

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

1/25/2013

Learning Commons Update

Because of the generosity of the community and other supporters the Learning Commons project has not only met, but exceeded, their projected funding needs of \$850,000. With the excess money, the committee will now look into new technology renovations for the new Ridgewood High School library.

Additionally, due to rising construction costs, a revised estimate is now set at \$925,000 before any technology improvements. The committee is still accepting donations for the project and if you are interested in helping out please visit www.RHSlearningcommons.com

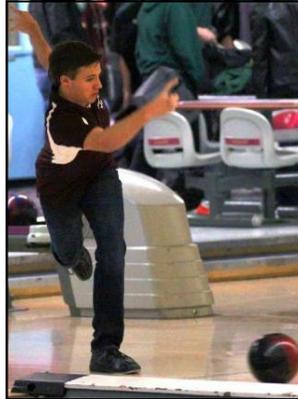


Students take part in the Annual History Bowl held at Ridgewood High School on January 19. The Ridgewood High School History Quiz Bowl Team competed against sixty-five other schools from around Northern New Jersey. The RHS team is ranked 35th in the nation and is led by Class of 1999 graduate David Madden, who is also the second-longest running Jeopardy champion.

FAST FACTS...

The New Players is RHS's outstanding theater group who put on 10 to 12 productions a year, from musicals, to dramas, to Shakespearean performances.

Ridgewood Bowling Finishes in Top Ten



**Courtesy of Ridgewood News*
RHS Senior Zack Flicker

On January 19, the Ridgewood Maroon Bowlers finished in sixth overall in the Bergen County Tournament and a fourth place finish for the Groups 3-4 bracket, with a score of 5,468.

This is the second time in three years that the Maroons finished in the top eight of the Bergen County Tournament. Outstanding performances were made by seniors Matt Powers, Jordan Kotellos, and Zack Flicker; junior Charlie Peterkins; sophomore Anthony Rispoli; and freshman John Rispoli.



**Courtesy of Ridgewood News*

Pictured, Sophomore Joe Hilditch helped the Maroon Boys to an eleventh place finish at the Bergen County Meet of Champions on January 22. The Ridgewood Girls' team finished in sixth place. Both RHS teams had an impressive showing by their swimmers.

Upcoming

January 24 to 29:
Mid-Terms

January 28:
Board of Ed Meeting;
Ed Center; 7:30 pm

January 29:
Winter Dance Concert;
Little Theater; 7:30 pm

January 30 to 31:
Juniors/Sophomores
meet with counselors

January 31:
Peer Counselor
Training: Campus Ctr;
7:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

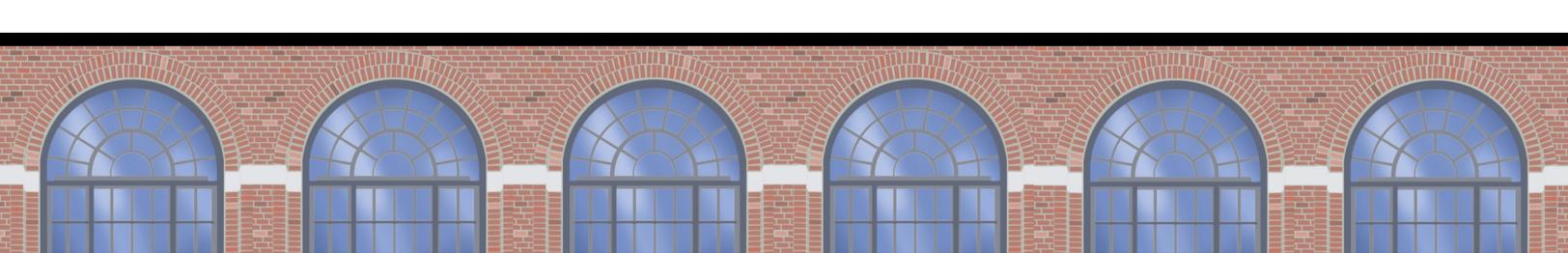
The following Ridgewood High School art students received awards for artwork submitted to the 2013 Scholastic Art Northern New Jersey Regional Awards.

Samuel Kendrick,
Honorable Mention
Art Portfolio (8 works)

Minha Lee,
Honorable Mentions
Paintings (2)

Hannah (Hyejin) Park,
Silver Key
Painting

Youjin Park,
Silver Key
Sculpture



Look familiar? Ridgewood High School has replaced the broken light fixtures running along the E. Ridgewood Ave. stadium entrance with lights from the Ridgewood train station. The four lights are now functioning for the first time in almost fifty years, as part of restoration to the RHS grounds and building.

Harlem Wizards Charity Basketball

The Harlem Wizards basketball team will be playing the Ridgewood All-Stars (comprised of teachers and administrators)

January 25, 2013

Ridgewood High School Gym 1

7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

There are a limited number of tickets still available that will be sold at the door. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please arrive at 6:30 pm, when the doors are set to open.

The event is sponsored by the Federated Home and School and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

If you have any questions, please contact,
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Faculty Highlight: Karen Mendez



Karen Mendez is in her sixth year working at Ridgewood High School, as one of RHS' business education teachers. Mendez has a Bachelors of Science in Marketing from Fairfield University (CT), a Masters of Business Administration from Loyola College (MA), and a Masters in Education in Curriculum & Instruction from Scranton University (PA). She is also a past graduate of Ridgewood High School.

One of your Favorite Memories of your time at RHS:

One of my favorite moments as a teacher is seeing the smiles on the faces of students who make it onto the next level of DECA competition. Over the past six years, I have had the opportunity to watch many students grow and learn through the DECA competitions. Each year at the conclusion of states the students begin their planning for the following school year and determine how they can increase their involvement level in the chapter. These conversations are enjoyable to have with the students and a wonderful moment.

What Advice Would you Give Every Student:

I would recommend to the students of RHS that they should find a handful of clubs, organizations, or sports that they are passionate about and dedicate themselves to them fully. Too often I see RHS students become involved in too many things and then they aren't able to give enough of themselves to each of the groups. These students and the organizations miss out on some wonderful talent and neither party gets the benefit they deserve.

Something You Don't Know About Me:

In the past year I have had the opportunity to train and run in my first and second half marathon (13.1 miles) and my first full marathon (26.2 miles). All three of these races have been through *RunDisney* and I have had the opportunity to run through both Walt Disney World (January 2012/January 2013) and Disneyland (September 2012). Although running these races has been a rewarding experience and the medals have been worth it, the true reason these races have been a success is because all four of my siblings have trained together and participated together. In September, my husband joined us and participated in his first half marathon to earn his first *RunDisney* medal. These races, training, and trips have helped my siblings grow closer and share wonderful memories. I'm still in shock that I can say "I am a marathoner."

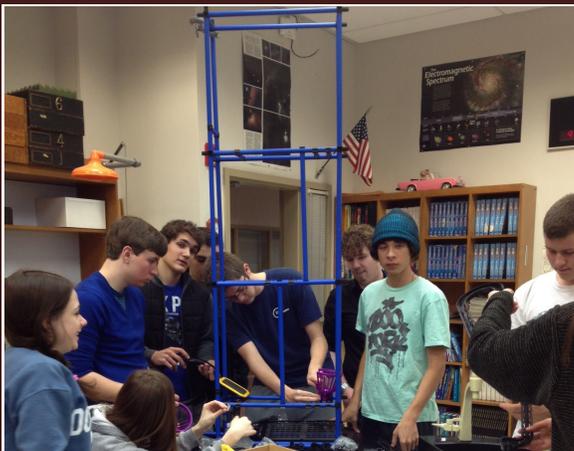
A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students hard at work taking mid-term exams.



Students in Ernestina Gagliano's child development class teach fire safety to children, including what to do in case of an emergency, and what firemen look like and why not to be afraid of them.



Teams tackle Newton's Chaos Tower challenge during Nancy Reilly's physics class.

Heermance Parking



The Ridgewood High School parking lot is regularly filled beyond capacity with cars.

On January 16 the Ridgewood Village Council introduced Ordinance #3369 which would establish permit parking on Heermance Place, during school days from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm. Students

who park on Heermance currently will be heavily affected, as they will no longer be allowed to park there while Ridgewood High School is in session.

The Village Council will consider the proposed ordinance on February 13, 2013, during a public hearing. All RHS students were asked to be made aware of the impending hearing and vote so as they may have adequate time to give comment and voice their opinion to the council. The meeting will take place on the fourth floor of Village Hall in the Sydney v. Stoldt, Jr. Court Room at 8:00 pm, 131 North Maple Avenue.



Olivia Benson performs *Panis Angelicus* and *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* for the Maroon and White Recital on January 10. She is accompanied on piano by Susan McBrayer.



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