further problems or concerns, please contact Guidance Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at 803-699-2999 ext. 213.

Student Activities

RVHS held Homecoming Week September 29-October 3rd. Homecoming king and queen for 2008 are Louis Hargrove and Nicole Lagombra!

Parents of Seniors: If your child has not had their picture taken yet, they need to call LifeTouch at 788-1605 and make an appointment. They need to have their picture taken by October 15th in order to be included in the yearbook. Also, if you are interested in purchasing a page for senior ads or a yearbook please call Mrs. Robinson at 699-2999 ext. 357 or stop by room B-57.

It is time for our annual Mr. Ridge View Pageant! This year's theme is *Wild, Wild West* and it will be held on Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 pm in the RV auditorium. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

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

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

Seniors—orders for graduation items (including cap and gown) are Wednesday, October 22nd and Thursday, October 23rd at lunch in the main hallway.

RVHS will hold its annual Blood Drive on October 23rd from 9:00 am-3:00 pm Community members are welcome to come donate!

Community Involvement

The next School Improvement Council meeting 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.

Want to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to join the Blazer family. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Mary Harmon at mharmon@rvh.richland2.org.

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!

The Adult Education Program of Richland School District 2 is enrolling for the 2008-09 school year. Registration is required for all classes for individuals 17 years of age and older. Courses being offered at the center are GED preparation, HSAP remediation, WorkKeys, Skill Lab and Introduction to Computers I & II. All classes meet at the Rogers Center, 750 Old Clemson Road. For more information, call (803) 736-8787, ext.317 or visit the center's Web site at www.richland2.org/tech/RogersCenter.

The RVHS Blazer Band needs your help! They have outgrown their truck and trailer. They are in the market for a used trailer (18 wheeler type) that is in good condition at a great price. If you have a lead, please contact Mr. Clayton at vclayton@rvh.richland2.org as soon as possible.

You are invited to attend a Candidates' Forum on Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the District Auditorium located on the campus of Richland Northeast High School. The event will feature local school board candidates for Richland Two from 6:00-6:45 pm. Legislative candidates will participate on a panel from 7:00-7:45 pm. The League of Women Voters will moderate this event. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Community Relations Services at 738-3210.

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 \$100,00 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

October 15th : PSAT

October 18th : Mr. RVHS at 7:00 pm

October 21-23rd: HSAP

October 23rd: RVHS Blood Drive

October 29th: Junior Parent Meeting

October 30th: Report Cards and Newsletters are distributed

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