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Dear Ridgewood Families,

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

Dates to Remember:

April 20th- Secretary of State Mobile ID Unit at RHS

April 21st -Senior Cap/Gown Pickup

April 25th -PSAT/SAT Makeup Testing

April 28, 29, 30- SPRING PLAY

May 1st- Freshman Dental Forms Due

Secretary of State Mobile ID Unit

On Thursday, April 20th the Illinois Secretary of State's Mobile ID Unit will be at Ridgewood in the Auditorium Hallway. This event is open to the public from 10:00am-11:30am and to Ridgewood students from 11:30am-1:40pm. While several services are offered, please note due to security risks, the Mobile ID Unit cannot process Real ID Drivers' Licenses and ID Cards. Also, all payments must be made by check, credit card, debit card, or money order. No cash is accepted. For more information, including fees, services and required documents please check out d234.org. If you have any questions please contact Dan Rosenberg by email at drosenberg@ridgenet.org or by phone at 708-456-4242 ext 1297.

PSAT/SAT Makeup Testing

If your child was absent on Wednesday, April 12th for PSAT/SAT testing, they will need to take the makeup test on Tuesday, April 25th. You and your child have been notified via email and will be sent reminders about testing. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Tan at 708-697-5548 or jt看@ridgenet.org.

AP Testing

Ridgewood High School will be AP Testing from May 1-5 and May 8-12.

- The following items are required on the day of the test:
 - Two sharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers, for all responses on your multiple-choice answer sheet. (Students outside the U.S.: bring HB or No. 2 pencils.)
 - Two pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams.
 - A watch that does not have internet access, does not beep or make noise, and does not have an alarm.
 - Up to two approved calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, or AP Statistics Exams. Visit apstudents.org/courses to find the calculator policy for your subject. For a list of approved graphing calculators, visit apstudents.org/calculators.
 - A ruler or straightedge only if you are taking an AP Physics Exam. Protractors are not allowed.

- If you do not attend the school at which you are taking the exam, you must bring a current government-issued or school-issued photo ID. Additional ID may be requested by authorized test centers outside the U.S.
- If you have been approved for testing accommodations by College Board, your SSD Student Accommodations Letter from College Board to verify your approval.
- Here are some items to consider:
 - All exams are scheduled to take place in the auditorium on the stage, unless a student has been approved for special testing accommodations and notified that they will be testing in a different location.
 - Students should plan on arriving 15-20 minutes prior to their testing time.
 - If students bring a phone it will be collected before the exam and returned following the exam.
 - Food and drinks are not allowed in the testing area.
 - All 8:00 am exams begin promptly at 8:00 am and once all exam materials have been distributed late students will not be able to test.
 - All 12:00 pm exams will begin promptly at 12:00 pm unless there was a delay during the 8:00 am exam.
 - Some 12:00 pm exams may go past 3:15 pm, if this is the case students will not be dismissed until the exam is over. Students need to be aware of this and plan any afternoon obligations accordingly.
 - 12:00 pm exam takers need to schedule their lunch during period 9 so that they are ready to test by 12:00pm.

Athletic Summer Camps

Here we go! All of the coaches at Ridgewood High School are excited to offer another outstanding summer filled with camps, clinics, and leagues. All of the camps will be held in our incredible facilities here at Ridgewood. Our camps offer many opportunities for all grade levels to learn, improve, compete, and have fun!! You can browse our camp offerings at [2023 Ridgewood Summer Camps, Clinics, & Leagues Brochure](#). Please note - we have transitioned to a new online registration and payment system. Details and instructions are included in the registration packet. Please contact Athletic Director, Rob St. John (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) with any questions. Additionally, the Head Coach emails are provided in the brochure should you have a specific question for them. We are looking forward to a great summer!!

Volunteer Opportunity

The Chicago Public Library's 2023 Summer Learning Challenge will feature in-person registration and book reporting. This means that they need Junior Volunteers to help with the Summer Learning Challenge. Volunteering at the library is an exciting and air-conditioned way to acquire job experience and service hours during the summertime.

WHO: Youth ages 12-17*

Volunteers must meet the following criteria:

- ages 12 or older (in 6th grade or higher)
 - available to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours during the summer at assigned neighborhood library
 - able to read well, listen, follow directions and manage time well
 - enjoy working with others, especially engaging and interacting with young children and their grown-ups
 - able to attend a training session at their neighborhood library
 - City of Chicago volunteers are required to be vaccinated
 - Volunteers must submit their vaccination details through the <https://webapps4.chicago.gov/eforms/employeevaccination>
- *Volunteers 18 or older must be approved for their position through the City of Chicago fingerprinting and screening process. A screening referral form with instructions for this process may be obtained at a neighborhood library.*

WHAT: Beginning June 10, 2023, Chicago Public Library will host our annual summer program for all ages. Volunteers can assist librarians with this program by:

- Registering kids for the program
- Organizing registration materials for the program
- Talking to kids returning to the library to reflect on their reading and learning
- Preparing for events and activities at the library by preparing materials under librarian direction

This volunteer program is a pre-employment experience for youth ages 12-17. This experience helps youth learn how to work with children and be mentors, keep schedules, work collaboratively, gain experience in public service and organize complex records associated with the program. Volunteers play a meaningful role in developing and mentoring lifelong readers and learners.

Volunteers are evaluated based on their availability, commitment, demonstrated success in working with youth and families and organizational skills.

WHERE: All Chicago Public Library locations.

HOW: Contact Oriole Park Library to get more information.

Senior Cap/Gown Pickup

Seniors can pick up their cap/gown on Friday, April 21st from 11:30AM to 1:45PM at the Gym Lobby (located across the old gym). Herff Jones will be here to hand them out. You can either (1) call 815-756-4743 to make a credit card payment over the phone or (2) bring cash payment on April 21st. Herff Jones does not accept personal checks. The price of the cap/gown depends on when you placed your order. If you have questions about the cost or whether you paid, you will need to contact Herff Jones (815-756-4743). If you cannot pick up on April 21st, please email Jennifer Tan at jt看@ridgenet.org to schedule a pickup time.

Last Day of School Schedule

We will be running the following schedule on Wednesday, June 7th (the student's last day of school). Student's will be released at 1:35 p.m.

Last Day of School		
Tutoring / Office Hours: 8:00-8:35		
Period 7: 8:40-10:00		
Period 10: 10:05-11:25		
LUNCH A 11:30-12:10	Period 9 (B): 11:30-12:10	Period 9 (C): 11:30-12:50
Period 9 (A): 12:15-1:35	LUNCH B 12:10-12:50	
	Period 9 (B): 12:55-1:35	LUNCH C 12:55-1:35
Early Release		

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](#).

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>.

Scholarships

Attention seniors! 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/>

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](#).

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](#).

Best,
RHS Administration

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.



STEAM Summer Camp at Oakton College

For those ages 8-14, Oakton College is offering a STEAM Summer Camp. Please see the flyer for more information:

STEAM YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL OPTIONS



More than just fun and games, our programs provide engaging and unique learning opportunities on a college campus. Students ages 8 to 14 can give their science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills a workout with a range of fun-filled camps and classes. Don't miss out on these diverse, academic youth programs!

Virtual courses: June 6 - August 26 A full list of virtual courses can be found at <https://blackrocket.com/online/oak>.

In person courses: June 12 - August 3 See below for the full course schedule. In person courses meet at our Des Plaines campus.

New! Courses for middle-school students ages 12-14

Young Investors and Entrepreneurs

Teach your kids the secrets of building financial wealth and security! Whether you want to build the next great American company, become a Wall Street tycoon, or be the millionaire next door by investing wisely—this camp is for you! In this course you will learn the basics of investing in the stock market, the difference between assets and liabilities, the importance of diversification, and how to evaluate companies. You will also develop your own business plan and present your ideas to your peers to compete for their investments in a mock Shark Tank style activity.

KID E88 [CRN 50058] July 31-August 3, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$154

Model United Nations

Become one of the 400,000 students around the world in Model United Nations! Assume the role of an ambassador and represent your country to solve current world issues. Throughout the week students will research a world problem, develop solutions, and negotiate consensus with their peers. This program teaches teens and tweens core skills such as research, writing, public speaking, problem solving, and conflict resolution. Model UN alumni have gone on to become supreme court justices, world leaders, lawyers, and business professionals. No prior experience is needed.

KID E17 [CRN 50050] July 24-27, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$154

Courses for students ages 8-12

Code Breakers

Calling all future coders, programmers, and designers! Learn the basics of coding languages like HTML, JavaScript, and CSS through a series of web projects and design challenges each day and be on your way to becoming the next tech star! Whether you want to be a Silicon Valley CEO or the high school student who just made \$1 million dollars for programming in her bedroom, this course has the essentials you need to begin your journey.

KDE S09 [CRN 50075] June 12-15, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

New! Cyber Spies

With the world's increased reliance on digital data, cyber security is more important than ever! In this class you are all that stands between a group of international hackers launching cyber attacks and world peace. Through a series of challenges, students will learn to apply tools used by professional digital forensics teams to crack codes and use encryption. Working in teams you will collect clues, recover lost data, and explore the tools of the trade to become the next great cyber spy!

KID E49 [CRN 50076] June 12-15, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

Pokémon® Masters: Designers and 3D Makers Unite!

Calling all PokeMasters who want to be the designers of the future! Use your Pokémon imagination and bring your ideas to life. Begin by creating your own digital Pokémon-style custom playing card game. Progress onto designing action figures, jewelry, and toys in professional-level modeling software. Learn how to prepare a model for 3D printing and create a design portfolio to showcase your work! No prior experience is necessary.

KID S18 [CRN 50077] June 20-22, Tue., Wed., Thu., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

Virtual Reality: The Future is Now

Embark on an EPIC adventure in virtual reality! In this cutting-edge class, learn the foundations of VR design by creating your own virtual worlds, exploring simulated environments, crafting 3D experiences, and learning basic programming concepts. At the end of the week, take home your first cardboard VR headset to show friends and family the new worlds you created. VR projects can be viewed on a website or mobile device. Students do not need a mobile device to take the class, but will need access to a mobile device at home.

KDE S12 [CRN 50078] June 20-22, Tue., Wed., Thu., 1-4:30 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$184

Minecraft Modders

Customize your own Minecraft world and mod the classic game in this one of a kind class. Learn scripting and logic statements as you create your first mods. Students will create a wide variety of new elements, gameplay mechanics, and world generating mods to change the way you play Minecraft. Students must have the Java version of Minecraft to take this class. Tablet, phone, and game console versions of Minecraft are not compatible.

KID U06 [CRN 50079] June 26-29, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

ROBLOX Makers

Unlock the power of ROBLOX® Studio, the world creation tool used by real-world ROBLOX® developers! Learn how to build 3D models and create an adventure in your ROBLOX® world. Bring characters to life with unique animations you design.

KDE S21 [CRN 50080] June 26-29, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

Minecraft® Redstone Engineers

Take the next step beyond simply "playing" Minecraft and become a true Redstone engineer. Expand your Redstone knowledge by constructing your own carnival with a variety of mini-games, roller coasters, and attractions powered by Redstone. Learn how to use Command and Structure blocks to incorporate them into your builds. Activate your skills and take your Minecraft structures to the next level! Students must have the Java version of Minecraft to take this class. Tablet, phone, and game console versions of Minecraft are not compatible.

KID E24 [CRN 50081] July 10-13, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

ROBLOX® Coders and Entrepreneurs!

Discover the Lua language through a visual block coding system while designing worlds in ROBLOX®, an online universe where you can create anything you dream of. This new class combines game design concepts, coding, and fun! Young entrepreneurs will also learn how to navigate ROBLOX's fast-growing marketplace to publish their games.

KDE S29 [CRN 50048] July 10-13, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

Battle Royale Gamers

Fans of Fortnite and Rumbleverse, we need YOU! Instead of just playing a multiplayer game, develop your own with Unity, a professional 3D game development software. Design your own unique magical level, build 3D models, and cast spells with custom-created wands. At the end of the week, all student created maps are combined into a master game where you will battle to become the last wizard standing.

KID S12 [CRN 50100] July 17-20, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

Esports Apprentice - Streamers and Gamers

Whether you want to be the next pro gamer, streamer, or gamecaster this course will teach you the basics to get started! No longer just a hobby, esports is the fastest-growing career for the next generation. In this course, students will develop game-play skills and compete using Black Rocket's Esports games and apps, learn how to produce commentary for live tournaments, use professional streaming software, and most importantly, practice online safety. Videos will not be broadcast publicly but will be shared with all students in the class.

KID S14 [CRN 50101] July 17-20, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

New! Beats and Jams: Digital Music Creators

Begin your rise to the top of the charts with digital music production! Just like today's top artists, you can design your own beats or remix a mashup of your favorite songs to become a digital composer and sound engineer. In this course, students will learn to produce digital music, record sound, make sound effects, and mix their own tracks. No prior music experience is necessary. Student-created soundtracks will be available on a password protected website to share with friends and family.

KID E43 [CRN 50049] July 24-27, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

JavaScript Developer Jam

Learn programming tools so powerful they seem like magic! Start off by exploring an array of core programming concepts with JavaScript by experimenting in a series of digital challenges. Start with programming your first animated memes, then tackle more advanced skills such as interactive 3D experiences and game creation.

KID E40 [CRN 50051] July 24-27, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

YouTube® Content Creators

Find your voice and leave your mark on the world! Whether you are six or sixteen, it's time to start a career as the next YouTube star. Explore the variety of content and personalities that exist on YouTube and how to find your own niche. Learn the Dos and Don'ts of the platform and how to practice good digital citizenship. Develop your on-camera presence, your own channel branding, and professional editing skills. Take home a plan for launching your own channel with the content created in class!

KID S10 [CRN 50052] July 31-August 3, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

Python Programmers

Want to learn the world's fastest-growing programming language favored by Google, NASA, Youtube, and the CIA? Learn how to code with Python to create engaging apps and games. Each lesson takes you step-by-step on a programming path that will let you challenge friends with fun content you create from start to finish!

KDE S16 [CRN 50054] July 31-August 3, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

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