

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chinese Club Takes First Place



From left to right: Youjin Park, Gabriela Bonfiglio, Hyejin Park, and Mrs. Louise Cheng

Members of the Ridgewood High School Chinese Club won first place in the CIRU Chinese Language Competition for New Jersey high school students. Each first place winner received a certificate and a \$100 gift card.

During the competition, which took place on April 6, each team of three students had to visit four stations: Pronunciation, Matching of Characters, Judging and Writing Sentences in Characters, and Creating Situational Role Play. This was the third annual CIRU competition, but the first that RHS has participated in.

The CIRU (Confucius Institute of Rutgers University) is the leading institute for Chinese language and culture education in NJ and PA, especially for high school students.

FAST FACTS...

RHS is the 2nd best in SAT scores compared to similar peer high schools, with an average combined score of 1778, above the state average of 1550.

A Day of Silence At Ridgewood



Freshman Halina Maas displays a sticker explaining why she was not talking, on April 18.

Students from Ridgewood High School vowed not to speak a word on the national student-led event, Day of Silence. The day was held as a way to call attention to anti-LGBT harassment in schools. Students taking the vow of silence, in order to illustrate the silencing effect of bullying and name calling on LGBT students.



Members of the Ridgewood High School Girls' Golf Team pose on the greens of the Lighthouse Sound Golf Club in Ocean City, Maryland. Eleven members of the team spent their Spring break playing three 18-hole golf courses and enjoying the warming April weather.

Upcoming

April 21:

Girls Lacrosse
Car Wash

April 22:

Board of Education
Elections; 7:30 pm;
Ed-Center

April 23:

3rd Quarter Ends

April 24:

Spring Band Concert;
7:30 pm; Campus
Center

BIG BAND BENEFIT

The Ridgewood High School Band Association will be sponsoring an exciting concert to benefit the RHS band.

Sunday, April 21

RHS Little Theater

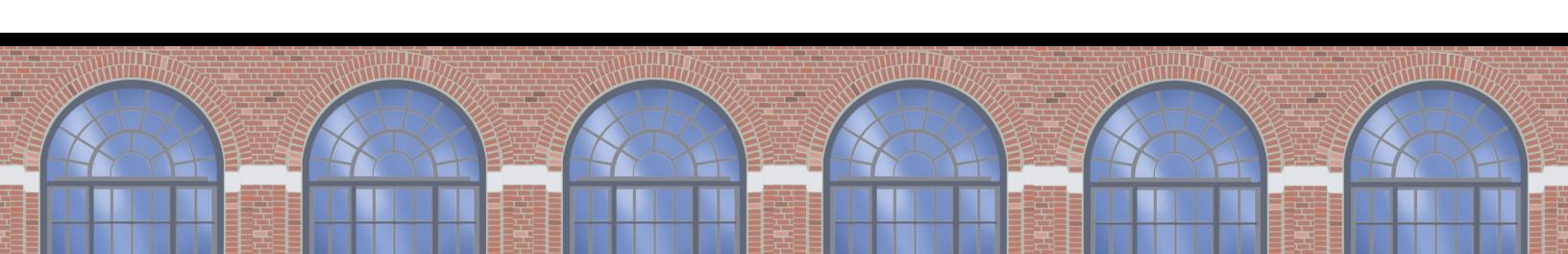
2:00 PM.

\$30 - Adults

\$20 - Students/Seniors

The "Jazz Masters Big Band," features many RHS band staff members, and musicians who have been involved with the district's music program. The band will be led by band director Jeffrey Haas.

For more information, contact Irene Garcia at rena16@verizon.net



Active Shooter Response Drill

During the school breaks in February and March eighty officers from Ridgewood, and surrounding towns participated in multi-agency, multi-discipline active shooter training at Ridgewood High School. The simulated emergencies took place in the school environment to better prepare police in case of an active shooter or other school-based emergency.



Participating officers were trained in Bomb/IED Awareness and reality-based scenarios involving room entries, threat identification, active threat response, and shoot/no shoot decision making.

These training sessions were conducted over eight days, and are a result of an ongoing coordinated effort by the police to provide effective training in the face of new and emerging challenges.

Your Best Coaches



Louisa Luisi will be signing her book at Bookends in Ridgewood on Saturday, April 20th at 9am. Anyone who buys a copy of *Your Best Coaches* will also get the chance to meet Mr. Met and take a picture with him. Ten percent of sales that day will go to The Ridgewood Baseball and Softball Association.

Faculty Highlight: Charles Appel



Charles Appel is in his fourth year working at Ridgewood High School in the Department of Social Studies and Social Sciences. He graduated from the University of Michigan (MI), with a Bachelors of the Arts, and graduated from Boston University (MA) with a Master of the Arts.

One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at RHS:

One of my favorite memories of my time at Ridgewood High School is the first time I had the chance to attend the Celebration of the Arts. Sometimes we teachers get so caught up in our individual subject areas that we forget to appreciate how complex and diverse all of our students are, and that first time seeing some of the artwork that my kids had produced really opened up my eyes to the wide variety of talents we have here.

What Advice Would You Give Every Student:

The advice I would give every student is to never be afraid of the things you find interesting. If you have an interest in dinosaurs, talk, read, write and think about dinosaurs as much as you possibly can. Do it constantly. Be a nerd about it, and don't worry about what other people think. It's the things you take an interest in that make you interesting.

Something You Don't Know About Me:

An interesting personal fact is that I once spent three and a half months hiking and canoeing through the Australian outback. I saw a crocodile take a bite out of a canoe paddle, a giant sea eagle snatch a bat out of a tree, and more stars than I could have counted in ten lifetimes. It was fantastic.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Driving/Biking/Skateboarding to School

The use of skateboards and roller blades is not permitted on Ridgewood High School property. These items are not to be carried to class. Students must leave these items in their lockers. Mopeds and bicycles may only be parked in the area designated at the entrance to the courtyard. There is NO STUDENT PARKING ON RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY for automobiles. Students who do park in unauthorized areas will be subject to municipal fines, towing and/or disciplinary action. There will be NO COURTESY WARNING for the first offense. Cars ticketed and towed will be at the owner's expense. Afterschool detention(s) may be also assigned

A Window Into Spirit Week



On Hawaiian Wednesday, students participate in a lunch time water balloon fight on the football field, taking advantage of the warm weather.



Ms. Gail Stoughton and Ms. Olga Comissiong dress to impress on Throwback Thursday.



Guys lacrosse and baseball teams in a game of tug-of-war at the Friday pep rally, during Color Wars.

Latin Club Explores the Past



Students from the Ridgewood Latin Club sit in the theater at Pompeii during their trip to Italy over Spring Break.

Forty members of the Ridgewood High School Latin Club spent their Spring Break in Italy. The group toured sites such as the Roman Forum, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, ancient Cumae, Pompeii, and Ostia Antica. The students also enjoyed many Italian cultural highlights including a tarantella lesson, a "Make Your Own Pizza" night at a Roman pizzeria, a demonstration by artisans making intaglio furniture and cameo jewelry in Rome and lemon candy in Sorrento.



The RHS Latin club poses for the camera on the streets of Rome.



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