

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

1/4/2013



The Tri-M Music Honor Society. From left to right: Shoko Nagami, Carleen Jeffers, Katie Lim, Sara Canilang, Jacky Wang, Charles Sheu.

Music of the Heart

On November 30, the Ridgewood High School Tri-M Music Honor Society (formerly known as Modern Music Masters) visited Van Dyk Senior Assisted Living and Nursing Home. The students entertained the residents and staff of the nursing home with a performance showcasing the musical talents of Ridgewood's student musicians.

The Ridgewood High school's Tri-M Music Honor Society is a student run volunteer performing club consisting of RHS orchestra, band, and choir students. They perform once a month, on Fridays after school, at Van Dyk Senior Manor, in hope of bringing a little music into the lives of the elderly.

The assisted living and nursing home is within walking distance of RHS.

FAST FACTS...

306 RHS juniors sat for the PSAT representing just over 71% of the class. 301 RHS sophomores also sat for the PSAT test, representing 71% of their class.

The Media Perspective



Bart Feder of CNN/US

On November 19, Bart Feder, a resident of Ridgewood and a RHS parent visited John Domville's AP American Government classes. Mr. Felder is currently the Senior Vice President of Programming for CNN/US with direct oversight and responsibilities for such programs as *Anderson Cooper 360*, *Piers Morgan Tonight*, and *Starting Point* with Soledad O'Brien.

He shared his experiences of the 2012 Campaign and of Election Night with the AP Government classes. He also discussed media outlets and their role in politics, as well as the importance of an informed electorate.



On December 18, Ridgewood High School students took part in the NJAA Charitable Fund's 15th Annual Children's Holiday Party in Secaucus. They sang carols, handed out gifts, and helped lift the holiday spirits of elementary students from urban areas around New Jersey.

Upcoming

January 7:

Faculty Meeting;
Campus Center;
3:30 pm

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Board of Ed Meeting;
Ed Center; 7:30 pm

January 8:

Home and School Meeting; Library;
7:30 pm

January 10:

Maroon & White Art Show; Campus Center;
3:30 pm

January 10:

Project Graduation Meeting; Library;
7:30 pm

January 11:

Local Scholarship Applications are due on Naviance for Seniors

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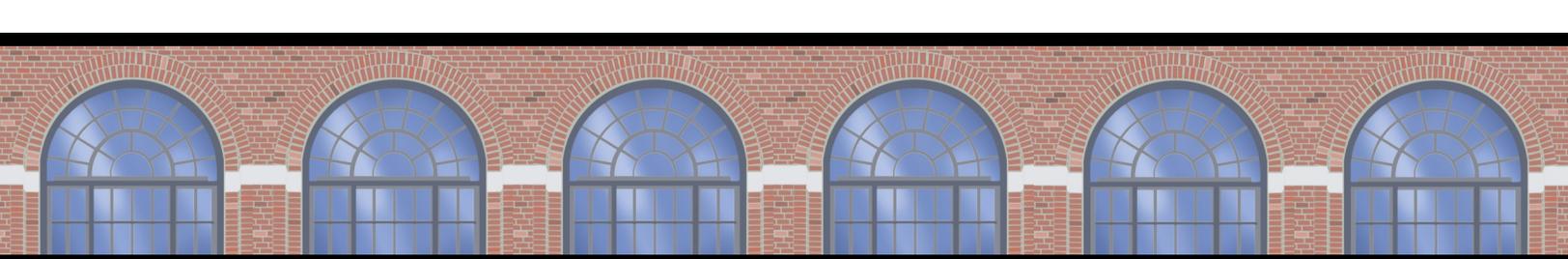
Project Interact

Thursday, January 10
5-8 pm, Ridgewood High School Cafeteria
All tickets \$5.00 (pre-sale raffle incentive)

Tickets are on sale now

Proceeds will go to American Red Cross

Contact [Nancy Reilly](#) or [Lynne Feeny](#)



The Safe Homes Parents Network



The Ridgewood Municipal Alliance invites parents with children in middle school and high school to join the Safe Homes Parent Network.

Safe Homes is a national effort that encourages parents in a community to build networks and commit to addressing the issue of underage drinking by making three simple pledges.

For more information or to join the Safe Homes Parents Network visit their [website](#). Parents working together can limit the amount of underage drinking in our Village. Join the Safe Homes Parents Network today.

DECA Regional Championship



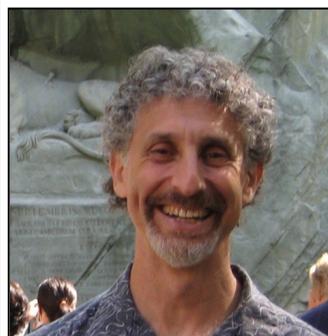
On Thursday, January 3, Ridgewood High School's chapter of DECA (also known as Collegiate DECA on the college level, and previously known as Delta Epsilon Chi and Distributive Education Clubs of America) participated in the North DECA Regional Championships at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Over 150 students from RHS took part in the event. The students competed in various competitions as teams and as individuals. Events ranged from roleplaying convincing and fiscally responsible sales pitches for a fake movie to comparing two products based upon price and efficiency and making purchasing recommendations based upon the analysis.

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It was a fun and worthwhile day for both the students and their advisors.

Faculty Achievement: Gary Fink



Gary Fink will be honored with the opportunity to conduct the Central Jersey Music Educators Association (CJMEA) High School Percussion Ensemble this Sunday, January 6, at 3:00 pm. The event will take place at Montgomery Township High School in Skillman, NJ.

Gary has been the director of the Ridgewood High School Percussion Ensemble since 1986. He has conducted the North Jersey Region Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble; the Hands On Youth Percussion Ensemble in Beijing, China; and the New Jersey City University Percussion Ensemble. Gary also takes approximately one-hundred high school students to Europe each summer as the Head Director of the American Music Abroad Red Tour.

The CJMEA Percussion Ensemble is made up of top high school musicians from Central New Jersey and will put together this Sunday's program with just three days of rehearsal. Gary has picked a diverse and challenging program for the students. This includes a piece for "body percussion," called Clap Happy; and an eleven minute tour de force titled *Paschal Dances* based on a Gregorian chant, which uses 45 instruments played by 13 players. The show will conclude with a very upbeat and popular latin number, *El Cumbanchero*.

RPS POLICY CORNER: Ninth Graders Closed Campus

Ninth graders may not leave during the school day. The area west of the brook is off limits to ninth graders. During Unit Lunch, ninth grade students may use the Cafeteria, grounds of the main campus, Campus Center, Media Center and other designated areas.

First Offense: When it comes to the attention of an administrator that a student has violated the "closed campus" policy for the first time, the student will be assigned a 3:15 pm detention and his/her parents will be contacted by the Grade Advisor.

Second Offense: For a second violation of the "closed campus" policy, the student will be assigned two (2) 3:15 pm detentions. The student's parents will be contacted a second time, and the Grade Advisor will impose a RESTRICTED LUNCH period, during which student must remain in one location for the entire unit lunch period.

A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Stefanie Gigante's Latin class use laptops from the school's laptop cart.

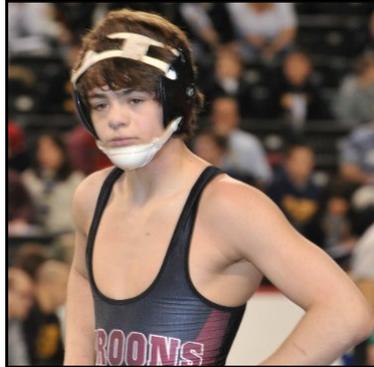


Saskia Keppler proudly displays the gingerbread house that she created while in Ruth park's German class, for the holiday season.



Students in Laura Polk's French class use the World Language lab to help improve their language skills through interactive programs.

Ridgewood Wrestling Triumphs



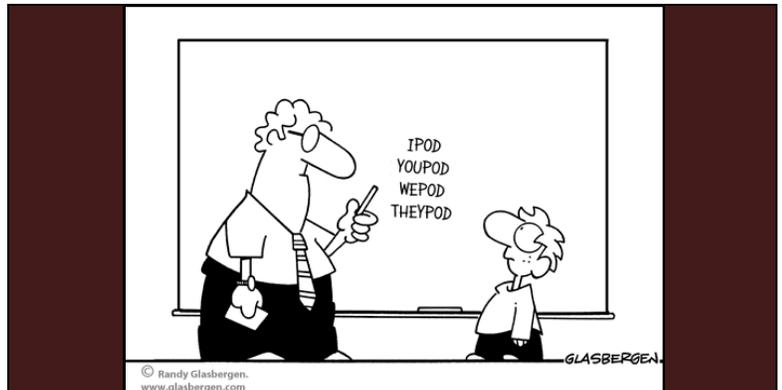
RHS Junior Joseph Oliva became Ridgewood's thirteenth county championship wrestler.

On December 30, the Ridgewood High School Maroon Wrestling team took part in George Jockish Holiday Bergen County Wrestling Tournament. The night's big winner was the 126 pound Joseph Oliva, one of Ridgewood's four medalists, and his first county title with a 7-3 decision.

With the win, Oliva, a junior, improved to 10-0 on the

season, and became Ridgewood's thirteenth county champion in the tournament's fifty-three year history, and the first since 2003. This was Oliva's second major championship in his three years of varsity wrestling at RHS. Last season, he became Ridgewood's thirteenth region champion in the Region 2 final with a score of 4-3.

Other Ridgewood wrestlers who placed in the county tournament were sophomore Nick Saglimbeni (132 pounds), who took sixth place, and juniors Stephen Gerdner (145 pounds) and Austin Purritano (160 pounds). Both boys came in seventh in their respective weight classes. As a team, the Maroons finished tenth in the forty-one team competition.



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