From: Gina Castellano
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Dear Ridgewood Families,

Welcome to winter! As we conclude 2022, Ridgewood Administration would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our families, staff, and students. We are a community with many gifts and talents and this makes our school an amazing place to be. As we move into December and winter break, I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the proud principal of Ridgewood High School. Thank you for your support and feedback these past years. Please have a safe and joyous holiday season.

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

Dates to Remember:
December 7th: Cybersecurity Kick Off Event!
December 19th- January 2nd: WINTER BREAK
January 3rd- CLASSES RESUME
January 11th -ACCESS Testing begins
January 17th -Semester 1 ends

Senior Cap & Gown Orders
In September, all Seniors completed a google form to order their cap & gown unit from Herff Jones. Herff Jones will be billing families sometime in January. Students will be able to pick up their cap/gown unit during lunch periods in mid-April. Specific dates will be relayed as we get closer to April. Questions about graduation can be directed to Jennifer Tan at jtan@ridgenet.org.

Cybersecurity Kick-Off Event
Please join us for our Cyber Premiere Night on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 pm! All are welcome! This will be an opportunity to learn about the Cyber course that is starting at RHS next year, as well as the after school Computer Science Program for grades 5-12. Many opportunities will be provided for students through this program including hands-on learning, industry experience, paid internships, and more. This will also be a chance to network with industry professionals, community members, and RHS students and staff. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided! Please RSVP by filling out this google form: https://forms.gle/QEkHAycfvLMehPVP6

ACCESS Testing
The ACCESS test is the annual assessment for all K-12 English Learners (ELs) in the State of Illinois. ACCESS scores are used to assess student progress and proficiency in English as well as to help determine placement in the EL program the following school year. The test will measure their listening &

reading in one session and speaking & writing in another session. The scores monitor student progress in acquiring English and to determine if a student is eligible to exit an English language support program. If your child must test, a letter and email will be sent home in mid-December. Questions about ACCESS testing can be directed to Jennifer Tan at jtan@ridgenet.org.

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.

Before/After School Tutoring- FREE!

RHS offers FREE tutoring for 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

Course Registration for the 2023-24 School Year

Course registration for the 2023-24 school year is here!

- December 5-9 and 12-15→ Class of 2023 Family Meetings to review course selection for the 23-24 school year. Sign-ups with counselors began on November 9th. A separate communication will be sent home with sign-up information.
- January 3rd at 2:00 P.M. (In-Person) or 6:00 P.M. (via Zoom)--> 9th and 10th grade family informational session regarding the registration process (separate email to follow)
- January 4-5→ Class of 2024 course selection for the 23-24 school year during Flextime
- January 9-10→ Class of 2025 course selection for the 23-24 school year during Flextime
- January 27th→ Last day for course selection for the 2023-24 school year

For our current freshmen and sophomore families, if you would like to be a part of the scheduling process from January 4-25th, please schedule an appointment with your child's counselor here.

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-/

Ridgewood High School Parents Club:

Please consider joining 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.

Fundraiser for RHS Student

Chick-fil-A is doing a fundraiser for one of our students. Please see the information below to participate and support Bella's recovery efforts.

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.

Ridgewood Clubs & Activities

Ridgewood is proud to offer 32 engaging Extracurricular Clubs and Activities. All of our Clubs and Activities are led by an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the RHS Staff. Please take a moment to browse our RHS Clubs and Activities Website for more information and details about the incredible opportunities we offer the students in the district. Feel free to reach out to Rob St. John (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) or Megan Cantos (mcantos@ridgenet.org) with any questions. Website link: https://www.d234.org/clubs/

SAT Prep is coming in January –free for all juniors:

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.

Happy Holidays!

RHS Administration

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