

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

2/15/2013

## Year of the Snake

February 10, 2013, marked Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake. On February 12, Louise Cheng's Chinese classes celebrated, as they do every year, with their annual New Year's luncheon celebration. The feast was served by student members of RHS' Chinese classes and Chinese Club, many of whom were dressed in Eastern attire.

The classroom was decorated with powerful lions and dragons, gorgeous lanterns, and Chinese knots that embellished every corner. Lines of desks displayed huge trays of hot food from a local Chinese restaurant, including dumplings, noodles, fried rice, spring rolls, Korean BBQ, sushi, and brownies baked by parents and students of the Chinese Program. All attendees were able to enjoy not only the delicious meal, but also an immersive experience in the beauty of Chinese culture.



Student servers prepare for the lunch rush before the start of the annual Chinese New Year Lunch.

### FAST FACTS...

RHS offers five world languages at various levels and has a language lab dedicated to the daily use of improving a student's language skills.



On February 11, Ridgewood High School's top senior athletes celebrated their acceptance into college. Pictured above: Cormac McCooe, Billy Maltz, Noah Pounds, Connor Kubikowski, Dan McKenna, Younghoe Koo, Maura Feeney, Lauren Beausoleil, and Maggie Carver.

## A Valentine for Seniors

On February 13, the Ridgewood High School Student Council held its annual Valentine's Day Dance for Ridgewood senior citizens. The event was supported entirely by funds from the RHS Student Council and included dinner, dancing, games, and even some signing.

The dance is a great way for seniors to celebrate the holiday and to facilitate conversation between generations of Ridgewood residents.



## Upcoming

### February 16 to 24:

No School;  
February Break

### February 18:

President's Day

### February 25:

Last day to drop 2nd  
semester courses

### February 25:

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

### February 27:

Student Sleep-In Day

Teacher Enrichment

### February 28:

DECA State  
Competition

## LOU VALENTINE DANCE

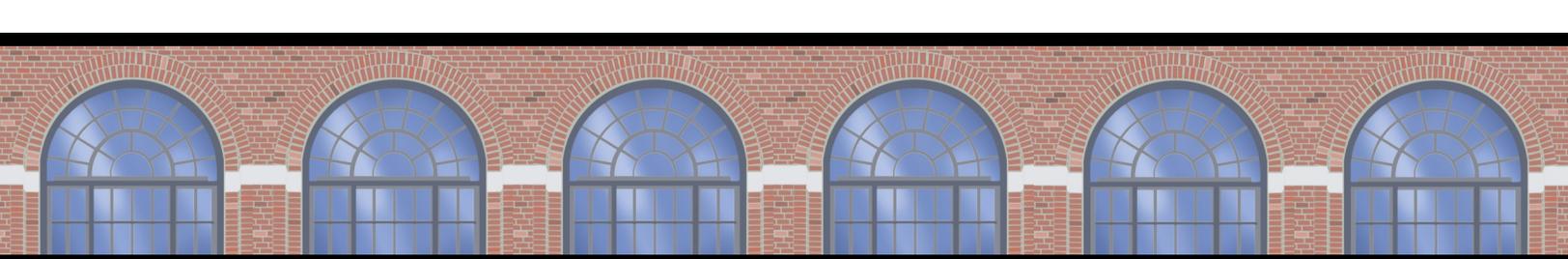
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**February 15, 2013**  
**Club Blend, Ridgewood**

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adults. The dance is sup-  
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## Talking Cambodia

On February 15, students in Keith Cook’s social studies class, along with members of the Ridgewood High School Cambodia Club, talked with students in Cambodia via Skype. The session was with students at A New Day Cambodia School (ANDC) in Phnom Penh, one of the schools supported by fundraising from Ridgewood Public Schools.

During the sessions, students on both sides asked questions of the others and learned about the differences and similarities between their two cultures. The ANDC students are comprised mostly of kids who had previously been forced to scavenge garbage just to help support their families. Now the school pays the families about \$10 a month to subsidize the lost income, and in exchange, the students are allowed to live at and attend the ANDC school.

Dr. Katie Kashmanian, Principal of George Washington Middle School, facilitated the session from Cambodia. She was there on a trip to visit the Cambodian schools supported by Ridgewood, including the Ridgewood Village School that was built by funds raised by GW, BF, and RHS.



Members of Keith Cook’s social studies class and the Cambodia Club Skype with a class in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

## Faculty Highlight: Timothy Monahan



Tim Monahan has been working at Ridgewood High School for nine years. A past graduate of the high school, he currently teaches economics and social studies. Monahan has a Bachelors of the Arts in Experimental Psychology, History, and Education; a Masters in the Arts of Teaching in Social Studies Education, and a Masters of the Arts in History.

### One of your Favorite Memories of Your Time at RHS:

My favorite memory, as a student at Ridgewood High School, was taking Meredith Yannone's chemistry class. My favorite memory, as a teacher at Ridgewood, was spending my first year learning how to teach by watching what Michael Yannone did in his classes.

### What Advice Would you Give Every Student:

Find a good group of friends and stay close to them the rest of your life. You'll need them, and they'll need you.

### Something You Don't Know About Me:

I started eating healthy and exercising about four years ago, and I have since run six half-marathons and lost 100 lbs.

## RPS POLICY CORNER: Academic Varsity Letters

The Media Center is open every school day from 7:30 am to 2:58 pm. Due to high demand, computers are available for research and academic use only. This facility is designated as the quiet study area of the school. Students are expected to be considerate of others by not making unnecessary noise in the Media Center. Books are loaned for one month and may be renewed if necessary. Reference books and books on open-reserve may be used in the Media Center and may be checked out for overnight use at the end of the school day. These books are due back at the beginning of the following school day. Books on closed-reserve may not leave the Media Center.

Overdue Books — A fine of five cents per day is charged for material that is returned after the loan period. A lost book should be reported to the staff immediately. In lieu of fines, the original price of the book will be charged.

## A Window into Ridgewood High School



Students in Lillian Labowski's science class use blackberries to make solar cells.



Students in Carolyn Rosenfeld's AP Psychology classes show off their completed Psychohistories, a research method unique to the study of personality.



Students in Stacy Casatelli's Biology class use computers to perform protein synthesis.

## Ridgewood Girls Sweep Sectionals



*\*Courtesy of Ridgewood News*  
Ridgewood junior Laura Weisberger.

On Saturday, February 11, the Ridgewood High School girls' track team swept the North 1, Group 4 sectional championship by a 28 and one-half point lead over West Orange. This is the second consecutive sectional title for the girls' team in two years.

Seniors Micaela McPadden won the 400 meter race and Mimi DeVita claimed gold in the pole vault. Sophomore Kelly Cleary and junior Laura Weisberger finished first and second

in the 1,600 meter race, respectively, with Weisberger surging back from fourth place in the final lap.

The boys' team also won, with two big victories coming from senior Nick Salamone in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter.



Ridgewood High School senior and soprano singer, Gillian Hight, performs for an assembled crowd for the February Maroon & White Recital and Art show, held on February 7.



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