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Dear Ridgewood Families,

Happy February! Here is what is happening at Ridgewood High School in the next few weeks:

Dates to Remember:

February 20th- NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

Reminder from the Attendance Office

Whenever your student is arriving late to school, needs to leave early, or is absent from school, please remember to call the Attendance Office as soon as practical at 708-697-1258. Calls are accepted 24 hours a day. Please leave a message with your student's full name and details of the absence. If there are questions regarding your student's absence, the Attendance Clerk may contact you for further information.

5Essentials Survey for Parents

As part of its state-led school improvement efforts, the Illinois State Board of Education mandates that all schools administer the Illinois 5 Essentials survey. I am asking you to take approximately 5-10 minutes to respond to this survey before March 31, 2023.

To complete the parent survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/login/>.

Your feedback is absolutely essential to our continual improvement process at Ridgewood High School. Your survey responses will highlight our strengths and the areas that need support. I'd like to thank you in advance for taking time out of your busy day to assist us with this very important initiative. Should you have questions, please contact Jennifer Tan at jtan@ridgenet.org.

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.

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. If you want to make a payment, please call Herff Jones at 815-756-4743. Students will be able to pick up their cap/gown unit during lunch periods in mid-April and specific dates will be relayed as we get closer to April. Questions about graduation can be directed to Jennifer Tan at jtan@ridgenet.org.

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/>

FAFSA Reminder

Attention Seniors! This is a friendly reminder that FAFSA completion is a graduation requirement. If you have not completed the FAFSA, you must get that completed prior to being approved to graduate. If you need any assistance, please schedule an appointment with your counselor. If you need an evening appointment, please contact our ISAC representative, Elizabeth Barrera, at 630-689-7759 or <https://calendly.com/elizabeth-barrera>.

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/>

Ridgewood Spring Sports:

As we turn the calendar to 2023 the RHS Spring Athletic Season is just around the corner! Below is a list of our Spring Sport offerings with start date and head coach:

SPORT	START DATE	HEAD COACH
Boys Track	January 30, 2023	Tony Guagenti (aguagenti@ridgenet.org)
Girls Track	January 30, 2023	Tony Guagenti (aguagenti@ridgenet.org)
Baseball	February 27, 2023	Vince Fanelli (vfaneli@ridgenet.org)
Softball	February 27, 2023	Haley Morelli (hmorelli@ridgenet.org)
Girls Soccer	February 27, 2023	Matt Bishop (mbishop@ridgenet.org)
Boys Volleyball	March 6, 2023	Dani Rzewnicki (drzewnicki@ridgenet.org)

To register for a Spring Sport, please go to the [Registration Link](#). Additionally, all athletes will need a valid physical on file with the Ridgewood High School Athletic Department prior to participating. You can access the IHSA Physical Form here: [IHSA Athletic Physical](#). Please check our [RHS Athletic Department Website](#) for more information.

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](#).

District 234 Board Waives Fees for Next School Year - 2023-2024 School Year

High School District 234's Board of Education will waive select fees for all students for the 2023-2024 school year. Board members voted on December 12th to place a one-year moratorium on school fees for next school year in response to continuing uncertainties in the community linked to the pandemic. District 234 has identified cost savings elsewhere and has applied for temporary federal funding for technology needs to offset revenue typically generated by fees. Student fees that will be waived next year include, technology, registration, digital learning, instructional materials, course fees, and locks (for freshmen and new students). Fees that will not be waived include, but are not limited to replacement locks, yearbooks, summer driver's education, late fees, summer school, charges for damage to school-issued iPads & peripherals, and student parking passes.

Families will still be responsible for paying all fees for the current school year, 2022-2023.

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](#).

Triton College Visit Day



CAMPUS VISIT DAYS

Wednesday, Feb. 15
6-7:30 p.m.
B Building, Student Cafeteria

Our Admissions advisors will walk you through the enrollment process, take you on a campus tour and answer any questions you may have. Faculty members from various academic majors will be present to talk about their programs.

Advance registration is encouraged.
(To register, please scan the QR code.)

For more information, please send an email to admissions@triton.edu.



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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Summer Opportunities 2023



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS:

Ridgewood High School is pleased to announce our opportunities for the summer of 2023. These opportunities will only be offered in-person and include: summer school, driver education and 9th grade summer programs. Information about each opportunity can be found below.

Driver Education

Driver Education - CLASSROOM

The dates for Driver Education are June 12-July 26, 2023; Monday-Thursday.
No school June 19 and July 3-4, 2023. The fee for the program is \$60.

Driver Education – BEHIND THE WHEEL

The dates for Driver Education are June 12-July 26, 2023; Monday-Thursday. No school June 19 and July 3-4, 2023. The fee for the program is \$240.

Incoming 9th Grade Programs

Incoming 9th grade students who wish to partake in RHS summer school in the areas of reading and/or math may do so free of charge. These courses could be for acceleration or remediation, whichever is necessary for the individual student.

The dates for this freshman program are:

- June 20-July 20, 2023: Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:00 A.M.

Summer School

Students that have not met course requirements and have earned Not Mets for the 2022-23 school year will be enrolled in Summer School to retake the course in order to stay on track for graduation. Summer School runs June 12-July 20 from 8:00-11:00 A.M. on Monday through Thursday. There is no Summer School on June 19, July 3, and July 4. By attending the dates and times of summer school provided by Ridgewood High School, students can make-up 1.0 credit over Summer School. If there is an extenuating circumstance where a student needs to make up more than 1.0 credit, it must be approved by Katie Davis, Division Head of Student Services and Career Pathways.

*If students would like to make-up courses outside of Ridgewood High School, RHS counselors will provide them with resources such as Triton night classes, American School, Penn Foster, or another local high school.

The following courses are recommended for the 2023 Summer School **credit recovery** offerings:

- Math
- English
- Physical Education
- Health
- PLTW
- US History
- Career Exploration (1/2 credit)
- Computer Science (1/2 credit)



*2022-23 seniors will have an exception to the courses listed above.

Fees for the 2022 Summer School Program:

- \$350 in district, \$400 out of district for 1.0 credit
- \$200 in district, \$250 out of district for 0.5 credits

To sign up for Summer School, please click this [link](#) or scan the QR code.

STEM Camp

Students entering 5th through 9th grade are invited to participate in this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) camp at Ridgewood High School. The camp will be June 20, 21 and 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

To sign up for STEM Camp, please click this link [STEM Camp](#) or scan the QR code.



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