



RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Ridgewood Families,

As promised, here is what is happening at Ridgewood High School in the next few weeks:

Dates to Remember:

September 26th- HOMECOMING WEEK!

October 1st- Homecoming Dance (outside) 7 p.m.

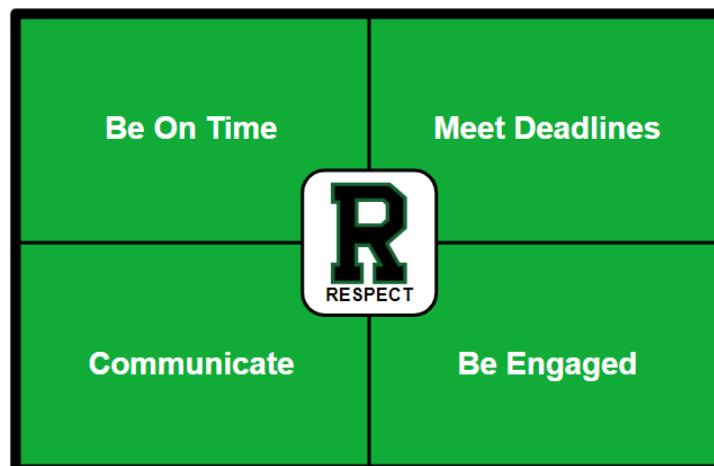
October 10th- NO SCHOOL

October 12th -PSAT NMSQT Testing

October 15th- Deadline to submit freshmen physicals & senior meningitis vaccinations

October 26th -Parent Teacher Conferences

As a reminder, our staff will focus on the following expectations for every student at RHS:



Meeting deadlines, being on time, communicating, and being engaged are critical to success both in school and in life. Please help us by reinforcing these expectations at home. In an effort to ensure students are college and career ready, it is imperative that all students understand the importance of deadlines. All due dates will be communicated, and students will be given an ample and appropriate amount of time to complete assignments. Students are expected to complete all assignments by the assigned due date.

We sent out our revised Deadline and Retake grading procedure on Friday, August 26th in a communication letter. Here is a [link](#) to that letter.

Ridgewood Homecoming!

It is Homecoming Week at Ridgewood!! Events include:

- ★ September 26: *Class Color Day*, Homecoming Dance ticket sales, Spirit Coins, Royal Voting, and Class Wall Decoration Competition.

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- ★ September 27: *Sports Day*, Homecoming Dance ticket sales, spirit coins, Royal voting, and Homecoming Pep Assembly (10:35am on the Stadium Field).
- ★ September 28: *Pajama Day*, Homecoming Dance ticket sales, Royal voting, and Trivia Tournament (5:00-8:00pm in the Collaboration Center).
- ★ September 29: *Hawaiian Day*, Homecoming Dance ticket sales, Spirit Coins, Royal voting.
- ★ September 30: RHS Spirit Day, Homecoming Dance ticket sales, Royal voting, Carnival (3:30-5:30 in the Old Gyms), Parade (6:00pm on the Stadium Track).
- ★ September 30: Homecoming Football game v. Elmwood Park at 7:15 - Stadium Field.
- ★ October 1: Homecoming Dance - Stadium Field from 7:00-10:00pm

PSAT NMSQT Testing

On Wednesday, October 12th, Ridgewood High School will administer the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) to all juniors and the top 10% of sophomores. By offering students an opportunity to participate in the PSAT administration, Ridgewood High School will provide students with valuable college readiness feedback and tools to help them reach their post-secondary goals.

Benefits of the PSAT:

- Juniors can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship – By taking the PSAT/NMSQT students may be eligible to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other academic scholarship and recognition programs.
- Students have a better chance at scoring higher on the SAT – Historically, students who take the PSAT have scored significantly higher on the SAT than students who do not. Since the PSAT evaluates the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, taking the PSAT means students will have an opportunity to address their areas of improvement long before they take their official college entrance exam.
- Students will receive feedback on their aptitude for success in AP courses – student score reports will show recommendations for AP courses that might be good matches.
- A personalized study plan – the PSAT will provide students with a custom SAT study plan that can be accessed online, anytime through Khan Academy.

Important Test Day Information:

- Testing will begin promptly at 8:45am. Students should arrive in the field house at least 15 minutes prior to testing.
- No backpacks or cell phones will be allowed in the field house.
- Students will need to bring their Student ID, no. 2 pencils, and a calculator.
- Standard testing time will conclude around 12:50 pm.
- Students will have lunch from 12:55pm - 1:24pm.
- Students will be required to attend period 10 from 1:40pm - 3:00pm.

Your child has received a PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide which includes important information about the test, study tips, and practice questions. More resources about this test can be found at collegeboard.org. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Tan at 708-697-5548 or jtan@ridgenet.org.

Before/After School Tutoring

As we finish the first month of school, we want to remind you of an academic intervention that is available to all students! Tutoring is available in the **Collaboration Center** before school on **B Days from 8:00 - 8:40 am** and after school on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm**. This is an opportunity for all students to receive extra time and support from a teacher to complete their assignments and make up any missing work prior to the Sunset Deadline. Questions about tutoring can be directed to Katie Davis at kdavis@ridgenet.org

Freshman and Senior School Medical Information

The State of Illinois requires all freshmen students to have a physical exam on file in the Nurse's office. Similarly, all seniors are required to submit proof of one meningitis vaccination after the age of 16. **These documents are due by October 15th.**

Please submit these documents to Candace Reid, School Nurse, at fax #: 708-456-0342 or at nurse@ridgenet.org.

Fire Drill - Thursday, October 6th

RHS will conduct a fire drill on Thursday, October 6th at 9:30AM. Public schools are required to conduct three fire drills each school year. Two of these drills will be announced and one will be unannounced. If you have any questions, contact David Hawk, Dean of Students, at 708-697-5542 or dhawk@ridgenet.org.

Parent University

The first Parent University will be held on **October 17th** from 6:00-6:45 pm in the RHS Auditorium. We hope to see you in-person to learn more about taking advantage of all that Ridgewood has to offer.

Topic: Understanding the High School Experience and Opportunities for Parent Involvement.

Questions about Parent University should be directed to Dr. Lasky at elasky@ridgenet.org

FAFSA Completion

Attention Seniors! *The completion of the FAFSA is a graduation requirement for ALL students in Illinois.* On Saturday, October 1st, the FAFSA for the 2023-24 school year will open. Ridgewood will be hosting an evening event to assist with the completion of the FAFSA. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Real Talk: HBCU Edition

Real Talk events were created to provide Black students and their families with the tools they need to start planning for their future. This fall, we'll connect attendees with Black college reps across the country, financial aid experts with insider tips on finding scholarships, college students who'll give your students a realistic view of campus life, and Black professionals in tech, sports, and entertainment. To sign-up, click [here](#).

Parent Teacher Conferences

It is almost time for our 2022 Fall Conferences! Due to the positive feedback and participation levels of families, we will offer **conferences remotely via ZOOM for fall conferences**. RHS families will have the opportunity to meet with students' teachers, counselors, and social workers. Families should log into Skyward Family Access, click on their student's schedule, and choose the teachers, counselors, and social workers they would like to meet with. Step-by-step instructions are included below. Here is the date and time of conferences:

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

1:00 to 8 p.m.

Registration will open starting October 1st and will close at 8:00 A.M. on October 25th. Once registration closes, you must contact the teacher/ staff member directly to schedule an appointment. Our staff will email the conference Zoom link directly to families scheduled for conferences on October 26th.

Current student grades will be accessible via our online student information system, Skyward. Please log into Skyward in advance of your conference to review and/or print your student's grades.

Students are welcome and encouraged to participate in the conferences with their parents/guardians and to be an active part of the discussion about their academic progress. If, for any reason, you cannot make an appointment during these times, please reach out directly to our staff. Our teachers, counselors, and social workers would be happy to meet with you at a time that works for you. We look forward to talking with you and your student(s) at conferences.

Questions regarding Fall Conferences can be directed to the Division Head of Student Services, Katie Davis, kdavis@ridgenet.org, or the Assistant Principal, Eric Lasky, elasky@ridgenet.org.

Scheduling Teacher Conferences in Skyward Family Access

To access this area, click on the Conferences Tab on the left hand side. Next, select the "All Conferences" hyperlink. This area allows you to schedule times for your conference as well as view scheduled times with your student's teachers.

Joniana (Ridgewood High School) View Scheduled Times All Conferences			
Teacher Conferences	Status	Class	Building/Room
Period 1 8:00 AM - 8:49 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	PE 1-2 Sem Elizabeth Hanses	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 2 8:53 AM - 9:42 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	PEERS Algebra 1 Sem. 1 Cristina Zajac	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 3 9:46 AM - 10:35 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Resource William Lehotsky	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 4 10:39 AM - 11:28 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	English 1 Sem. 1 Claudia Barlea	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 5 11:32 AM - 12:21 PM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Italian 1 Sem. 1 Giovanna Portanova	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 7 9:46 AM - 10:35 AM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Strat Study Skills Sem. 1 William Lehotsky	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE
Period 8 1:18 PM - 2:07 PM	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Integrated Physics Sem. 1 Don Gelsomino	Ridgewood H S / FIELD HOUSE

Scheduling Times

The top area is for Teacher Conferences. Your student's schedule will appear. To schedule a time, under the Status column, click on the Select a Time hyperlink to schedule a time for the class/teacher that appears to the right. Another screen will appear with all available time spots, click on the Select hyperlink for the desired time. A confirmation screen will appear, click on Save. Repeat for all desired classes/teachers.

Schedule a Conference Time with Elizabeth Hanses

Conference Time Slots	Status	Building/Room	
Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30 pm - 1:35 pm	Open		Select
Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:35 pm - 1:40 pm	Open		Select
Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:40 pm - 1:45 pm	Open		Select
Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm	Open		Select
Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:50 pm - 1:55 pm	Open		Select

Select Time Slot

Teacher:

Pansy Alvinscr

Date:

Thu Feb 11, 2016

Time:

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Student:

Jon Abbotscr

Course:

ART01/1 - Art 1/Art Introduction

Building:

Room:

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to: abastascr@scramble.com

Save

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The bottom area is for Staff Conferences, this would be either a counselor, social worker, etc. To schedule a time with a desired staff, other than a teacher, follow the same directions for scheduling a time with teachers.

Staff Conferences	Status	Topic	Description
Gretchen Selzer	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Online	Parent Teacher Conference
Kathleen Leynes	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Online	Parent Teacher Conference
Katie Petty	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Online	Parent Teacher Conference
Maria Balata	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	PTC	Parent Teacher Conference
Michael Maiorano	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	PTC	Parent Teacher Conference
Michele Perchess	Not Yet Scheduled (Select a Time)	Online	Parent Teacher Conference

Competency Courses - Grading Reminders

As a reminder, many of our courses use competency grading to show a student's level of proficiency in skills. This means that these courses show an average level of proficiency, shown by a numeric value, rather than a traditional letter grade, to show student's progress in learning. Teachers will enter letter grades at the end of each semester for a student's transcript. During the semester, please click on the student's FG score in order to see your student's overall percentage in the course out of 100. For more detailed information, please take a look at our [Competency Grading Overview](#).

Building closes at 3:30

As an added safety measure, **the building will close at 3:30 p.m.daily during the 2022-2023 school year.** Only students who are involved in activities or athletics will be allowed to stay in the building after 3:30 p.m. These students will be supervised by their coaches or activity advisors.

If you have any questions regarding building security or student safety, please contact David Hawk, Dean of Students.

Scholarships

Attention seniors! With college application season just around the corner, please make sure to schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss your post-secondary plans. The counselors are here to help you with any questions, no matter your post-secondary plans. If you're looking for scholarships, please make sure to check out our scholarship bulletin:

[https://www.d234.org/student-life/scholarship-and-job-bulletin-/](https://www.d234.org/student-life/scholarship-and-job-bulletin/)

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Peer Group

If you or someone you're living with has been diagnosed with a mood disorder, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance is offering virtual and in-person peer support groups. These groups are designed to focus on self-help, are peer led, are safe & accepting, and they are confidential. The peer support specialists are certified and/or trained individuals with lived experience of a mood disorder, are the facilitator of the support group, and work to ensure the safety of the group. For more information, please visit their website at <https://www.dbsalliance.org/>

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Athletics, Activities, and Extracurricular Events:

Ridgewood Rewards are back!! Current Ridgewood students should locate the QR Code sheet at our home athletic and activity events and scan in to earn points for fantastic Ridgewood merchandise! Questions can be directed to Athletic Director, Rob St. John (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) or Public Relations Coordinator, Bree Sabin (bsabin@ridgenet.org). A schedule of all of our home and away athletic contests can be found [Here](#). A full calendar of all of the events happening at Ridgewood can be found [Here](#).

Parents Club:

Join the Ridgewood High School Parents Club!! The Mission of the RHS Parents' Club is to enhance the high school experience for the students. The RHS Parents' Club is a diverse group of committed adults who volunteer for this non-profit organization to support social activities and provide opportunities for our children to network and learn from each other. For more information check out the [Ridgewood Parents Club Website Link](#).

Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Yearbook Picture Retakes:

Did you miss picture day?? No problem! Lifetouch Studios will be back on campus one last time - Friday, October 14, 2022 from 11:00-4:00pm in the Fieldhouse Concession Stand Area. This will be the last opportunity to get your yearbook picture taken - please do not miss out!! Contact Athletic Director, Rob St. John (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) with any questions.

Year-Long Calendar

The link to the school-wide calendar can be found on the RHS website, under *About RHS / Yearly Calendar*: [CLICK HERE FOR YEAR-LONG CALENDAR](#).



HIGH SCHOOL VISIT DAY

Monday, Oct. 10 ■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Calling all high school seniors! This is your chance to visit Triton College and explore our beautiful campus. Students and their guests can stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. While you're here you can chat with admissions advisors, get help with our application, or take a campus tour.

To register, please visit triton.edu/highschoolvisitday.

FAMILY NIGHT INFO-SESSION

Thursday, Oct. 27 ■ 6 p.m.

Location: Student Center Cafeteria - B Building

Is your child considering Triton College? During this info-session our admissions team will go over the enrollment process, lay out costs and payment options, and explain our degree and certificate programs.

No RSVPs necessary.

ADMISSIONS INFO-SESSIONS

Monday, Nov. 14 ■ 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 ■ 6 p.m.

Location: Student Center Cafeteria - B Building

Come see what Triton has to offer! Our Admissions advisors will walk you through the enrollment process, take you on a campus tour, and answer any questions you may have.

No RSVPS necessary.

For more information, please contact Daniel Lamoureux at daniellamoureux@triton.edu.



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