

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

4/26/2013

## Tales of Cambodia

Students, teachers, and members of the Ridgewood High School Cambodia Club gathered to hear Dr. Sonn Sam speak on Friday, April 19. Dr. Sam's family escaped Cambodia after the destructive reign of the Khmer Rouge and immigrated to the United States.

He read from his essay, "This I believe," which was featured on NPR, about how he had no right to complain. He also spoke of the sacrifices and bravery of his parents during the rule of Pol Pot, and emphasized the importance of education in preventing such tragedies. Students asked many questions after the end of the presentation.

Dr. Sam is employed at East Side High School in Newark, NJ. He is also a resident of Ridgewood along with his wife, Daisy Sam, who is a Spanish teacher at RHS.



Dr. Sonn Sam reads his essay, "This I Believe," to the gathered students of the Cambodia Club.

## FAST FACTS...

Technology has become critical in education, according to a Pew Research survey, with a 92% of teachers reporting using the internet for teaching.

## Focusing on Freshmen

On April 12, the Ridgewood High School Freshman class was treated to a day of physical challenges, game shows, and comedy during Freshman Focus Day. The day's events were directed and organized by the school's peer counselors and included activities like relay races, musical chairs, and a pie eating contest.



Freshmen enjoyed comedic performances by members of the Ridgewood High School upper classes in the form of a variety show based around the misadventures of the Scooby Doo Gang.



Members of the Ridgewood High School Students for Environmental Action at Van Neste Square on April 20, for Earth Day. The SEA helped to plant flowers and teach kids the importance of recycling.

## Upcoming

### April 26 to 28:

New Players Junior Weekend

### April 28:

ALPS Car Wash

### April 29:

RAHP Honor Society Induction; 7:30 pm; Campus Center

### May 1:

Small Ensemble Concert; 7:30 pm; Campus Center

### May 2:

Local Scholarship Applications due on Naviance

### May 2:

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

## SAYLESTOCK

Held in memory of 2003 Ridgewood Alumnus, Matthew Sayles

Van Neste Square

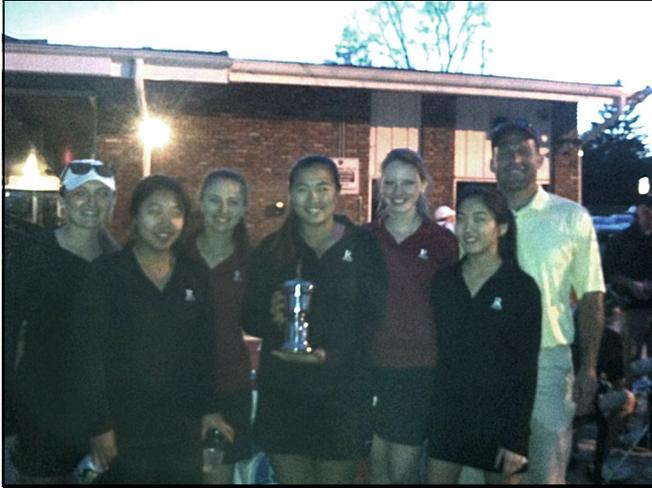
Sunday, April 28, 2013

12 pm – 7 pm

An art show and music festival featuring a variety of bands, and artwork by students, teachers, parents, and friends for sale.

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## A Hole-In-One for Ridgewood



Members of the RHS Girls' Golf Team pose after their win at the FDU Invitational, with Coach Brian Quirk, at River Vale Country Club.

The Ridgewood High School Girls' Golf Team won the Fairleigh Dickinson University Invitational on April 17. The RHS girls won with a combined score of 396. RHS junior, Julia Sullivan came in first with a score of 87, followed closely by Sophomore, Jessica Chang who tied for second place with a score of 96.

Coach Brian Quirk is entering his fourth year as head coach of the Ridgewood Girls' Golf Team.



This month the Maroon and White Art Show featured a dance concert in the Little Theater that displayed the talents of many of Ridgewood High School's most talented dancers. The next Maroon and White Art Show will take place on May 2, at 3:30 in the Campus Center.

## Faculty Highlight: Louise Cheng



Louise Cheng has been teaching Chinese as part of the World Language Department at Ridgewood High School for twenty years. She graduated from the National Taiwan University (Taiwan), with a Bachelors of the Arts, and with a Masters of the Arts in Chinese Bilingual Education from Brooklyn College CUNY, (NY).

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

On the Monday right after the February blizzard this year, we decorated the Chinese classroom with powerful lions, dragons, gorgeous lanterns, and Chinese knots that embellished every corner. On Tuesday, the students of the Chinese program sponsored the wonderful Chinese New Year Festival with huge trays of hot food, but on Wednesday, it snowed again. The students and I were so touched by the perfect timing! It was a great pleasure to connect the East and West, letting faculty and students enjoy the Chinese Immersion Day!

### What Advice Would You Give Every Student:

Find the balance point among academics, extra-curricular activities, and building up friendships. Explore your interests, reach your potential, and don't hesitate to help people when you get the chance. Explore, enjoy and experience a healthy high school life!

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

My husband Frank and I have two wonderful sons (Roger and Ronnie), and a lovely daughter-in-law (Ling). They are truly God's blessings for our lives.

## RHS POLICY CORNER: Theft

Deliberately taking another's property constitutes theft, which is a criminal offense. This includes textbooks, library materials that are not signed out and/or cafeteria food that is not paid for. Students have an obligation to report any theft immediately to the office of the Grade Advisor. Students are encouraged to report information that may come to them regarding thefts. Gym lockers are provided for reasonable securing of clothing only, no items of value should be left in the gym lockers.

Theft will be dealt with in a most serious fashion. Penalties will include suspension and notification to the police. Restitution will also be required.

## A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Tina Gagliano's interior design class designed and baked this Danish Color Wheel, combining food with art and science. The color wheel was baked as an assignment in food art.



Students in Nancy Reilly's biophysical science use a digital microscope to view images on a laptop.



Students in child development teach kids about conserving water and recycling for Earth Day.

## Ridgewood Budget Passes



Thank you to all the members of the community of Ridgewood who helped pass the 2013-2014 school year budget. With your support, the Ridgewood district will be able to continue its comprehensive educational program in all schools.

Additions for next year will include: new social studies texts in Grades K-5; new professional development partnerships, new electronic textbooks at RHS for AP Art History, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, AP Chemistry; new courses at RHS, namely Advanced 21st Century Music Production; Classical Foundations of America (Honors); Revenge & Justice & Social Mores in Greek Tragedy (Honors); The Trojan War (Honors); and a revised curricula for over 100 courses, district-wide.



Teachers under the direction of principal, Dr. Thomas Gorman, discuss the problem of plagiarizing and academic cheating during Ridgewood High School's monthly teacher enrichment discussions. While students got an extra hour sleep on Wednesday, April 17, teachers sat in classrooms talking about the issues facing the classroom and the student body of RHS as part of an ongoing series of discussions to promote cross-disciplinary planning and problem solving.



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