

Maureen Forsythe

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To: Maureen Forsythe
Subject: Updates from RHS



Dear Ridgewood Families,

It is May 30th and we have a little over one week left in the 2022-23 school year! This will be the final biweekly communication for this school year. Please be on the lookout the first week in August for our opening letter!

As always, here is what is happening at Ridgewood High School in the coming weeks:

Final Days of School Calendar

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 | | |
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| 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 | | |

2023-24 Year-Long Calendar

The first day of school for the 2023 school year is August 21st! Here is the link to the 2023-24 school-wide calendar:

https://www.d234.org/assets/1/6/2023-24_one_page_calendar1.pdf

2023-24 Skyward Online Verification 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 and log in with your Family Access credentials. Please email Jennifer Tan at 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.

Senior Graduation Pictures

Senior parents can purchase pictures from LifeTouch after graduation by scanning the image below or texting 18526GY23 to 90738.

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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 the front entrance of the building. Donations will go back to RHS students in need. Thank you!

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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, many probably already have had we just need the proof.

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

Dental form - English: 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 classes**. All remaining items will be discarded or donated to the Salvation Army. **Also, please ensure that freshmen, sophomores, and juniors take their lock home with them for the summer.**

Library Reminders

Senior Class: Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! **But before you walk across the stage, please make sure you return ALL your library books or textbooks to the library.** Not sure if you have items checked out? Check your email. The library has emailed a list of materials checked out from the RHS Library. If you aren't sure, stop by the library to check your account. Lastly, If you no longer have the item in question, please email Ms Gonzalez to work out a solution - jgonzalez@ridgenet.org.

(Students are NOT charged late fees. Students are expected to replace lost items or students will be charged fees for lost items, damaged items, or unreturned items.)

Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior Class: All Library/Textbooks materials must be returned or renewed by Mon. June 5.

Not sure if you have items checked out? Check your email. Ms. Goodman has emailed a list of materials checked out from the RHS Library. If you aren't sure, stop by the library to check your account. Lastly, If you no longer have the item in question, please email Ms Gonzalez to work out a solution - jgonzalez@ridgenet.org.

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Summer Reading & AP Summer Work: Want to read over Summer? Make sure your account is in good standing and you can check-out as many books to read over summer. This summer we want students to read something FUN! We want students to explore the benefits of recreational reading by finding a book that suits their interests. Pick a book that is daring, bold, and that excites you. (Summer Reading is highly recommended but not required).

Need some recommendations? Check out the [RHS Summer Reading Suggestion Page](#). If you are taking AP classes that require work or reading, check out the [AP Summer Work Page](#).

Student Parking for the 2023-2024 School Year:

All students who park in the student lot are required to have a parking permit. To obtain a permit, students must have a valid driver's license. If your student is interested in obtaining a permit for next school year, complete [THIS FORM](#).

Please keep in mind that **completing the form above does not guarantee your student will receive a permit**. With limited parking availability, permits will be issued in the order requests are received. You will be notified in August whether or not your student is eligible to receive a permit. If they are, a \$100 charge will be applied to your student's Skyward account by the Business Office.

Questions regarding parking permits should be directed to David Hawk, Dean of Students, at 708-456-4242 x 1242 or dhawk@ridgenet.org.

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!!

Class of 2024 - Senior Pictures

Attention Class of 2024! Please "Save The Date" for your Senior Class photos as they will be taken over the summer. The dates are July 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31 from 8:00am-5:00pm. All pictures are taken by appointment only! You will be receiving helpful information that will guide you through the reservation system soon so be sure to check your school email over the summer. If you are unable to make the summer dates, there will be retake dates in early September. More information will be sent as those dates get closer. Please direct any questions to Athletic Director, Rob St. John (rstjohn@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](#).

Class of 2024 Orientation

Attention Class of 2024! Mark your calendars! We are hosting a **Senior Orientation** to welcome and support all senior students. Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, August 15th from 1:00pm-3:00pm**. Students should report to the Auditorium to start the day. During orientation, students will Complete the Common Application, Link Common Application to SchoolLinks, Request Recommendation Letters, and Review Senior Timeline. More information will be sent home over the summer. For any questions, please contact Katie Davis at kdavis@ridgenet.org

Class of 2023 Summer Melt

Ridgewood counselor's will be available to our graduated class of 2023 students to assist with transitioning to their post-secondary

plans over the summer. Counselors will be available June 14-15 and June 20-22 from 8:00-11:00 at RHS. They will be available at Triton on June 13th from 10:00-2:00 PM to assist there. Sign-ups will be available until June 6th. Please arrive between 8:00-11:00 on the day that you sign up for. Use the QR code in the flier to sign-up or by clicking [here](#).



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.



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