

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

5/17/2013



Kevin Heom, Sebastian Yoo, Toby Highfill, Akash Kumar, Leo Yoo, and Chris Criscitiello pose for a picture with their award winning robot design.

## Botball Robotics

The Ridgewood High School Robotics Team competed in the annual Botball Competition on May 11 at Rahway High School. The RHS team won the Alliance Competition, where their robot was teamed up with Hackensack High School's robot to perform a required task in an allotted time period. The Ridgewood robot also won the award for "Most Photogenic Robot," due to the machines well-designed look.

The Botball competition is an educational robotics competition where middle and high school students are challenged to design and build a robot to satisfy a specific task. Among the competition's many core goals is the encouragement of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education, as well as creativity and teamwork among students.

## FAST FACTS...

This year RHS awarded more than 200 Academic Awards to students in 12 different areas of academic competition.



Students in the SAIL program participated in the Overnight Adventure trip at Winnebago Scout Reservation. They participated in a variety of activities including fishing, hiking, archery, and constructing marble runs from scratch. Students also took turns with meal preparation including foil pack chicken with veggies. *Pictured:* Greg Alter, Doug Bunza, Jose Calderon, Garrett Henson, Alex Kim, Lizzy Murphy, Patrick Palumbo, Bridget Pietrantuono, Michael Watson, and Ben Warren pose with Mr. Jaremca, Ms. Stoughton, Mr. Mandell, and Mrs. Peacock.



Ridgewood Mayor, Paul Aronsohn, talks to students from Sean Kase's business class and John Domville's social studies class. On May 10, Mayor Aronsohn talked about his experience in politics, business, and the task of being Mayor of Ridgewood Village. He also fielded many questions from students on a variety of topics concerning the town.

## Upcoming

- May 17:**  
Freshman Semi-Formal; 7:00 pm;  
Campus Center
- May 18:**  
RHS Band Car Wash
- May 19:**  
RHS Orchestra Car Wash
- May 20:**  
Senior Surveys are due online.
- May 20:**  
New Players Summer Auditions; 3:30 pm;  
Little Theater
- May 20:**  
Board of Ed Meeting; 7:30; Ed Center
- May 21 to 24:**  
End of Course Biology Exams
- May 23:**  
Progress Reports

## SALADWORKS GIVEBACK

Saladworks will donate 5% of the store's net proceeds received every Sunday and Monday to RHS.

The program will run through Memorial Day. Saladworks is located at 37 Chestnut Street Ridgewood, NJ 07450.



Mark Syvret helps students dissect their cat specimen.

### Discovering the Body

This week students in Honors Anatomy and Physiology are dissecting cats to see anatomical structures in a three-dimensional way. Most students agree it is an experience unlike any other and there is yet to be a computer program that comes close to seeing, feeling, and exploring the connections in a real specimen.

The cats are purchased from reputable biological supply companies after coming from shelters where they were humanely put to sleep. The money used to purchase the specimens goes to help find cats homes.



The senior Boys' Lacrosse players pose with senior fan, Pops Greico during Ridgewood's Annual Lax Day events.

### Faculty Highlight: Olga Comissiong



Olga Comissiong has been working at Ridgewood High School for ten years teaching health and wellness. Before that she taught in schools in New York City and North Carolina. Comissiong graduated from Lehman College in the Bronx (NY), with a Bachelors of Science and a Masters of Science Education in the field of Health Education.

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

My favorite moments would have to be when my classes give "Free Hugs", it is truly a joy to see the smiles on their faces.

#### What Advice Would You Give Every Student:

The advice I would give to every student is, "be kind to every person that you meet, for you do not know what struggles they are going through."

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

An interesting personal fact is that I was the 'doula' for both of my sisters and aided in the births of their sons.

### RHS POLICY CORNER: Activity Fees

Ridgewood High School offers more than fifty clubs and other activities for students. Becoming involved in Student Activities is a great way to take full advantage of all that Ridgewood High School has to offer. An Activities Fee is required to participate in most clubs. Please see our website for updated club and activities information.

An Activities Fee is a "once-a-year" fee that covers all clubs and activities in which a student chooses to participate. The Ridgewood School District charges an Activities Fee each year for students in Grades 6 through 12. The fee at the high school is \$150. This fee is required of each student who participates in extra-curricular activities that are funded by the Ridgewood School District. This once-a-year fee of \$150 entitles a student to participate in one or more clubs or activities throughout one school year. Once a student begins an activity, there will be no refund. Students eligible for free or reduced price lunches are exempt. If a parent believes that they qualify for free or reduced price lunches, they should complete the application and return it to the high school Main Office.

## A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in first aid class learn how to give CPR to infants. First aid class teaches Ridgewood students valuable and lifesaving skills such as the proper CPR techniques and how to bandage wounds and stop bleeding.



Students in Dr. Karen Walters' biology class observe planarians under a microscope as part of their study on invertebrates.



Students enjoy a rainy day of study in the library.



Senior Lauren Beausoleil, fights against two IHA players during Saturday's game in Mahwah.

\*Picture courtesy of Ridgewood News

## Girls' Lacrosse Triumphs

For the ninth year in a row the Ridgewood High School Girls' Lacrosse team captured the Bergen County Tournament title, beating out Immaculate Heart by a score of 13 to 10, on May 11. The game was very close, but the Maroon Girls won the day.



US Marine, Jesse Canella, talked with Tamara Kalebic's psychology class on his experiences overseas and with battling PTSD.



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