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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello from Roosevelt High School,

We are at the mid point for the school year. There continues to be many things to celebrate and exciting things to look forward to. As everyone knows from the news and from discussions with teachers and other school employees, we are again facing some difficult decisions as the result of budget constraints. Over the next few weeks our staff, along with input from parents and students, will develop our budget for next school year. I want to thank you ahead of time for all of the support that you give Roosevelt High School as we do our best to provide our students with an education that prepares them for their future.

If some of the recent events and accolades are any indication, we are continuing to prepare students. At the recent State drama competitions, we sent 52 students to compete and 18 qualified for the National competition and several qualified for regionals. Last week, we were treated to an unbelievable concert in which our orchestra students performed with the Seattle Symphony in a side-by-side concert. Students from Adam Karl's language arts classes performed their poetry at the University Village Barnes and Noble as part of our partnership with the Writer's in the Schools program. Lastly, our students had the opportunity to connect with students from other parts of the world as families hosted several students from Brazil as part of a partnership with the World Affairs Council and to enjoy a very energetic performance by the Matsiko Children's Choir from Uganda. This is just a small sample of all of the opportunities our students are exposed to here at RHS.

In looking ahead, we continue to offer opportunities for continued growth and education outside of the classroom. For example, we are sending two groups of students to engage with communities traditionally in conflict in both South Africa and in Northern Ireland. This is sponsored through the Hands for Bridge program here at RHS. We also have students traveling to France as part of the French and ASL programs. The orchestra will travel to California to perform. Students in the Jazz band gear up for some of their upcoming competitions including the Reno Jazz Festival. This does not even include the hundreds of students who are participating in our sports program who each week go out to showcase their hardwork and sportsmanship across the region.

It is the result of all of us working together that RHS has a reputation of excellence. As our school district adjusts to the changes from our school board and the State, we will make the adjustments necessary to maintain that reputation. Some of those changes include the new student assignment plan, curriculum alignment and grading policies. Without going into too much detail on each of these, I want to provide you with access to information and I hope to keep you updated on how these new policies will look at RHS. The following are links to information regarding each of the three areas mentioned above:

Student Assignment Plan- <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html>
Curriculum Alignment- <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/curriculumalign/index.dxml>
Grading Policies- <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/policies/d/D15.00.pdf>

To wrap things up, I want to make sure that everyone is informed regarding the Levy and most importantly that our community gets out to vote. As an all mail in ballot and the only item on the ballot, we want to make sure that folks participate in our democracy and get out to vote. Additional information regarding the Levy is available at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/levy-info/index.dxml>. Public schools are the foundation for our democracy and I believe that through our working together, RHS will remain a gateway for all of our students to enter their future with open eyes and the skills to pursue their dreams.

Yours in education,
Mr. Brian Vance, RHS Principal

The "No-Bake" Bake Sale

Please Support RHS students by contributing to the Annual "No-Bake" Bake Sale Campaign.

The RHS PTSA "No-Bake" Bake Sale is our only annual, school-wide fundraiser. Even though it has a lighthearted name, we are faced with the serious goal of keeping state and school district budget cuts from eliminating staff at RHS for the 2010-2011 school year. Last year, the Seattle School District faced a \$34,000,000 budget shortfall; this year it is projected to be \$45,000,000. The money raised from the RHS "No-Bake" Bake Sale allows our administration to sustain programs and staffing levels that would otherwise be cut due to district budget reductions.

Our Goal for 2010: 500 Families raising \$100,000 This year we hope to double the number of families that participate in the "No-Bake" Bake Sale so we can reach our goal of raising \$100,000. With your generous donations we can all help sustain the great programs at Roosevelt High School. Contributions last year ranged from \$25 to \$5,000. Can we count on you to join us in this endeavor?

Two Easy Ways to Donate: Online or by Check

Donate Online: Use your credit card and donate online through the secure Alliance for Education website: <https://www374.safesecureweb.com/alliance4edo/donate.asp>. To be sure your donation is properly credited to our school's "No-Bake" campaign, please reference the "Roosevelt High School No Bake" in the Comments box.

Donate by Check: If you would like to donate by check, mail your contribution to the RHS Main Office at 1410 NE 66th Street, Seattle, WA 98115. Please make your check payable to the RHS "No Bake" Bake Sale. You will also be receiving a more detailed letter and return envelope in your student's first semester grades due to arrive around February 15, 2010.

Questions? Please contact Peggy Bigelow at peggy@jmcclars.com or Karen O'Connor at kj.oconnor@comcast.net.

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 schapman@seattleschools.org	252-4835
E for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013	Erin Bailey, Intern eebailey@seattleschools.org (Supervised by Wendy Krakauer & Sarah Chapman)	252-4836
F-K	Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor wrkrakauer@seattleschools.org	252-4836
L-Q & R for class of 2010	Dr. Littlebrave Beaston lbeaston@seattleschools.org	252-4825
R for classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 & S-Z	Frank Heffernan fheffernan@seattleschools.org	252-4826

First Semester Report Cards Will Be Mailed Mid February

First semester ends 1/28/10. Report cards with the first semester grades will be mailed home the second week of February. Passing grades are A, B, C, D. "E" means the student failed the class and did not receive credit. If your student received an "I" (incomplete) for first semester, he/she should meet with the teacher ASAP to determine what work needs to be completed to receive a grade and earn credit for the class by the district deadline of six weeks into second semester.

Achievement Recognized with Honor Roll

Roosevelt will be lauding students for academic achievement by placing qualified students on the honor roll. Students will be recognized who earn a first semester GPA of 3.5 - 4.0, pass all their Roosevelt classes, and have no P (pass) or I grades.

Second Semester Class Changes Limited After Fifth Day of Semester

Pursuant to district policy, the fifth day of second semester (2/5/10) is the last day for students to drop or add classes. After 2/5/10 and through 3/5/10, (the fifth week of the semester) students may not drop a class unless there are extenuating circumstances, the drop will not create a hole in their schedule, and the student understands that he/she will receive a "W" (for withdrawal) on the official transcript. After 3/5/10, students dropping classes with extenuating circumstances, where no hole is created in their schedules, will receive an E grade on their transcript. Accordingly, students need to make a good faith effort to be successful in the classes with which they started the semester. Note this add/drop policy does not apply to "transfers", where, for example, a teacher suggests a student move to a different level of math or world language. If you have any questions about the schedule change policy at any point, you or your student should contact your student's school counselor.

Additional deadlines of which you should be aware

- 3/5/10** deadline to submit a completed application for taking a class on contract (see counselor for form)
- 3/5/10** deadline for a petition requesting to take a class Pass/No Pass (limited to one class/semester) (see counselor for form)
- 3/12/10** deadline for submitting work to teacher for getting an "I" (incomplete) changed to a letter grade.

Applications for Community College or Vocational School

March and April are good months to send in application forms for two-year community colleges and for vocational schools. . With the recent economic downturn, community colleges and vocational schools are seeing a huge increase in students. Accordingly, we urge students to apply sooner rather than later, so that they can take necessary placement tests, figure out financial aid, and get registered for classes in late spring before classes fill up. Students should check with their counselor if they want help in locating websites for filling out applications online or getting paper applications to these schools.

Is Your Student Ready to Graduate?

Seniors who are not sure whether they have met all graduation requirements should see their counselors right away. Seniors need to make sure they have completed, or are taking second semester all remaining courses needed to graduate. Also, has your senior completed a senior project, will your senior have a cumulative and core GPA by the end of the year of 2.0 or higher, have earned at least 20 credits and completed 60 hours of service learning? **4/16/10, the end of third quarter, is the deadline for seniors to complete the self-study Washington State History packet** if they did not take or pass the class prior to enrolling at Roosevelt (it's taught in 8th grade in Seattle public schools). **Documented service learning hours are due to your student's counselor by 5/21/10.** Seniors have received multiple notices of deadlines for the senior project and should check with Amy Schwentor, Assistant Principal and Senior Project Coordinator, alschwentor@seattleschools.org if they have any questions about satisfying the Senior Project Requirements. Kim Armstrong, WASL dean, kmarmstrong@seattleschools.org is the person to contact if you or your student have any questions regarding whether or not your student has met WASL requirements for graduation. **Students must complete all other graduation requirements by senior checkout on 6/14/10, in order to participate in graduation ceremonies and receive a Roosevelt diploma.** This includes not just Roosevelt classes, but also classes students are taking outside of Roosevelt to meet graduation requirements, such as online classes. **Students must complete out of district and online classes soon enough to make sure counselors have transcripts for those classes by June 14th at the latest.** **Important note: District policy requires Running Start students to complete all graduation requirements taken through Running Start by the end of winter quarter IF THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.** Students who take graduation requirements through spring quarter Running Start can still graduate with their class. But since we do not get Running Start transcripts until after the commencement ceremony, those students would not be allowed to walk because we will not have documentation that all graduation requirements will have been completed by senior checkout. Running Start students should see their counselor ASAP if they have any questions about this.

Junior Graduation Status Reports

In March, counselors will be mailing home graduation check lists for all juniors, so that they can figure out how they stand in terms of academic progress, high school graduation requirements and preparation for four year colleges. Students and parents/guardians who want to meet with their school counselor in person to talk about the graduation check lists are welcome to schedule an appointment. For students planning on attending a four-year college or university after high school graduation, counselors suggest that juniors think about taking the SAT or ACT for the first time this spring. Students may repeat these tests as seniors if they choose. **Students may register online: www.collegeboard.com for the SAT; www.actstudent.org/ for the ACT.** **Limited registration booklets for both the SAT I and ACT are available in the Counseling Office. To take the 4/10 and 6/12 ACT, students need to register 3/5 and 5/7, respectively. The registration deadline for the 5/1 SAT and 6/5 SAT are 3/25 and 4/29, respectively. These are popular testing dates, so sign up as far in advance as you can, to ensure you get your choice of test site.** Remember too that students on free and reduced lunch are eligible for waivers to cover the on time registration fee. See your counselor for information.

Juniors thinking about applying to some of the more selective schools or University of California schools which require the SAT II (subject tests) may want to take those tests this spring as well for subjects they are currently studying (i.e. chemistry, physics, math, AP U.S history, AP French, AP Spanish, AP Latin). (Note: the class of 2011 is the last class needing subject tests for the UC schools). Most of the SAT II subject tests will be given on 5/1 or 6/5, with the registration deadlines the same deadlines that apply for the SAT I. (Students cannot take both the SAT I and Sat II on the same test date). **Keep in mind though that some colleges which require subject tests will accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT and any SAT subject tests.** Go to www.fairtest.org for details. And, of course feel free to talk with your student's counselor with questions.

FAFSA Priority Deadline 2/14/10

If your student is planning to apply for any kind of needs based financial aid from a four-year, two-year, or vocational school, public or private, make sure that you submit a FAFSA (U.S. Government Financial Aid form). Note too, that even for merit scholarships, many colleges require the FAFSA. Although the FAFSA may be submitted at any time prior to the start of the college school year, financial aid often runs out by late spring. Accordingly, to be considered for the maximum amount of assistance possible, **get your form submitted by 2/14/10.** And, always check with the financial aid offices of the colleges to which your student is applying to see if they recommend or require an earlier submission date. Paper copies of the FAFSA can be found at some public libraries, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center, 1-800-433-3243 and requesting a paper application. It really is easier though, to fill out the FAFSA online (www.fafsa.ed.gov). And keep handy this toll free help line, 1-800-4-FED-AID (433-3243).

Freshman High School and Beyond Meetings

Counselors went into 9th grade social studies classes in January to talk with freshmen about their four year high school plans, as well as about options after they graduate from high school. Counselors will follow up the classroom sessions with individual freshmen meetings starting 3/1/10. These plans will help 9th graders start thinking about what they want to do after they graduate, and help them draw up a working document that includes all the requirements they need to satisfy to graduate from high school, as well as to go to a four year college or university directly after high school. Your student should bring home after her/his appointment a copy of the "High School and Beyond" Plan, so be sure to ask your student to go over it with you. We want to emphasize that the four year course plan is not set in concrete. Rather it is subject to constant revision and is intended primarily to get your student to start thinking about his /her future, along with helping your student understand how important it is to successfully navigate high school in order to open up multiple options after graduation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your student's school counselor.

Plan and PSAT Results

Counselors handed back PSAT results to juniors in U.S. History classes right before the December break. Counselors gave 10th graders both PSAT and PLAN results through their AP Human Geography classes on January 15. If you have not seen your student's results on these practice tests, or if you have questions about interpreting the results, your student's counselor would be glad to meet with you. Feel free to contact the counseling office at 252-4827 to schedule an appointment.

Roosevelt Spring College Information Workshop for Juniors

On March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre, Roosevelt Counselors Wendy Krakauer and Sarah Chapman will be hosting a **college information night for juniors and their parents/guardians.** The focus will primarily be on four year colleges and the agenda will include information about searching for colleges that are a good fit, college admissions requirements, and SAT and ACT college entrance exams. There will also be a brief discussion of financial aid and scholarships. Call the counseling office at 252-4827 if you have questions about this workshop.



Join us for our spring musical, *Curtains*. The shows will be performed May 27, 28 & June 3, 4, 5, 6. Tickets will be on sale at the Roosevelt Box Office as well as ONLINE in early May. Look for more information on the Roosevelt website and the Roosevelt drama site at www.rooseveltdrama.org.

More Drama Happenings:

In mid January, fifty-two Roosevelt Drama students participated in a **WA State Individual Events Festival Competition.** We are happy to share that twenty two of our students were regional and national winners.

The 54th Annual Festival of Student-Directed One Act Plays, better known as Drama Fest, is coming February 8-12.

The shows are presented after school in the main theatre, and are adjudicated by members of the professional theatre community. Following the afternoon performances on Friday, February 12, the "Best of Fest" are selected for performance that same evening. The final three are performed and are adjudicated by a brand new set of judges, with winners announced at the end of the performances. Please join us and the entire Roosevelt High School community for this very popular week of theatre. Ticket Prices are:
 Afternoon plays:
 \$1.00 student - \$2.00 Adult
 Best of Fest, Friday Evening:
 \$5.00 Student - \$8.00 Adult
 Stay informed at www.rooseveltdrama.org

DECA at Roosevelt High School: Program Continues to Develop!

In its fourth year, the DECA program continues to develop and grow and provides opportunities for students to compete and win. On Tuesday, January 12th, Advisor, Lovenia Smith with colleague Liz MacLennan, led 56 students to the Bellevue Meydenbauer Area Competition. Roosevelt students competed with nearly 20 other schools demonstrating their ability to problem solve a variety of business and marketing issues, by presenting their ideas to business people who served as their judges.

Many of the students are enrolled in the Marketing and Business program and this year in an effort to introduce the program to more students about 20 of the competitors participated only in a club after school led by the DECA officers (M. Montgomery, K. Judge, and R. Walker-Cohen) to prepare for competition. This year nearly 20 students return to competition after getting an initial taste last year, but for more than half of the participants, this was their first time to compete in DECA. This year the program has maintained the growth and success it experienced last year, with a shift in membership that includes more underclassmen than in 09-10. The following students received at least one sub-category Top Ten award, for a test or role-play:

- K. Adams, competed for the 2nd time, but in a new event, Quick Serve Restaurant, and placed in the top 5 in two sub events and took 3rd overall, and will be going to state.
- E. Baird Daniel, competed in Business Services and placed 2nd for her test, and 9th overall, and will be going to state.
- R. Gunn, competed in Quick Serve Restaurant and placed in the top 5 for both a test and role-play category, and 9th overall, and will be going to state.
- K. Judge, competed for the 2nd time in Quick Serve Restaurant and placed in the top 5 for two sub event categories
- D. Jurcik, competed for the second year, but in a new event, Automotive Services, and place in the top 5 for his test score.
- B. Kohlberg, competed in Quick Serve Restaurant and placed in the top 5 for a sub event category.
- M. Montgomery, competed for the third year in Food Marketing, and placed in the top 5 in two sub events and took 1st overall, and will be going to state.
- S. Nast and A. Lupalovsky competed as a team in Business Law and Ethics Team event and placed 6th overall, and will be going to state.
- A. Nerbovig competed for the third time, but in a new event with a partner, M. Stroutsos, and they competed in Advertising Campaign and placed in the top 5 for their test.
- S. Quamma competed for the third year in Food Marketing, and placed in the top 5 in two sub events and took 3rd overall, and will be going to state.
- R. Walker Cohen, competed for the second year in Retail Merchandising and placed in the top 5 in both a test and role-play category.

We are all looking ahead to State competitions on March 4-6 in Bellevue, and hope to increase the number who advance from those competitions this year International Career Development Conference in Louisville Kentucky. Stay tuned for more updates this spring and to get involved or find out more information about the DECA program contact Lovenia Smith in person in Room 321, lasmith@seattleschools.org or by phone at 206-252-4926.

Roosevelt High School Foundation Golf Tournament and Fundraiser – Save the Date!



The Roosevelt High School Foundation Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at Sand Point Country Club will be Monday, June 7th. We are expecting a full house this year. We want to give current RHS families a chance to register early and take advantage of a special four-some rate before March 15 - \$200 per person, \$750 per four-some (\$800 after March 15).

Sign up online at www.rooseveltfoundation.org, by phone at 206-226-5679. Questions? Contact lorelle1@comcast.net.

The RHS Foundation holds a small auction during the Golf Tournament Banquet. We are looking for a connection to both a golf club in the Palm Springs or Phoenix area and to Chambers Bay Golf Course in Tacoma. If you or someone you know has a connection to either of these, please call 206-226-5679 or email amyjon@Oz.net.

Seattle School Levies

Seattle School Levies Ballots arrived recently: be sure mail them back by February 9! You will have received a mail-in ballot asking you to renew two expiring levies that provide essential funding for Roosevelt and other Seattle schools. Prop 1, the capital projects levy, funds hundreds of smaller maintenance and safety projects including a security camera system at Roosevelt and funds to reopen McDonald and Sand Point schools. Prop 2, the operations levy, funds 23% of our day-to-day operating expenses, including the 6th period so critical for our high school students. *The Roosevelt PTSA voted to endorse and support these levies: Please vote and return your ballots by February 9!* For more information or to donate, volunteer or endorse go to: www.schoolsfirstseattle.org.

Teen Health Center

H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine is now available to any student who is registered in the Teen Health Center. Infections are likely to continue throughout the spring, so it's not too late to vaccinate your child if you haven't already.

Spring sports season will soon be here, and paperwork is due February 22. Does your child need a physical? We offer comprehensive wellness exams/sports physicals at the Teen Health Center. Helen Weems and Beth Upton are family nurse practitioners, both of whom specialize in adolescent health. In addition to a standard exam, the physical is a great opportunity to discuss issues like healthy diet, sleep, time management, drugs, alcohol and sexual health. We can review immunization records, and provide necessary immunizations at a parent's request.

Registration packets for the Roosevelt Teen Health Center were included in the first day packet. Should you need a new registration form, pick one up from the THC, or print the two attached PDF files. [Registration-School Based](#)
[Registration-School Based \(continued\)](#)

Forms can be faxed to 216-517-4195 or have your student bring it to our office. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or email. I would be happy to talk with you.

Most sincerely, Helen Weems, ARNP
206-527-8336, helenw@neighborcare.org

Senior Reminder



Pick up your graduation packet or order on line www.gradproductsinc.com ASAP.



Winter Jazz Happenings

This is a busy time of year for the jazz groups!

After great performances by Jazz Bands I and II at the Clark College Jazz Festival at the end of January, Jazz Band III heads to the Viking Jazz Festival in Poulsbo on Feb. 5, and Jazz Band I competes at the Bellevue College Jazz Festival on Feb. 6.

All of the vocal and jazz band groups will travel to Moscow, Idaho to compete at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the end of February.

Be sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for two jazz fan favorites coming soon:

Hot Java, Cool Jazz

Hot Java, Cool Jazz at the Paramount Theatre will feature the Roosevelt Jazz Band and other top high school jazz bands on Friday, March 19. It's a fun night filled with incredible music from amazingly talented high school jazz students in this area. Tickets are available at local Starbucks stores, Ticketmaster, or the Paramount Box Office.

Annual Big Band Dance and Auction

The 22nd Annual Big Band Dance and Auction is on Saturday evening, April 10. Come enjoy a delicious dinner, great auction items, dancing (and free dance lessons!), and live performances by Jazz Bands I, II, III and Vocal Jazz. This favorite event will be held at the Temple De Hirsch Sinai (1511 East Pike St.) from 5:00 – 11:00 PM. Tickets are available online at www.rooseveltjazz.org. If you have questions, email bbda@rooseveltjazz.org or call 206-420-3931.



Roosevelt/Italian Cultural Exchange

In the Spring of 2007, Roosevelt High School was contacted by Principal Flavio De Pascalis from Giacomo Floriana High School in northern Italy to see if we would be interested in joining in a conversation about a cultural exchange between our schools. In his words, "after visiting websites of high schools in Seattle we got in touch with you".

In October of 2007, Principal De Pascalis and three teachers traveled to Seattle to visit our school and in particular tour Boeing at Paine Field and Microsoft. On that occasion, we agreed to begin the exchange process. In May 2008, 21 students and three teachers from Riva del Garda came to Seattle. They stayed in our homes, joined in RHS classes as well as toured highlights of the Seattle area. In October 2008, we visited their homes and school and toured Venice, Florence, and Verona.

We are now continuing the exchange program. In May, 18 Italian students will once again arrive in Seattle. The plan is that we will travel to Italy in early October of 2010. We will take 18 students as our students will stay in the homes of the students who came to Seattle.

If you, your son or daughter are interested in much more information about this trip, please attend a meeting on February 25th, 2010 from 7:00-8:00 PM in Rm. 109 at school.

For further information you may also contact, JoEllen Hathaway at 252-4840 or jshathaway@seattleschools.org



Rider Sports Auction - March 6, 2010

Roosevelt High School encourages all students to participate in athletics, band and cheer squad, regardless of their ability to pay. We are proud of the fact that over 850 students participate in these programs each year.

Unfortunately, the Seattle School District's current budget crisis will adversely affect the funding of our athletic programs. With this auction we hope to supplement the district's funding. We have held four Annual Sports Auctions; raising between \$40,000, and \$60,000 each year.

Please help make this a successful event by marking your calendar and sending in your RSVP. Not only is this a chance to socialize with your RHS community while supporting a great cause, you can be a part of the annual inducting of former athletes to the Rider Hall of Fame. Check out the [Auction](#) link on the Athletic Boosters site and view your [Auction Invite](#) for more details. All donations are greatly appreciated, as well!

Roughriders Lacrosse

It's the fastest sport on two feet! Lacrosse combines the speed and finesse of soccer with the physical contact of football. Wanna play? The boys' high school lacrosse season starts March 1st, and Roughriders are getting ready for another season. For more information, send email to george@victorystudios.com.

Roosevelt Science in Society Talk

The Science in Society lecture series put on by the Roosevelt Science Boosters continues with a talk entitled "Nuclear Power, Nuclear Progress, and the Age of Energy" by Bruce Hevly of the University of Washington on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the theater. Dr. Hevly is a professor of history specializing in the history of science; his daughter Willa is a freshman at Roosevelt. Students should check with their science teachers about getting extra credit from attending this talk. See you there!

Monty McGovern, Communications Chair, Science Boosters

Italian Exchange Students Need American Families

Ergon, an Italian Student Exchange organization and a partner of Northwest Student Exchange in Seattle, would like to find American families willing to host 16 to 17 year-old Italian high school students either for a semester or for the full 2010-11 academic year.

Ergon devotes special care to selecting the students and matching them with prospective host families.

Through our organization, Italian students are currently attending Ballard, Roosevelt, and Mercer Island HS and students and host families are greatly enjoying this experience.

Hosting a foreign student is a great opportunity to share American life with a young person from another country, learn about a new culture, and build friendships abroad.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Gunnel Tanimoto, our Seattle Coordinator at italexchange@gmail.com.

Past and present host families would be delighted to share their experiences with our program.

Roosevelt School Calendar: February through March

February:

- Black History Month - ASR plans to do something but we haven't discussed anything yet about it because we are reflecting on MLK week and we just started a new project about raising school spirit.
- Drama Fest – short plays will begin the second week of February (8th – 12) after school at 2:30 P.M in the theatre
- BLT Meeting @ 2:30 in Room 242 for ASR members every Monday
- Chamber Orchestra Concert on Wednesday February 3
- February 2nd and 3rd are early dismissal days for the students
- School Board meeting on Wednesday February 3rd – ASR students to participate and give input on district decisions
- IC meeting at 2:30 in room 310 for ASR students every other Tuesday
- Site Council meeting at 5:30 in room 242 for the ASR members every 3 weeks on Wednesdays
- PTSA meeting at 7 PM in the library for ASR members Wednesday February 10
- Hands for a Bridge students leave to South Africa and Northern Ireland on Thursday February 11 and Friday February 12. ASR wishes them a safe journey.
- Best of Fest (Best plays from drama fest) begins at 7:30 on Friday February 12 in the theatre.
- February 15th – 19th is Mid-Winter Break for all students.
- February 26 and 27 Hands for a Bridge students return from South Africa and Northern Ireland.

March:

- BLT meeting @ 2:30 in room 242 for ASR members every Monday
- Tuesday March 2nd and Wednesday March 3rd is Early Dismissal for all students
- Tuesday March 2nd and Wednesday March 3rd ASR plans to give tours around Roosevelt to 8th graders
- Wednesday March 3rd is the Chamber Orchestra Concert
- Tolo – March 5th at Magnuson at the Hanger. Starts at 8:30 PM and ends at 11:30 PM.
- Senior Project presentations will begin March 16th and will end March 18th
- Thespian Festival begins March 18th and ends March 20th
- The end of third quarter is on Friday, March 19th and there is no school for students.

Latin News

Students will begin preparing for both the National Latin Exam and the 63rd Washington/British Columbia Junior Classical League Convention competitions on February 1! Please watch for further updates and registration forms. Information will be distributed both by e-mail address list and papers sent home with our Latin students.

Parents: Please contact Nora MacDonald if you are interested in chaperoning the convention on May 1-2 or in monitoring the National Latin Exam on Friday, March 14. (The exam will take only two hours of your time.)

National Latin Exam-Friday, March 14, Room 242 (specific period will be announced at a later date)

63rd WA/BC JCL Convention-Saturday, May 1-Sunday, May 2

Clubs at RHS

The RHS clubs support the wide variety of student interests at RHS. You'll find clubs supporting cultural, athletic, competitive, educational, political and world interests. The Clubs page (www.rhsseattle.org/RHSclubs.php) lists the official RHS clubs along with information about meeting days/times, advisor contacts and student leaders. Joining a club is a great way to get involved with other students who have similar interests and make new friends.

Didn't join a club at the beginning of the year? No problem. You're welcome to join anytime during the school year. It's easy. Just contact the club advisor if you have any questions or to confirm when and where the next meeting will be held. The Staff Directory (www.rhsseattle.org/directory.php) lists many of the club advisors.

Don't see a club that interests you? Think about starting your own --- at anytime during the year. Talk about your ideas with Ms. Boswell to get your club started today.

RHS Band News

Did you know that the RHS Band offers a wide range of activities? Some of the fun is associated with classroom work – such as participation in symphonic music concerts and festivals – and some is voluntary and open to all interested students – including Marching and Pep Band.

These activities are in full swing in the winter of 2010. The Pep Band has played for numerous Girls' and Boys' home basketball games, providing lots of spirit and enthusiasm to support our teams. The Pep Band will also play at the Sports Booster Auction on March 6, helping to welcome attendees as they arrive. Want to join? The Pep Band is a voluntary group that includes students from Band, Orchestra and Jazz band classes.

The Concert and Symphonic Band classes will participate in three music festivals in early 2010. The first is the University of Washington Festival, held on February 2. Then, on March 5, the bands will travel to Ellensburg for the Central Washington University Festival, and on March 24 we will participate in the Elliott Bay Music Directors Festival at Ingraham High School. All of these activities are part of the classroom experience and allow Band students to compete and to receive adjudication.

On March 6, interested students will take part in the district – wide Solo and Ensemble competition. During this event, held at RHS, students work to qualify for State! We often send multiple soloists and ensembles on to the State competition – so it's bound to be exciting!

Just a peek forward – later in the year, the Marching Band's parade season kicks off. Look for the Band in Wenatchee and New Westminster, British Columbia! Marching Band participation is voluntary and is a lot of fun! See Mr. Brown for details. GO RIDERS!

RHS Tours for Incoming Freshman and New Families

Two day time tours will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 3rd. The tours will begin at 9am in the school Theatre and last approximately two hours.

Parents and students are welcome. A parent or adult chaperone needs to attend with the student. See the School Tours page (www.rhsseattle.org/schoolTours.php) for more details.

Class of 2010 Senior Information



Spring Events for Class of 2010 Seniors – Buy Your Senior Luncheon, Prom and SPREE Tickets Now!

Senior year is nearly half over and graduation is fast approaching for our seniors!! There are many school-sponsored and PTSA-sponsored events scheduled planned for our senior students this spring:

- ❖ Senior Prom – May 15th - \$40
- ❖ Senior Awards Night – Late May
- ❖ Senior Luncheon – June 16th - \$10
- ❖ Graduation – June 17th
- ❖ Senior SPREE (senior party after graduation) – June 17th - \$90

Thank You, Class of 2010 Families

Thank you, Class of 2010 families, for your financial support over the last three years with your participation in parent parties, direct donations, and support of student dances sponsored by the class. Thanks to you, we have raised more than \$25,000 in fundraising dollars to help support many of the Class of 2010 senior events! Your contributions have subsidized the actual event costs, made advance planning and reservations of venues possible, and provided scholarships, enabling every student to have an opportunity to attend these events.

If you would like to make additional contributions towards scholarships for those students who have financial challenges in attending Senior Luncheon, Senior SPREE (the Senior party following graduation) or Senior Prom, please make your check payable to “RHS PTSA Class of 2010” and mail to Maureen Dahlstrom, 2101 N. 57th, Seattle, WA 98103 as soon as possible so that we can ensure all seniors have the opportunity to attend. For questions, please contact Maureen Dahlstrom by email at mmjdahl@aol.com or call 459-2080.

Senior Events Information and Ticket Information

For details about each of the events, go to the *Senior Events* page on the RHS website at <http://www.rhsseattle.org/seniorEvents.php> for the most up to date information or review the attached flyers for details of the dates, times, locations, costs, ticket sale timing and contacts for each event.

For several of these events, we need to make substantial deposits in the next month for the venues. Please encourage your student to *purchase tickets early* for Prom, Senior Luncheon, and "SPREE". **Tickets will be sold** for these three events during lunch time on:

- February 9th and 11th
- March 9th and 11th
- April 13th and 15th

The forms for each of these events were mailed to all senior families during the first week of February. If you need additional copies of the forms, you can find links to each of them on the Senior Events page.

Senior Luncheon Slide Show Photos

We're collecting pictures for a slide show at the Senior Luncheon in June. Please email photos of Roosevelt High School seniors from their high school days to: RHSSeniors2010@comcast.net. Be sure to include the names of the RHS seniors in the photos in your email.

Parent Help Needed with Senior Activities

If you would like to help with any of the activities, please contact the committee chairs mentioned for each event on the Senior Events page. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help at our Senior Parent Night last October.

Class of 2010 Parent Representatives

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Diploma Information

It's diploma time! We need your assistance to ensure your student's name is correct on their diploma, come June. We need to have the student's legal name as it appears on their birth certificate. Please contact Marjorie Gamble in the RHS office by phone at (206) 252-4816 or by email at mgamble@seattleschools.org.

Cap and Gown Orders - Past Due But Still Available

Seniors can still order their graduation announcements, caps and gowns, class rings, and all other accessories from Grad Products at <http://gradproductsinc.com/>.

Click on the "School Info" link on the Grad Products website to check for delivery days of the products for RHS.

Call Grad Products office (425-488-7213) or e-mail herffwoods@aol.com if you have any further questions.

Orders are already late and need to be turned in ASAP.