

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Here we are over a month into school already. From my perspective, we are off to a wonderful start and we hope to carry that through the entire school year. This edition of the Rider Record is focused on communication. I will take a moment to reflect on some of what has been happening at RHS this first month of school and then discuss communication as it relates to our administrative team at Roosevelt.

We have already completed several beginning of year events including our Curriculum Night, High School 101 Night, homecoming game, and dance. Other things to look forward to in the next few months include some large district-wide initiatives. First is the new student assignment plan. <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html> There are upcoming public meetings that I encourage you to attend if you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed changes to how students are assigned to Seattle Public Schools. Second is a proposed change to grading policies and graduation requirements. The school board recently delayed a vote to change several components of our grading policies. More details about these proposals are available at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/board/09-10agendas/091609agenda/gradingpresentation.pdf> Third, there is continued progress in all core academic areas to align curriculum across the district. This work is being supported by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and in partnership with a consulting firm, Education First. Over the next several months, both building and district staff will work together towards a more aligned curriculum. The following link will lead you towards some of the most recent information presented to the school board regarding the progress in alignment. <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/board/09-10agendas/092309agenda/092309agenda.pdf>

All of this is certainly exciting and somewhat uncertain as to what will change or remain the same. One thing I do know is that through all of this, I will do my best to keep you informed. I look forward to continue our work towards excellence and supporting each of our students' success.

In closing out this edition, I want to remind you of the general responsibilities of the administrators. In addition to some specific building operation responsibilities and teacher evaluation duties, our assistant principals also handle individual student issues.

Ms. Hookfin: transportation issues; the counseling and career center; students whose last names begin with letters A-G.

Mr. Kelly: building use permits; activities/athletics; students whose last name begin with H-N.

Ms. Schwentor: the safety committee; senior projects; students with last names beginning with O-Z.

If you have an issue that involves your student's classes or teacher, you should first contact the teacher directly before going to the administrator. If that does not lead to a resolution, then you should contact your student's assistant principal. I am the third level of intervention if you feel that something has not been resolved after working with the teacher and one of the assistant principals. Although during the school day it may be difficult to get in phone contact with our administrative team, email and voicemail are effective. We will get back in touch with you as soon as possible. In the end, all of our students' success relies on all of us communicating effectively. If at any time you feel that you are not getting the information you need, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office at (206) 252-4810 as they will direct you to someone who can assist you in a timely manner.

Thanks again for all of your support. I know that you want the best for your son/daughter and it is my mission to provide students with a safe and supportive environment so our staff of amazing educators can do what they do best, teach our students.

Yours in Education,
Brian Vance, RHS Principal

Seattle School District's Strategic Plan

The overall goals of any of the work we do as a school district and within our building are guided by Seattle School District's Strategic Plan

(<http://www.seattleschools.org/area/strategicplan/draft/index.dxml>).

This plan provides a road map for the district and for RHS over the next several years. Our building plan, C-SIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan) is built of the district plan.

RHS 2009 Calendar

For the most current information, check the **School Year Calendar** on the RHS website: www.rhsseattle.org/calendar.php. This year, you can view this calendar in two different formats --- the standard list view and a new "boxed" calendar view. Click the links at the top of the calendar page to access both views.

Additional sporting event information can be found on the District Digital Sports Calendar maintained by KINGCO Athletic Directors at www.digitalsports.com/school/id/23434/page/calendar.asp.

Next Rider Record Submission Date

The RHS Rider Record newsletter is a great way to reach RHS families when you have information to share or an announcement to make. Please send your article in a Word attachment, along with your contact information to Julia Jones, Rider Record Editor, at jhjoneshome@yahoo.com. **Submit your articles for the next RHS Rider Record by November 20th.** The topic of the next issue is the alphabet soup of acronyms and college admission testing information. It will be distributed mid December.

Join the PTSA

Are you a PTSA member yet? It's never too late to join the RHS PTSA! You can find membership forms online at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/ptsa.php> or in the Main Office. Your donations go directly to RHS and help to support staff, students and classroom needs. Just a few of the activities that PTSA donations supported last year include:

- Mini-Grants for staff – This parent-financed fund provides supplies and program support that are not provided by Seattle Public Schools. Each fall, all RHS teachers and staff have an opportunity to apply for a mini-grant up to \$300. The number of grants awarded is directly tied to the tax-deductible donations received by parents. Last year, requests for mini-grants totaled over \$6100. Examples of how the funds are used each year; software and equipment for classrooms, field trips, senior awards, and books for students.
- No-Bake Bake Sale – Last year this annual campaign brought in close to \$50,000. These funds go directly to the RHS budget to allow the school to retain their staffing levels.
- Your donations support class activities or other student needs that may surface during the school year. This also fund contributes to the staff appreciation lunches and brunch during the year.

How can you be part of the PTSA?

Become a member. Dues are \$20.00 for an individual membership or \$30.00 for the family-support level. Your contribution is tax-deductible because we are a 501(c)3.

Volunteer: Parents are needed in a wide variety of ways at Roosevelt. Volunteer online via the Volunteer Opt In Form at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php>. Please take the time to sign up in your area of interest. Many of the jobs can be done in the evening, on weekends or are a one-time only commitment.

Participate: All Board meetings and general meetings are open to everyone. Please plan on attending and bring any and all of your ideas or e-mail your ideas to any Board member so we can include them on our agenda. Meetings are held in the Library at RHS and the meeting dates are posted on the RHS website calendar.

Thank you for your support -RHS PTSA

Attendance Procedure

Students are expected to be in school and in class daily. A student is considered absent if they enter class after 10 minutes have elapsed. Punctual attendance is the first requirement for success – both here and in the “real” world. A large part of learning takes place during class discussions and participation. Many of our teachers use instructional methods that require student participation; if students are absent, they miss out on that learning.

The depth of coverage of material in our courses requires active student engagement and participation. The failure to attend class prevents active student engagement. Consequently attendance is a necessary component of our classes and will be considered as a basis for grading in all courses.

All absences to school are unexcused unless the parent/guardian contacts the school by phone, email, or note within three school days (72 hours). The Attendance Office phone number is 206 252-4814.

Excused Absences

- Participation in a school-approved activity (field trip), (auth in-bldg), (auth out-bldg)
- Request made by parent/guardian such as illness, health conditions, family emergencies, religious purposes, vacations or educational opportunities
- Disciplinary actions or suspensions

Unexcused Absences

- Absences not authorized or excused from the above reasons

Tardiness

- Students arriving late to school or class for any reason not described as an excused absence will be counted as unexcused tardy.
- Arrival to class late, by more than 10 minutes will be considered an absence.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS: It is YOUR responsibility to keep track of your attendance. You may look on THE SOURCE or get a Print-out from the Attendance Office. You must excuse absences by a Parent Note, Parent E-mail or Parent Phone Call, within 72 hours (3 days). When you return, you need to pick up your Pink excuse slip at the Attendance Office and show these to your teachers. If you need an Early Dismissal slip, please

go to the Attendance Office before you leave the school. When you return, please check back in at the Attendance Office and show the early dismissal slip. If you come from another classroom with a note, show the note to the teacher and then bring the note to the Attendance Office. This ensures that your absences will be excused. (teachers can only mark Absence or Late in the computer system. They cannot excuse the absence or late in the Computer, the attendance office does this.)

If you are more than 10 minutes late to a class, you are marked absent.

If you will be gone on a pre-planned event, make sure you fill out a Pre-planned Absence Form and have teachers sign. You need to do this at least 3 days in advance.

See the Attendance page on the RHS website for this information and the Pre-Planned Absence Form at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/attendance.php>.

What is the Purpose of Class Fundraising at RHS?

Why do we have class fundraising at RHS? During the spring of senior year, there are many graduation-related activities at RHS including Senior Luncheon, Graduation, Senior Awards, Senior Prom and Senior Spree (student party following graduation). These activities are expensive and the cost continues to increase each year. By raising money each year, it increases the possibility that all students who want to attend the senior functions will be able to do so. All monies raised will directly help lower the cost per student and to offer scholarships when needed.

Do you have questions about the class fundraising activities at RHS, what they support and how you can get involved?

You'll find many answers to these questions on the Class Fundraising page (under Parents) at www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php. If you have more questions or want to get involved, contact your class representatives listed on the Class Fundraising page.

If you're a senior parent, you can volunteer for many of the senior activities listed on the Senior Events page (at www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php). Sign up on the [Volunteer Opt In](http://www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php) page (at www.rhsseattle.org/volunteer.php).

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

Roosevelt Counseling Office Is Here To Serve You

The Counseling Office is here to serve Roosevelt students and their parents/guardians. If you have a concern or a question, please call us at the Counseling Office, 252-4827 or contact individual counselors at the phone and e-mails listed below. Counselors are assigned based on the first letter of the student's last name.

A–D & E for class of 2010 Sarah Chapman 252-4835 schapman@seattleschools.org

E for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 Erin Bailey, Intern 252-4836 eebailey@seattlschools.org
(Supervised by Wendy Krakauer & Sarah Chapman)

F-K Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor 252-4836 wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org

L-Q & R for class of 2010 Dr. Littlebrave Beaston 252-4825 lbeaston@seattleschools.org

R for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 Frank Heffernan 252-4826 fheffernan@seattleschools.org
& S-Z

Revision of Counselor Case Loads

In order to more equitably divide up the case loads of the Counselors, we have made a slight revision for students whose last names start with the letters A, E and R. Sarah Chapman will work with all students whose last name begins with A-D. She will also continue working with students in the class of 2010 whose last name begins with E. Dr. Beaston is still working with all students last name L-Q plus R in the class of 2010. Frank Heffernan will take over students with the last name of R in the classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013, while also continuing to work with students S-Z. We are fortunate to have an Intern working with us this year in the Counseling Office, Erin Bailey, who is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Erin, who formerly taught PE and coached Girls' basketball in Arizona and at Ballard High School, as well as serving as an Assistant Basketball Coach at Roosevelt for a year, is now working with students whose last name begins with E and who are in the classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013. If problems or issues come up with those students needing immediate attention on days other than Tuesday or Thursday, those students can see Sarah Chapman. Both Wendy Krakauer and Sarah Chapman are supervising Erin's work. We are confident these changes will result in students getting more time and attention from their school counselors.

Progress Reports for Mid Quarter and End of First Quarter

Hopefully all parents/guardians received **five week progress reports, which students brought home in mid October**. These reports showed how students were doing as of October 8, the end of the fifth week of first semester. **First quarter ends November 4**. Watch for **FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS, which should arrive home IN THE MAIL the week of November 17**.

PSAT and Plan (Practice College Admission Testing)

On October 15, the District administered the PSAT to 10th and 11th graders. Our students took the test at Roosevelt, with 10th graders taking the test in classrooms and the counselors proctoring the test for all juniors in the Theatre. The PSAT is practice for the SAT, and is one of the two college admission tests accepted by all of the approximately 80% of four year colleges and universities which require that students submit admission test scores as part of their application. We anticipate getting the results out to students either right before the December break or right after the December break.

On **November 18**, sophomores have the opportunity to take the PLAN at Roosevelt. **This test is practice for the ACT**, the other college admission test, also accepted by 100% of the four year colleges and universities requiring college admission testing. **The PLAN is designed solely for sophomores**. It is an excellent way for students to assess their current academic development and also explore career interests. **We ENCOURAGE ALL SOPHOMORES TO TAKE THE TEST**. Students can then look at both their PSAT and Plan results, and will have useful data in front of them to help make a decision whether they will do better on the ACT or SAT when they take college admission tests that "count", in the spring of junior year and/or fall of senior year.

Seniors, Are You Ready to Move On From Roosevelt?

Graduation is just six and a half months away. Is your senior working on his/her senior project? Has your senior met all graduation course requirements? Has he or she completed all 60 hours of service learning? What post-high school plans does your student have? Check with your student to find out if he or she has made an appointment yet with his/her counselor to discuss these questions.

Financial Aid for Post High School Education

If your student plans on attending either a two-year or four-year school for the 2010-2011 school year, and will need **financial assistance to fund his/her higher education**, begin the FAFSA process now. The FAFSA is required for any needs based aid, but is also required for a lot of merit scholarships as well. The FAFSA is the general form for requesting financial assistance for college costs and is a FREE SERVICE. You can complete the FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. There are step-by-step instructions, and it is much easier to fill out on-line than by using the paper version. The forms cannot be submitted until after January 1, but parent AND student should BOTH REGISTER NOW to get a PIN (electronic signature) by going to www.pin.ed.gov. You can also go on line to start filling out worksheets that will make completion of the actual FAFSA as of January 1 much simpler. To maximize your student's eligibility for possible scholarships and other financial assistance, plan on submitting the FAFSA by February 14, 2008. **When you go on line to access the FAFSA, make sure you are going to www.fafsa.ed.gov rather than www.fafsa.ed.com or any other ending**. There are some "look-a-like" websites out there that promise to help you get lots of money for college if you send them "a small fee". Avoid those offers that are definitely too good to be true. **Paying money to get money is often a tell tale sign of a scam**. Except for the PROFILE, as described below, you should not be paying any fees to get scholarships, loans, or financial aid of any kind. The registration form for the PROFILE, an additional financial aid form required by some, mostly private colleges, is currently available at www.collegeboard.com. There is a minimal registration fee to utilize this service. **On December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the library, the Roosevelt Counseling Office will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop**. Staff from local college financial aid offices will be on hand to help families figure out how to fill out the FAFSA, and answer questions about financial aid.

Another good resource in terms of help with college admissions in general, but especially with regard to financial aid and scholarships is the NELA Center for Student Success. They provide expert assistance at no charge, and no strings attached. The Seattle office is at 309 23rd Ave. S., 206-461-5366. Staff from the Seattle office are also planning to be in our Roosevelt Career Center every Tuesday afternoon to meet with Students.

Scholarships

The Counseling Office publishes a scholarship Bulletin bi-monthly throughout the school year, with the first issue for 2009-2010 dated October 5, 2009. Copies are posted around the school. The bulletin can also be accessed directly at lbeaston.seadesk.seattleschools.org. Or you can get to this site as a link from the Roosevelt High School website, www.rhsseattle.org. Many scholarship applications are online. Paper applications for those scholarships that are not online will be available in the Counseling Office.

Bright Future Program

Roosevelt students who are interested in pursuing vocational training outside of Roosevelt while still working on earning your Roosevelt diploma, we invite you to investigate the Bright Future Program. This program allows students who have earned ten or more credits as of September 1 each school year, the opportunity to enter programs such as dental assisting, medical assisting, A+ certified service and network technician, wood working, cosmetology, and other programs at Seattle Vocational Institute. Students must pass a qualifying test. To find out more about the Bright Future program, students can sign up in the Counseling Office to meet the Bright Future staff every Thursday. Or call Reza Khastou, the Bright Future Coordinator, 206-587-6304.

Yes, School Counselors Will Meet with Parents/Guardians, and Not Just Students!

Parents are often unsure whether they can call their student's school counselor if they have questions, and there is also uncertainty as to what questions are appropriate to address with the school counselor. First of all, we want to make it absolutely clear that parents/guardians can call us—it is definitely a partnership with school and home, to help students be successful at school. We welcome any questions you have about helping your student, as well as any input you are able to provide. In general, any question or information that impacts a student's academic performance is an appropriate issue to rise with the counselor. We also talk with parents frequently about graduation requirements, college issues, and educational planning. If you are not sure if your question should be addressed to us, call anyway! **If we are not the best person to answer your question, we can help you figure out whom would be a better person to contact.**

Whether you talk with your student's counselor by phone, via e-mail, or in person is up to you. The counselors all use voice mail, so feel free to call at any time. If we are meeting with someone, we do not pick up the phone. But you will be able to leave a confidential message, either asking your question, or simply requesting that we call you. If you leave information as to the best time of day to reach you by phone, it will expedite making phone contact with you. If you cannot leave your student's counselor a voice mail message, or if you do not hear back within a few days, you can always get a message to us by calling the main counseling office, 252-4827. If you want to make an appointment to meet in person, the fastest way to do that is to call the main counseling office number. The counseling office secretary, and the student office assistants who answer the phone, have access to our schedules, and will schedule an appointment for you.

If you do meet with a counselor in person, it is up to you whether you want to talk with the counselor alone, or if you would like to have your student accompany you. We understand there are times when it is helpful for just the adults to talk. Keep in mind though, that one of the goals at Roosevelt is to help students become self-advocates for their educational needs, so it frequently makes sense for parent and student to attend the appointment together. Since you won't be going off to college or work with your student when he or she leaves Roosevelt, we want students to be prepared when they graduate to handle their own problems. But we realize that at this point, having you come in with your student, to figure out how a student can resolve a problem, can be a useful step towards having your student be self sufficient.

There is one area where we would prefer that you not make us the first line of communication. If you have a problem or concern about what is going in with a specific teacher, we urge you to talk to the teacher first. If you are unable to work things out or get the information you need, the counselors can then help you figure out the next step. But often a parent/guardian conversation with the teacher can clear up a misperception or miscommunication between student and teacher, and there is no need to make it into a bigger issue by contacting the counselor. We also are not normally able to make teacher changes within a subject, e.g. move your student to a different teacher but in the same science class or level of math. What we can do, though, is brainstorm with your student and with you ways for the student to be successful, even if a specific teacher may not be the best match for that student's learning style.

We hope this information is useful, and we look forward to talking with, and meeting many of our student's parents and guardians at some point in your student's high school career.

Help with College

Applications and Resumes

Although we have lost our wonderful Career Center Specialist as part of District funding cuts, we do have some great parent volunteers who are ready, willing and able to assist students with preparing resumes, editing college application essays, and helping with the general nuts and bolts of college applications. Your student can check with her/his school counselor to get the schedule and contact information for the volunteers.

Free Online Homework Help

The Seattle Public Library provides free homework help online. This is a great service for when your student is stumped and the course work is beyond mom and dad's level of expertise:

http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=audience_children_homework

- Tutors are highly proficient in their subjects areas (teachers, grad students etc)
- Service is available in English and Spanish
- Technology allows the tutor to view the student's screen as either one "draws" with the mouse. The tutor can send helpful documents and can read documents (essays, papers etc) posted by the student. Communication is also through an instant messaging system
- Tutors will guide students, usually with similar examples but will not give answers or do their work for them
- A library card and PIN is needed to access
- Available 3 pm -11pm
- Subjects: Math, Science, English, Social Studies

RHS School Foundation

Your Roosevelt High School Foundation is working hard again this year to raise money to support academic excellence for all students attending RHS. We provide funding to help our students in a variety of programs from the Sciences, Languages to Fine Arts. Please consider supporting these efforts and make your students' futures brighter and better! Let's make the 2009-2010 school year the best ever. No donation, whether it is time or money, is too small to make a difference! Go to www.rooseveltfoundation.org for info.

Thanks UPS Store!

Special thanks to John Appel and the staff at UPS Store #1277 for all of their support in printing the prior copies of the Rider Record. They have generously and professionally supported RHS's PTSA printing needs for several years (and those of many other public schools in our area).

What is the RHS Career Center?

The Career Center provides information to enhance your RHS experience with opportunities for career and college related activities. Students in all grades with all kinds of interests are encouraged to stop by the Center. Students who are trying to determine which field or direction might be a good match are welcome as well.

You'll find a tremendous amount of information on the updated Career Center page <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careercenter.php> on our website. Upcoming events related specifically to career and college activities are posted on the online Career Center Events Calendar at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careerCalendar.php>. Add the updated event calendar to your favorites as events are updated frequently. Another great resource is the extensive list of Helpful Career Links at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/careerLinks.php>. You'll find links to numerous websites related to Careers and Employment, Service Learning, Vocational and Apprenticeship, Extracurricular Programs, College Fairs and Information and International Opportunities.

College visits are a great way to find out valuable information regarding the colleges that interest you. Representatives from colleges all over the country come to the Career Center to give presentations (approximately 30 minutes or so) and answer any questions that you may have. To attend a college visit, go to the Career Center to sign up and receive an invitation to report on the day/time of the visit. College visits are happening each week. Teacher permission is required to attend these presentations.

Stop by Room 108, across from the Counseling Center.

Roosevelt Jazz News

The Roosevelt Jazz Band will kick off the year with an Earshot Jazz Festival performance at the Triple Door on Monday, October 19, 7:00pm. They will be performing with the amazing Matt Wilson Quartet. As a drummer and bandleader, Matt Wilson's infectious creative spirit allows the band and the audience to share in the excitement of the moment. He is not afraid to challenge, entertain and have fun! (You'll have fun too!) For tickets, call 206-838-4333 or visit <http://www.tripledoor.com>

The following week on October 24, the Jazz Band will be performing at the Black and Orange Ball at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. The event is an [Alliance for Education Benefit](#) for Seattle Public Schools – and the guest performer is our School Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson! She's planning to dust off her horn and display her trumpeting talent as part of the festivities.

Mark your December calendars for two additional fun events:

8th Annual Ellington's Jazz Nutcracker – Saturday, December 12, 7:30 pm; and Sunday, December 13, 2:00 pm in our beautiful Roosevelt High School Theatre. Tickets will be available for purchase in the next few weeks.

December Jazz Night – Come enjoy all of the Roosevelt jazz groups perform on Tuesday, December 15, 7:30pm in the RHS Theatre. Free admission.

Roosevelt Orchestra News

The Orchestras are off to a great year! We have three groups: Concert, Symphonic and Chamber Orchestras. The Chamber orchestra had their first recital on Sept. 30th at Peaks Frozen Custard on 65th. Two string quartets performed, as did a flute violin duo, a violin cello duo, and a guitar solo. We are looking forward to monthly recitals on the last Wednesday of each month. Please come and enjoy good music and great desserts.

The Concert and Symphonic Orchestras had a great time at the Pumpkinseed Concert on October 29th. We hope to see you all at the next concert- the Hollyberry on December 17th. Another highlight of the year will be the Side-by-Side concert with the Seattle Symphony on January 21st. Mark your calendars.

The Orchestras major fundraiser of the year will be our online auction from December 3-8th. This is a great way to buy your holiday presents and support the orchestra. Funds raised will support our trip to the American String Teachers Association festival in Santa Clara on February 17th – 21st, 2010. We will perform for the conference, attend master classes while there. We will also be holding a poinsettia sale in December as well so please order for the holiday season. Details will be on the orchestra website.

Are You Interested in Hosting an Italian High School Student?

Ergon, an Italian exchange student organization, is looking to place Italian high school students (16 to 17 years old) with American families for the 2010-11 school year. Two Italian students are currently attending Roosevelt HS. The students and their host families are enjoying this experience very much. Other Italian students would be happy to live the same experience and spend an academic semester (or year) in Seattle. Roosevelt High School looks very attractive to them because of its outstanding academic standards and wonderful facilities. Hosting an international student is a great opportunity to share American life with a person from another country, learn about a new culture, and build international friendships. If this is something you would like to do or you would like further information please email Gunnel Tanimoto, the Seattle Coordinator, at italexchange@gmail.com.

Science in Society Lectures

On Thursday, October 15, Roosevelt students and parents were treated to a very exciting lecture in the Science in Society series by Cliff Mass of the University of Washington on the always unpredictable weather in the Pacific Northwest. On Thursday, November 12, at 7:30, the second lecture in this series will take place in the Theater. The speaker is William Reinhardt of the departments of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Washington and the title is Quantum Mechanics: Is it Waves or Particles? Refreshments will be served and students can get science credit by attending. See you there!

Monty McGovern
Communications Chair, Science Boosters

National Honor Society

The National Honor society is the foremost national institution for recognizing outstanding high school students in America. When a student becomes a member of NHS, he or she must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and must complete 60 hours of community service beyond the normally required 60 for graduation (and including 12 with a group) during the junior and senior school years. The NHS chapter at Roosevelt is headed by Ms. Tashibu (Japanese teacher), and has over 100 members.

Senior Corner

Thank you to all of the families who have already contributed to our Senior Class fundraising campaign by sending in donations or attending our annual adult party. We still need your help to make our financial goals by this spring. The funds the class raises during their four years at RHS will help offset the costs of the many graduation events ensuring that *all RHS students in the Class of 2010 can participate* including Senior Prom, Senior Luncheon, Graduation, and the Senior Spree (class party following graduation). Your generosity will enable all students in our class to enjoy the end of the year senior activities this spring. Please contact Maureen Dahlstrom (mmjdahl@aol.com) if you have questions.

Oktoberfest Parent Party – thanks go to Ginny and Doug Sherrow for hosting our annual event at their lovely home. Thank you to everyone else who helped co-host and coordinate the party and to families for attending the very fun evening.

Check the Senior Event Information on the RHS Website

The new **Senior Event** page at www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php is your place to find detailed information about the many senior events held throughout the year --- dates, times, prices, sign up deadlines, and ticket purchase locations and times, volunteer needs, etc. It will be updated throughout the year as more information is finalized.

Interested in Helping with Senior Events?

If you would like to be involved in the many events hosted by the PTSA supporting the seniors this year, please contact one of the Class of 2010 Parent Reps. Each event is listed on the Senior Event page with the contact information of the event chair(s). Thank you to those of you who already signed up to help with graduation, SPREE, senior luncheon and Prom at our parent night in September. We greatly appreciate and welcome your help. It takes a group of volunteers to help make each senior event a fun and successful one for our kids.

Senior Class Parent Reps: Lindy Odlund - lindyace1961@aol.com, Jen Anderson – janderk@comcast.net, Karen O'Conner - kj.oconnor@comcast.net, Kathy Briggs - kdbriggs@hotmail.com, and Maureen Dahlstrom – mmjdahl@aol.com.

Junior Corner

Time is flying! We are now into the junior year and again want to say thank you to all the families that have participated in the Class of 2011 fundraiser "Four for 2011"! It is that time of the year to make your annual contribution. Please make your checks out to: RHS PTSA-Class of 2011 and send the check to: Holly Jacobsen at 4816 NE 41st Seattle, WA 98105

We have 50 families participating and would love to have even more become part of this fundraiser. The monies raised help to offset the cost of your student's senior activities including; prom, senior luncheon, spree and graduation. It is never too late to support this fundraiser! For more information please email Holly Jacobsen at bhjacobson@comcast.net or click on the web site www.rhsseattle.org/class-fundraising.php.

This fall the Class of 2011 parent reps are working on hosting a party for the "Four for 2011" participants. We will provide more information on the party when we have selected a date. We are also working with the Class of 2011 ASB officers to come up with additional fundraising ideas. In addition, in early spring the junior and freshman class officers are in charge of organizing the Tolo dance. They are currently working on a location and theme. We look forward to another successful year!

The Sophomore Class Parent Reps: Amy Eernisee, Alicia Kutsunai, Tina Owens, Martha Woodworth, Jean Shearer, and Holly Jacobsen

Sophomore Corner

Please look for announcements in the Rider Record to learn about fundraising activities for the class of 2012. The fundraising for the next couple of years for the class of 2012 will be applied to making their senior activities more affordable. The senior activities include prom, senior luncheon, graduation and senior spree.

The goal is to raise enough money so that all students of the 2012 class, who want to attend these senior year activities, are able to without cost as a barrier. We are encouraging all 2012 parents to get involved with this effort! The 2012 parent reps will be meeting to brainstorm ideas. Please consider offering your expertise.

Class 2012 Parent Reps (so far...please join us)

Nancy Grega at nsmgrega@comcast.net, Monty McGovern at wmcgovern@q.com, Karen O'Connor at kj.oconnor@comcast.net, and Jill Appel at atjillsera@hotmail.com

Boys Lacrosse

It's the fastest sport on two feet, and the Roughriders Lacrosse Club is looking for players for the next season which begins March 1. Unofficial preseason captain's practices start in November, no prior lacrosse experience is necessary. Lacrosse is an ideal way for fall sports players to stay in shape throughout the year (this means you, football players), while having a great time running, throwing, catching and hitting. The Roughriders play against other high school teams from around Washington, in a league that now has 49 teams in two divisions! For more information and to sign up, send emails to george@victorystudios.com. Go Riders!

Drama News

The 22nd Annual *Light Up the Stars dinner and auction* benefitting the amazing Drama program at RHS, is November 7th at St. Demetrios' Church in Montlake. For all LUTS auction updates and to register to attend, please visit: www.rooseveltdrama.org. If you have questions about the auction itself, please contact Janet Morrison at janetm@blarg.net

In addition, we are extraordinarily excited to announce the production of *Irving Berlin's "White Christmas, The Musical"* coming in December! You don't want to miss this wonderful holiday musical, featuring Irving Berlin classics such as "White Christmas", "Blue Skies" and "I Love a Piano." Please save the date on one of these four performances: Dec 3, 4, 5 at 7:30pm and December 5 matinee at 2:30pm. Tickets go on sale on November 8th and are sold exclusively ONLINE at www.rooseveltdrama.org.

Purchase and support:

Entertainment Books for Sale: The 2010 Entertainment Book offers hundreds of coupons to great local restaurants, grocery stores, car care, movie theatres, services and more. It's a great way to save money and support the wonderful drama program!

Recycled Grocery Tote Bags

for sale: Show your school spirit and help cut down on plastic/paper bag use! Purchase the *Roosevelt Roughrider* Grocery Tote Bags (features a sleek black and white design) for only \$5 (two for \$9). Email us at aford2009@gmail.com to find out how to purchase these two items!

Stay informed: www.rooseveltdrama.org.

Latin News

Our RHS JCL is scheduling a trip to the Seattle Art Museum on Friday, November 6 to see both the Michelangelo exhibit and the permanent display of Roman and Greek artifacts. We will travel downtown and back together by bus. We also plan to stop for gelato at some time during the outing. Those who join the group will receive a few participation points!

Students in AP Latin will celebrate Vergil's birthday on October 15! Several AP students have volunteered to tutor all levels of Latin either at lunch or after school on given days. Please contact Mrs. MacDonald if your students are in need of help.

Latin students are eagerly fundraising to defray the cost of transportation to our 63rd WA/BC JCL Convention! For the first time ever, the conference will be held in Port Townsend on the week-end of May 1-2, 2010. Special thanks to the families of Josh G. and Franny W. for your generosity!

All Latin students are expected to join the National Junior Classical League and to take the National Latin Exam. Dues and fees for the exam will be paid from the RHS JCL fund in the near future. The National Latin Exam is scheduled to be taken during a class period on Friday, March 12, barring any scheduling conflicts. Since the costs of both the NJCL membership and the National Exam exceed \$800 for our students, we welcome any small donations you can make to support these academic endeavors.

Upcoming events: theatre and opera!

Other Dates:

- October 29: The next JCL meeting.
- November 1: The Trojan Women, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
- November 14: Reed College Conference, Portland
- November 17-21: Italian Cinema Festival, McCaw Hall

Questions? Please email Magistra MacDonald at njmacdonald@seattleschools.org

Want to Know More About RHS?

Here are some useful links to more RHS information:

PTSA Parent Weekly Email Bulletin: Your PTSA Parent Email Bulletin is geared toward info that RHS families and guardians need. Find links for the three most recent issues are on the Home Page in the upper right hand corner - www.rhsseattle.org.

Student Bulletins: Links for the most recent daily student bulletins are listed on the Home Page in the upper right hand corner - www.rhsseattle.org.

Rider Record: Links for this year's Rider Records are on the PTSA page - <http://rhsseattle.org/ptsa.php>.

Home Page Headlines: lists upcoming events and important information - www.rhsseattle.org.

Frequently Asked Questions: most common questions and answers asked by many in the RHS community - www.rhsseattle.org/faq.php

RHS Calendar: continuously updated with RHS events and information www.rhsseattle.org/calendar.php.

What's Happening page: lists of significant student happenings and events, such as Homecoming, spirit weeks and multi-cultural weeks at www.rhsseattle.org/whats happening.php.

Senior Events page: specially designed for senior families to keep up with all the upcoming senior events at www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php.

Roosevelt News: get the latest student published newspapers at www.therooseveltnews.org.

Information about RHS Sports: Find all of the information you need about sports at RHS, team links and athlete registration/forms at www.rhsseattle.org/athletics.php.

Hands for a Bridge

Please join us as we celebrate.

Annual Winter Auction

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 6:30 pm

Mary Gates Hall at the University of Washington

Tickets \$30

RSVP by November 6

For reservations or more information contact:

Kara MacDonald, (206) 252-4810 or kamacdonald@seattleschools.org

The Hands for a Bridge Foundation works to support students from Roosevelt High School in Seattle, Isilimela Comprehensive School and Bellville High School in Capetown, South Africa, and Oakgrove Integrated College in Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Hands for a Bridge provides high school youth with opportunities to explore issues surrounding social justice in their local, regional, and international communities. In collaboration with established partners, students engage in intensive artistic dialogue to build bridges of understanding across chasms of race, culture, wealth, and poverty. These student leaders will emerge as transformed global citizens with vision and resources to effect vital change in our world.

7th Annual Riders Sports Hall of Fame Auction

Please mark your calendars for March 6th, 2010 for our annual RHS sports auction, which benefits our athletic department, marching band, cheer squad and club sports! We will hold our event at the Don James Center at Husky Stadium. It is a fun-filled community event that supports our current programs and illuminates the past by honoring our newest Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

<http://rooseveltathleticboosters.org/auction.aspx>.

Teen Health Center

Flu vaccines, sports physicals, immunizations and more available at the Roosevelt Teen Health Center.

Contact: Helen Weems, ARNP
206-527-8336 helenw@neighborcare.org