

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

11/15/2013



Students talk with veterans over during the Ridgewood High School's Veteran's Day Breakfast.



Ridgewood High School social studies teacher, John Domville, addresses veterans and students at the start of the presentation. Mr. Domville organizes the breakfast event every year.

## A Tribute to Service

On November 15, 2013, local veterans gathered at Ridgewood High School to enjoy breakfast and help educate students about their experiences while serving our country.

The assembly, held in the Little Theater, featured performances by the Ridgewood Voices chorale group, a video tribute, and a panel discussion. A delicious breakfast was served in the campus center courtesy of Ms. Tina Gagliano's foods class.

Students had the chance to hear Ridgewood veterans speak about what their service meant to them. During the panel discussion the veterans also answered questions from students in the audience. Overall, the day was a positive one that showcased the true importance and meaning of service (military or otherwise) to our country and fellow citizens.

## FAST FACTS...

This year RHS had 293 students apply to 4-year colleges, 117 students apply to 2-year colleges, and 26 students apply to Ivy League colleges.

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Ridgewood Latin students traveled to Yale on November 9 to compete against nationally-ranked teams in Latin and classics studies.

Team A, comprised of veteran Latin students, who battled their way to the semi-finals. Team B, comprised entirely of sophomores and led by Peter Psathas, made it to the top ten.

Latin teachers are Catherine Venturini and Stefanie Gigante.



Anthony Tokarz, Ben Bechtold, Peter Psathas, Matthew Casale, Poyani Bavishi, Britta Potter Charlotte Kahan at Yale University.

## Upcoming

**November 15:**  
Second Quarter Begins

**November 15:**  
All-State Jazz/Choir/  
Orchestra Concert;  
3:00 pm, NJPAC

**November 15 to 17:**  
Jr. New Players Fall  
Weekend; RHS

**November 16:**  
All-State Opera Fest;  
9:00 am; Paramus HS

**November 18:**  
Board of Ed Meeting;  
7:30 pm; Ed Center

**November 21:**  
Maroon & White  
Recital; 3:15 pm;  
Campus Center

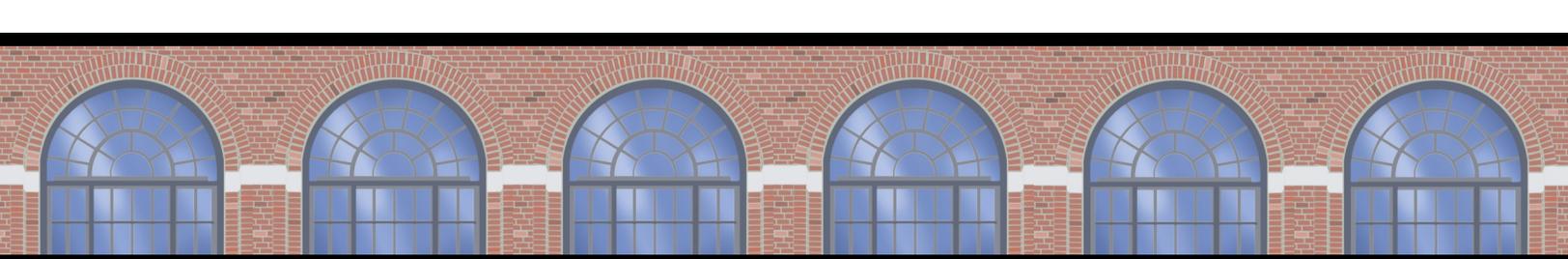
**November 21:**  
Project Graduation  
Meeting; 7:30 pm;  
Cafeteria

## GO RIDGEWOOD

**R** Come out and support the Ridgewood High School Football team tonight, November 15, as the Maroons take on West Orange High School in their first playoff game of the season.

Game starts at 7:00 pm at RHS Stadium.

Go Maroons!



### Riddle Me This

The Ridgewood High School Quiz Bowl team came in third place out of the thirty-six schools invited to the Harvard Fall Tournament VIII, held at Harvard University in Boston.

The competition took place on November 9. A notable performance was made by team captain, Esther Sun, who came in sixth place out of one hundred and forty attending students in the field of competition.

Congratulations to all the team members for their outstanding performance.



Thomas Cleary, Thomas Husband, Esther Sun, and Elizabeth Gaidimas get ready with their buzzers during the quiz bowl tournament at Harvard University.

All next week Student Congress and the National Honor Society will be collecting food for the Social Service Association's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at Ridgewood's Village Hall. Donations of non-perishable food items are needed, including hot and cold cereal, stuffing mix, rice, peanut butter, jelly (no glass containers), and canned goods such as fruits, vegetables, pumpkin pie mix, cranberry sauce, stews, tuna and juice (no glass containers). There will be boxes set up throughout the first floor of RHS from November 18 until November 22.

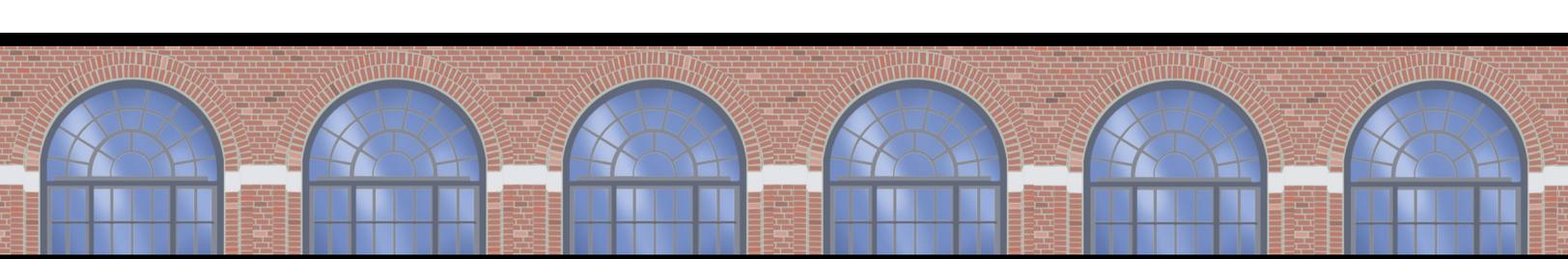
### Course Highlight: Philosophy and Literature



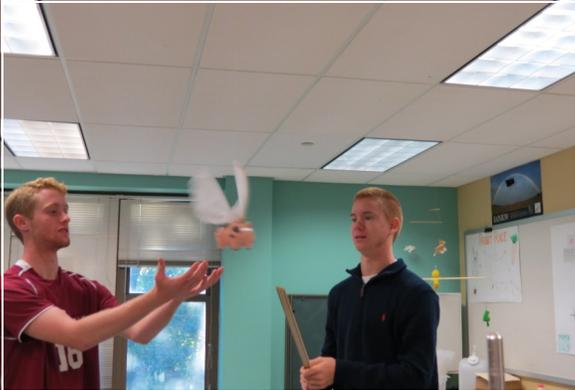
Above, a depiction of an alternate universe world where humans have developed wings and live in tree houses above water. It was created by a student in Kristen Caldwell's Philosophy and Literature class as part of a project meant to help students explore the concepts of "what is true," and causal and logical possibility. Students were encouraged to use our universe, and create one stemming from a change in history or evolution.

The Philosophy and Literature course integrates the study of psychology and literature by exploring the psychological theories of such figures as Freud, Jung, Maslow, Perls, Rogers, Allport, Skinner, Horney and Fromm to help the student interpret and analyze literary texts which range from ancient to contemporary, and which represent such genres as the novel, drama, essay, poetry, short story and film. Students learn to recognize and understand the psychological dynamics, which impact relationships as well as the archetypes, which make literary characters tick. Greater sensitivity to others and enhanced self-awareness is the overriding objective of the class. It is designed as a senior elective, and is full year course taken for honors credit. The course can be substituted for English 12.

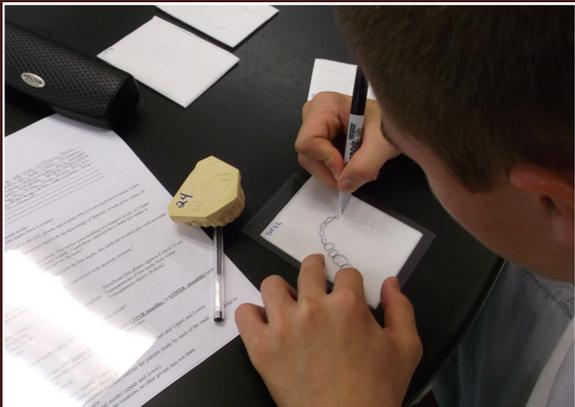
**RHS POLICY CORNER: Expressions of Affection**  
Expressions of affection which become a display, whether due to their prolonged nature or degree of intimacy, are inappropriate. Such displays are not permitted in the school, on adjacent school property, or at school-sponsored events.  
Staff members are directed to request students to stop this inappropriate behavior. Failure to cooperate, or repeated incidents, will cause referral to the Grade Advisor and short-term loss of open campus, or afterschool detention(s) may be assigned.



### A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Pigs fly in Christopher Mitchell's AP Physics class.



Students in Dr. Karen Walters forensic science class learn to analyze dental impressions and bite mark evidence.



Students in Laura Weinstein's math class conduct a statistical survey using cups and different color gummy bears.



## COMMUNITY Meals on wheels

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Do you have an hour to spare every other week or once a month and would love the opportunity to give back to the community at the same time? Community Meals (a "Meals on Wheels" non-profit service), located at 105 Cottage Place in Ridgewood, needs volunteer drivers to help deliver meals in the Ridgewood area.

Shifts run Mondays through Fridays, beginning at 11:00 am. Positions can be filled either on a standing or standby basis. You can choose to sign up individually or with a friend. Your own method of transportation for deliveries is required.

For more details about Meals on Wheels call, (201) 447-8295.



Michael Troy's finance class pose for a picture outside the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street. The students visited Wall and the Stock Exchange as part of a lesson on the recent financial crisis. The class was even fortunate enough to be brought around the floor of the NYSE and get a close-up look at the daily operations of the Market.



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