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Dear Ridgewood Families,

We are halfway through the month of May! It is hard to imagine that in a little less than a month we will be on summer break. As always, here is what is happening at Ridgewood High School in the coming weeks:

### **Final Days of School Calendar**

**May 15, 2023 -2023 -24 Online Verification opens in Skyward**

**May 17, 2023-** Activities Banquet 6 p.m.- Student Cafeteria

**May 19, 2023** - PROM: 6 p.m.- 11 p.m @ Pescatore Palace

**May 24, 2023-** Pops Concert - Old Gym - 7:00 p.m.

**May 25, 2023** - Collect Senior iPads ~ IT Office (Collaboration Center) ~ Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Senior Class: All Library / Textbook Materials Due; LAST DAY OF SENIOR ATTENDANCE; All Senior Grades due

**May 29, 2023- NO SCHOOL**

**May 30, 2023-** Graduation Practice (**MANDATORY**) Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Graduation Arrival ~ Time: 6:00 p.m. (Seniors in the Field House); Graduation Processional Line Up ~ Time: 6:30 p.m.; GRADUATION - 7:00 p.m.; Visitor late arrivals will miss the processional.

**June 1, 2023-** Sport Banquet ~ Time: 6:00 p.m.

**June 5, 2023-** Freshman, Sophomore, & Juniors: All Library / Textbook Materials Due

**June 7, 2023** - LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE- Student dismissal at 1:35 p.m. (see below for last day of school schedule)

**June 12, 2023-** SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS (Any student with a NM will be enrolled in summer school; contact the Assistant Principal, Eric Lasky, for details)

# 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

LUNCH B  
12:10-12:50

Period 9 (C):  
11:30-12:50

Period 9 (A):  
12:15-1:35

Period 9 (B):  
12:55-1:35

LUNCH C  
12:55-1:35

Early Release

## 2023-24 Skyward Online Verification NOW OPEN

Please complete the enrollment/residency verification process through Skyward for the 2023-24 school year at your earliest convenience. This is mandatory for all returning students. Click on the Skyward link at [www.d234.org](http://www.d234.org) and log in with your Family Access credentials. Please email Jennifer Tan at [jt看@ridgenet.org](mailto:jt看@ridgenet.org) if you need help logging into your account.

**End of Semester - Grading Reminders for Deadlines** 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.

When looking at Skyward, if students are missing assignments, you will see an "M" (Missing - Still Eligible to Submit) or "DNA" (Did Not Attempt - No Longer Able to Submit) attached to the assignment. Each course has a "Sunset Window" where students are able to submit missing work.

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

## **After School Tutoring**

As the end of the year is approaching, we will be providing additional tutors and extended hours for our after school tutoring. Tutoring will be available to all students from **3:15 - 5:00 pm** on **Monday - Thursday** in the **Collaboration Center**. We highly encourage any students who need additional assistance in their classes to attend tutoring for extra help and support.

## **Nurses Office Reminders**

The State of Illinois mandates that all incoming 12th graders need one dose of meningitis vaccine after age of 16 (Menneveo, Menactra, MenQuadfi). There is no form for this so please just hand in proof of the vaccine.

The state of IL mandates that all incoming 9th graders need both a freshman physical (not the same as a sports form but is used in place of sports form, due by October) and a dental form (by May) turned in. Link to those forms here:

Physical form [https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/student\\_physical.pdf](https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/student_physical.pdf)

Dental form English: [https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/a\\_dental\\_form.pdf](https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/a_dental_form.pdf)

Dental form Spanish: <https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/dental-exam-form-2021-editsspanish-final.pdf>

### **Locker Clean-Out**

If your student uses a school locker, PE locker, or both, please remind them to remove all personal belongings by June 7th, the last day of school. All remaining items will be discarded or donated to the Salvation Army.

### **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](mailto: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!!

### **Graduation Gown Donation Drive**

The *RHS Scholastic Bowl Team* is collecting graduation gowns and formal attire. Donations will be collected from May 17th-June 6th in Room 217 and at the front entrance of the building. Donations will go back to RHS students in need. Thank you!

### **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/>

Here are a couple of articles that discuss the cost of college, student loans, and the FAFSA: <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/what-families-need-to-know-about-the-cost-of-college-and-student-loans/>

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/student-aid-policy/2023/04/18/how-new-fafsa-will-change-what-students-pay>

### **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](#).

### **2023-24 Year-Long Calendar**

The link to the school-wide calendar can be found on the RHS website, under *About RHS / Yearly Calendar*: [https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/2023-24\\_one\\_page\\_calendar1.pdf](https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/2023-24_one_page_calendar1.pdf)

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

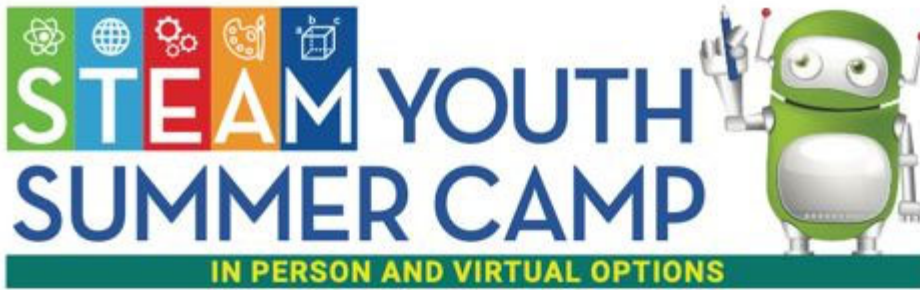
Students entering 5th through 9th grade are invited to participate in this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) camp at Ridgewood High School. The camp will be June 20, 21 and 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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:



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.

KDE 188 [CRN 50055] July 31-August 3, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

#### 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 basic and essential 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 117 [CRN 50055] July 24-27, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$164

### 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 509 [CRN 50076] 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 141 [CRN 50074] 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 Pokémon Masters 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 518 [CRN 50077] June 20-22, Tue., Wed., Thu., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$144

#### 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 512 [CRN 50076] 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 104 [CRN 50076] June 24-28, 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 521 [CRN 50081] June 28-29, Mon.-Tue., 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 134 [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 524 [CRN 50048] July 10-13, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

#### Battle Royale Gamers

Fans of Fortnite and Battle Royale, 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 512 [CRN 50080] 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 gamecreator 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 514 [CRN 50081] 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 141 [CRN 50048] July 24-27, Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

#### JavaScript Developer Jam

Learn programming tools as 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 names, then tackle more advanced skills such as interactive 3D experiences and game creation.

KID 141 [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 514 [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 514 [CRN 50054] July 31-August 3, Mon.-Thu., 1-4 p.m., Des Plaines campus

Fee: \$179

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