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RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Congressman Scott Garrett presents the Congressional Award Silver Medal to Heesung Son.

Congressional Award

Congressman Scott Garrett visited Ridgewood High School on March 27, to present senior Heesung Son with the Congressional Award Silver Medal for his public service to the community.

An accomplished violinist who earned first place in the New York International Competition and earned a spot on the New Jersey Regional Orchestra, Son put his musical skills to good use by spending 200 hours playing for the elderly in nursing homes. He also spent time with participants of Camp Sunshine, a camp for physically disabled youth.

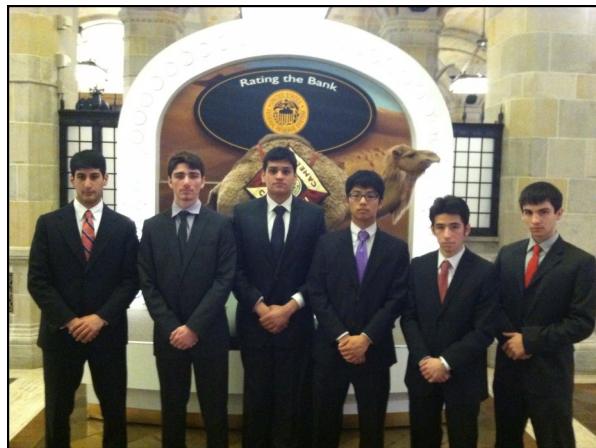
Congressman Scott Garrett has represented New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District for the past ten years and after the presentation, stayed to answer questions from students in the audience.

FAST FACTS...

According to the NJDOE, Ridgewood annually spends \$16,456 per student, which is nearly \$1,000 below the state average of \$17,455.

Federal Challenge

Six members of the Ridgewood High School Finance Club competed on March 20 in the Fed Challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. They presented a short-term and long-term forecast of the American economy along with monetary policy recommendations.



Left to Right: Farhad Ranji, Storm Dublirer, Abdullah Adnan, Youngbin Yoon, Drew Weber, and Matthew Powers.



Members of the Cambodia Club listen to Pen Sokunthea, a Cambodian native who is getting her Masters degree in teaching, as she talks about the education situation of women in her homeland. On March 22, Sokunthea talked with the students about her plans on how she will use her new degree upon returning home, and the importance of girl's education for the development of Cambodia.

Upcoming

- March 29:**
Good Friday
- March 31:**
Easter
- April 1:**
Board of Ed Meeting;
7:30 pm; Ed Center
- April 2:**
HSA Meeting; 7:30 pm;
Library
- April 3:**
Teacher Enrichment
Sleep-in for Students
- April 4:**
Asian Festival; 8:00 am
& 6:30 pm
- April 4:**
Maroon & White
Dance Concert;
3:30 pm; Little Theater

eBooks at RHS Library

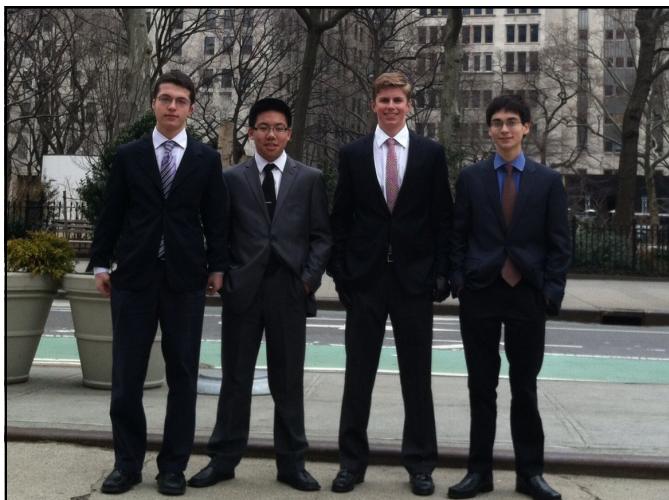
RHS students have free access to a large variety of fiction and non-fiction eBooks and audio books

- Hundreds to choose;
- Check out for 14 days;
- Available from the HS and public libraries;
- Available for most devices including Kindles, Nooks, iPads, smart phones, and laptops.

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Euro Challenge

Four Ridgewood sophomores, from the RHS Finance Club, traveled to Credit Suisse headquarters in Manhattan on March 18 for The Euro Challenge. The team presented an economic forecast for Europe, with specific focus on Spain and the Spanish banking crisis.



Left to Right: Ryan Elsabeh, Warren Li, Durham Abric, and Ben Bechtold, members of the Euro Challenge Team.



Editors of the Ridgewood High School High Times traveled to Columbia University on March 22, to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual Spring Conference. The students and aspiring journalists attended sessions on how to improve the writing and quality of the student-run newspaper, the Ridgewood High Times. Pictured above: Gabriela Bonfiglio, Ethan Sapienza, Jackson Stone-Esposito, Bradley Alsop, Sumita Rajpurohit, and Elizabeth Kopec.

Faculty Highlight: Lauren Mele



Lauren Mele is currently in her fifth year at Ridgewood High School. She currently teaches in the math department. A graduate of West Milford High School, Mele received her Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics from Manhattan College (NY), and is finishing her Masters degree at The College of New Jersey (NJ).

One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at RHS:

While I was in high school, one of my favorite activities was being a member of the dance team, performing at school events, and competing with the team. When I started as a teacher, I started a program for Ridgewood High School. This is my fourth year as the coach of the RHS Dance Team, and this year I had a great group of girls. I took the girls to two local competitions. Most of the teams in our area are from programs that have been around for over ten years, and still our girls placed second. They were overjoyed and seeing how excited they were about doing so well, is one of my favorite moments at RHS.

What Advice Would You Give Every Student:

Try not to get hung up on the letter grade you receive, and really try to learn as much as you can throughout high school.

Something You Don't Know About Me:

Before I started teaching, I worked as a dancer on Royal Caribbean's Adventure of the Seas.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Bringing Visitors to School

Any student who wishes to bring a visitor to school must present a note, signed by a parent, to their Grade Advisor at least one day in advance of the visitor's planned arrival. The note must state that the visitor is an OVERNIGHT GUEST in the student's home and must request permission for the guest to visit the school. Students who live in Ridgewood but attend other schools may not visit RHS unless the visit is arranged through the Guidance Department for the purpose of transferring to Ridgewood High School.

Guests must abide by individual classroom teacher regulations. Long-term guests may visit RHS for one day only. Adult visitors must report directly to the Security Desks, at the school entrances, or the Main Office and sign the visitor's book and register their vehicles.

A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Jenna Wilson and Alison Reeg's US History II class play student-made board games created for the class' Cold War unit.

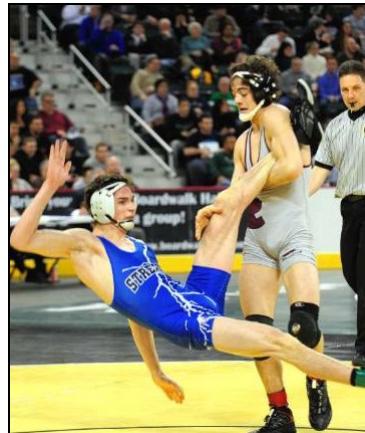


Students in Tine Gagliano's Foods of the World class prepare Italian potato gnocchi pasta.



Physical education classes take advantage of the warming spring weather to run the track.

Winter Sports Wrap-Up



*Photo courtesy of Ridgewood News
Joe Oliva takes on a senior Warren Hills wrestler.

In wrestling news, Ridgewood High School junior Joe Oliva has had an impressive and record setting year that culminated on March 10 in Atlantic City. Oliva finished in seventh place in the New Jersey State Wrestling Tournament, making him the first RHS wrestler to take home a state medal since 1990. Congratulations to Joe Oliva, his coaches, and all the members of the RHS Wrestling program for their great year.

Coach Josh Saladino was honored as *The Record* Girls' Indoor Track Coach of the Year after coaching the Ridgewood girls to a repeat victory in the Group 4 Section 1 Championship. Congratulations to Coach Saladino and all the girls of the RHS program for another great season.

Congratulations to all the Ridgewood winter athletes, and good luck to all the spring teams in their coming season.



The BF Jazz Machine and members of the Ridgewood High School Big band entertain parents and Ridgewood residents alike during the RHS Jazz Coffee House. The event took place on March 13.



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