



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Chris Uhle, Principal – Spring Edition 2016-2017

Important Upcoming Dates

May

- 22 Final Exams
Grades 9, 10 & 11
Graduation
 - 23 Final Exams
Grades 9, 10 & 11
 - 24 Final Exams
Grades 9, 10 & 11
Last Day of School
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Summer School

June

- 12 Session 1~Summer School
 - 14 Principal Advisory Council
 - 27 Session 2~Summer School
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August

- 07 through 11 Senior Pictures
- 17 Freshman Orientation
- 18 First Day of School
- 21 School Board Meeting
- 25 Fall Pep Assembly
- 29 Freshman Family Night

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Thank You Class of 2017

As we begin to reflect on the 2016-2017 school year, I'd like to recognize our incredible Class of 2017. This group has raised the bar with their awards, accolades, and contributions to both our school and community. A special thank you to all of our parents who have supported our graduating students through this journey. Your involvement, in partnership with our teachers and staff, has helped mold these "kids" into college and career ready young adults. We are incredibly proud of what this group has accomplished and look forward to their many successes in the future endeavors of their choice. Above all, the nicest compliment I can give this group is they are good people, the kind of people we need in this world. Lastly, I'd like to say thank the graduating class for the great memories as they have made a lasting impact that will be felt for years to come.



Best of luck Class of 2017!

As always, if you would like to discuss any topic or have any questions, please contact me at cuhle@ridgenet.org.

In Partnership,
Chris Uhle

U.S. News Ranks Ridgewood



2017 U.S. News Best High Schools

More than 6,000 schools - barely one-fourth of the schools that U.S. News evaluated -- were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals in this year's rankings. The rankings are based on school-specific data on enrollment, college readiness, student ethnicity, location, school type, and results of state assessments and Advanced Placement tests.



Ridgewood's State Ranking: 53 National Ranking: 1650

Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Kelsall, stated, **"Since 2013, the district has continued to receive national recognition based on our academic opportunity and student performance. We are proud of our Rebels and I personally feel privileged to serve this outstanding community."**

Ridgewood was also recognized on The Washington Post's list of 2016 America's Most Challenging High Schools. The High School was previously recognized by Newsweek on the America's Best High Schools list based on an increased number of students taking Advanced Placement examinations and an increase in the assessment scores. The school has also twice received the national "AP Achievement Award" from the College Board for increasing student access to AP coursework while maintaining achievement levels. For details, please visit www.ridgenet.org

[Link to Ridgewood U.S. News Rank](#)

Competency Pilot Announcement (See below for Links)

Attached please find the press releases and pilot descriptions that we intend to use on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the announcement event in Peoria. We will also have them posted on the [ISBE Competency Pilot webpage](#) at about noon. We can update at any time on the web page, but please let me know if you see any problems or have any questions. Thank you very much.

[2017 Competency-Based Learning Pilot Press Release](#)

[2017 Competency-Based Learning Participating District Descriptions](#)

WGN/HIP Prom Dress Modelling

Students Allison Witkowski and Michelle Montoya were selected as models for the apron Segment in WGN news. Students shopped with Mara Russiaky, Marketing director of Harlem Irving Plaza and were able to pick out and keep the dresses they modeled.



<http://wgntv.com/2017/04/24/midday-fix-prom-fashions-from-harlem-irving-plaza/>

Parents Corner ~ Family Access to Skyward Attendance

★ Family Access Attendance

Attendance –Allows you to view detailed attendance information.

| Date | Attendance | Period | Class |
|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Fri Aug 19, 2016 | Teacher Tardy | 1 | Geometry Semester 1 |
| Fri Aug 12, 2016 | Exempt (Dr. Appt.) | 1-5 | View Classes |

Entering Absence Request

This allows you to notify your student's school when your student will be absent.

1. Click Enter Absent Request.
2. Select Add Request.
3. Enter the Start Date and Time and the End Date and Time.
4. Click the drop-down list to select a Reason why your student will be absent.
5. If desired, enter a Comment.
6. Click Save. Note that the Status is pending and awaiting approval from the attendance office.

You also have the capability to Edit the record, as well as to Delete the request.

Athletic Update

2017 Spring Sports Update

Girls Soccer

Coach Kenny Caslin and the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team just recently completed their regular season and will compete in the IHSA Regional Playoffs (May 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm vs Lakes HS, hosted at Ridgewood HS). The girls completed the regular season with a record of 8-8-1, which is an improvement on last year's record of 7-15. They finished third in conference with a record of 3-2, beating Guerin (10-0), St. Edward (4-0) and Timothy Christian (4-0) and losing to Elmwood Park (0-1) and Chicago Christian (0-2). The Rebels scored 18 conference goals and only conceded three goals. Overall, they scored 40 goals and conceded 20 in all of their matches. The team has 13 seniors this year, with plenty of talent and experience, which is one of the reasons why they performed so well during the season. Some of these seniors plan to play college soccer at Dominican, Loyola, and the University of Illinois. In addition, one of the members of the team earned an academic scholarship to Princeton University.

Softball

Coach Mike Glaub and the Varsity Softball team currently have a 15-11 overall record. After some early season struggles, they turned things around and are back to winning ways. The team is relatively young, consisting of five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen. The team recently won the Fenton "Bison Blast" Tournament, beating Waukegan, Fenton and Cary Grove (in the championship). The girls also just beat MSC Conference opponent, St. Edward High School, by a score of 10-0; and in doing so, earned the Metro-Suburban Red Division Championship. It is the third year in a row that the team has won the conference title! The team is wrapping up the regular season and look to enter the IHSA Regionals with a #10 seed, playing against Johnsburg, the #8 seed, on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:30 pm at Ridgewood High School.

Baseball

Coach Vince Fanelli and the Varsity Baseball team has a 15-12 overall record. The team is young, with only three seniors, seven juniors and four sophomores. During Spring Break, the team traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to compete in the "Coach Bob National Invitational" where they earned their first "out of state" win against Hood River High School (Oregon). The team is playing a very difficult non-conference schedule, with wins against Nazareth Academy and Benet Academy, along with a challenging conference schedule. The team is currently sitting in second place in the MSC Red, Division. The team had the unique opportunity to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to play a game against Portage High School at Miller Park (home of the Milwaukee Brewers). It is the second year in a row that the team had the opportunity to make the memorable trip. The Rebels are seeded #8 in the Lakeview Sectional. They will play the #9 seed, Wauconda, on Thursday, May 25 at 4:30 pm at Ridgewood High School.

Athletic Update (Continued)

Track & Field

Coach Guagenti and the Girls Track & Field hosted the Metro Suburban Red Championship on Friday, May, 5. The Rebels placed 4th overall, narrowly missing 3rd place by 4 points. All-conference honors were achieved by Nicole Woloszyn in the triple jump, and Vicky Ignacik was Conference Champion in three events (100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, 200m dash). The team then competed at the IHSA Glenbard South Sectional on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The team scored 27 points and took 8th overall (15 teams total). Nicole Woloszyn placed 5th in the long jump and 6th in the triple jump. Vicky Ignacik placed 3rd in the 200m dash, 2nd in the 300m hurdles, and won the 100m hurdles. Vicky's hurdle finishes qualified her for the State Finals in both events. She will compete again on May 19-20 at State.

On May 12, 2017, the Boys Track & Field team competed at the Metro Suburban Red Championship at Elmwood Park. The team took 2nd place overall, and had several outstanding performances. The 4x100m relay team of Alex Valentin, Cody Frerking, Alex Rice, and Pawel Janezcek placed 2nd to obtain All-Conference honors. Individual All-Conference performances were also obtained by Pawel Janezcek (2nd place in both the 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles), Paul Plichta (3rd place 400m dash), and Cody Frerking (3rd in high jump and 2nd in triple jump). Alex Rice was a Conference Champion in both the long jump and triple jump.

Spring Sports Banquet

The Spring Sports Banquet will be Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. We will honor the student-athletes of the spring season, as well as announce the MCS All-Conference winners and the Male and Female Athletes of the Year. The RHS Parent's Club will provide food and beverages for all attendees, followed by each sport's respective awards sessions.

Summer Camps

Ridgewood High School offers numerous summer camps/activities for various age groups. Camp information can be found by visiting our athletics page at <http://il.8to18.com/ridgewood>. All incoming and current Ridgewood students should register and pay for summer camps, via Skyward Family Access. Once logged in, click "Fee Management", then "Add a Fee". Scroll through and select your desired camp. Once selected, you can pay via credit card.

IHSA - CPR Training

In August 2013, Public Act 098-0305 took effect. This act requires the IHSA to be given a CPR training video to post on its website so that staff at IHSA-member schools can watch it. The act also indicates school districts shall notify parents and encourage them to view the video.

The following is a link to the CPR Training video on the IHSA website: [CPR Training Video](#)

Student of the Quarter ~ (Third and Fourth Quarters)



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STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

| Class | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| PE/Health | Angela Magnelli | Matt Skarzynski |
| Music | Vitaliy Vitansky | |
| Math | Darshan Patel | Kateryna Boychuk |
| Citizen | TBD | TBD |
| Art | | Aneta Zalinska |
| Business | Daniella Campana | Michelle Kazmierczak |
| Italian | | Antonio Biondo |
| Spanish | Pauline Kozan | |
| English | Hubert Pach | Amanda Dynak |
| Social Studies | Dakota Frerking | Alexandra Kidd |
| ESL | Taras Burak | Roman Chorniy |
| Science | Rebecca Minutillo | Gabriel LaRoco |
| Computer Science | Peter Rajca | Amanda Dynak |
| Tech Ed | Alexandra Drozdowska | Luis Rivadeneira |

New Website Coming in June!



STUDENTS | PARENTS | FACULTY  TRANSLATE    

ABOUT RHS | ACADEMICS | ATHLETICS | STUDENT LIFE | COMMUNITY




RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Ridgewood High School Community creates a stimulating and respectful learning environment which ensures individual students become autonomous leaders in their pursuit of a well-rounded, multi-faceted education grounded in innovation, aspiration, and imagination.


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CALENDAR




64th Annual RHS Rebel Banquet
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Spring Play
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Wrestling Wins Sectional
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Girls JV Basketball Game Cancelled
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Girls V. Basketball Beats EP Tigers
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25th RHS Rebel Convention
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FULL CALENDAR

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| DEC 6 | Teacher Appreciation Lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm |
| DEC 6 | Boys JV BBall vs. RBHS 4:30 pm-6:30pm |
| DEC 6 | Boys V BBall vs. RBHS 7:30 pm-9:30pm |
| DEC 6 | RHS ACT Prep Course 6:30 pm-9:30 pm |
| DEC 8 | Wrestling JV at EPHS 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| DEC 8 | Wrestling at EPHS 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm |

Principal Advisory Council

May Meeting Agenda and Notes:

- Decided to plan a community wide “Back to School” kick-off event hosted at Ridgewood High School
 - Will include all feeder districts
 - Event will welcome all Norridge and Harwood Heights students and families back to school
 - Planning to host the event in the last two weeks of August, date to be determined

No May meeting

Next meeting: June 14 at 7 pm

Department Highlights

Art

We had many celebrations throughout this year regarding students and their art work. At least 30 Ridgewood students have been recognized through different organizations for their pieces. It is fantastic to see the students' creativity in their different works of art.

Congratulations to Meggie Ribagina! Meggie won second place in the Congressional Art Competition. Her chalk pastel drawing will be sent to Washington D.C. to be displayed in Congressman Mike Quigley's office for the 2017-18 school year!

Congratulations also to Joseph Palmisano, Gregory Riveria, and Diana Hrushka who all placed in the Triton Visual Communications Competition. Joe and Greg earned first places in Photography. Diana earned a second place in Illustrator.

Metro Suburban Art Conference

Congratulations to Diana Hrushka! Diana earned a Second Place April 12, 2017 at the Metro Suburban Art Conference for her graphic design project. Diana is also the winner of the Logo Contest! Diana's logo will be used by the new Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (911 Call Center) for the villages of Norridge, Schiller Park and Harwood Heights.



DESIGNED BY: DIANA HRUSHKA

Physical Education

There are some changes happening to Physical Education for the 2017-2018 school year. We will be providing our freshmen with an easier transition to high school by having freshmen only PE. This will provide our students with an overview of the sports we offer, allow for in depth learning with heart rate monitors and proper lifting techniques in basic lifts. Our sophomores through seniors will be provided with choices at the beginning of each quarter and they can choose different classes based on their interests. This will be a great opportunity for our students!

Department Highlights (Continued)

R-Gen

We are teaming up to provide an amazing experience to our students. Art, Business, and World Language subject areas will be members of the R-Gen program to help the students pursue their different interests. The teachers are also working together to provide the students with culture, language, and business opportunities that will increase their knowledge for their study abroad trip to Italy in the spring of 2018. Can't wait to see what unfolds!

Spanish

This is the first year of the Spanish National Honor Society. We inducted 28 students this year and look forward to inducting more students in the years to come.

We had two AP Italian students that applied for one of the 53 study abroad scholarships (2-3 weeks, all expenses paid except travel) offered nationally won!

Music

This was the first year of integrating guitars and electronic dance music design into our Intro to Music classes. The students are really enjoying the experience with the new choices provided to them.

Looking toward the Future

Student Services

2016-17 Highlights:

- 364 AP tests administered!
- The creation of the Donation Closet for students/families/alums in need.
- Monetary donations from Parents' Club and Norwood Park Township Fire Department for our McKinney-Vento students.
- Monetary donations from staff for Spring Break supplies for our McKinney-Vento kids. The actual Spring Break bags created by Eileen Kelly and Kathleen Leynes for the kids.
- Digital course registration for all students for 2017-18.
- Two new staff members – Gretchen Selzer and Katie Petty – successfully settling into their roles and meeting the needs of so many students.
- College acceptances to Princeton, Yale, Dual Enrollment for Loyola and the Midwestern Pharmacy program, University of Illinois, Madison, Indiana University.
- Chick Evans Scholarship winner!
- The Best Administration of an SAT EVER!!!

On the Horizon:

- Out-of-state college field trip to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University.
- A new Mindfulness Group from RAP.
- Growing our Donation Closet and funds for our McKinney-Vento kids.
- PostSecondary Bootcamp for the Class of 2018.