

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

12/10/2013

Coach of the Year



Ridgewood High School girls tennis coach, Medha Kirtane, was honored this week by being named Coach of the Year by the Bergen County Record.

She finished off her seventh season with the team by helping to lead the maroon tennis girls to the North 1, Group 4 championship with a 21-5 season. Leading senior doubles, Erica Kontos and Anna O'Keefe went 19-3 and competed in the Bergen County large school finals.

Kirtane also works as a teacher at the high school, teaching social studies and social science.



The Maroons face off at the State Finals at MetLife Stadium. Congratulations to all the football players, coaches, and parents that made this year successful.

Quiz Bowl Saturday

On December 7, Ridgewood High School played host schools participating in the National History Bee and Bowl, with close to forty RHS students participating.

Several Ridgewood teams made it to the finals, with one varsity team taking second place. Anthony Tokarz won second place in his individual history bee junior varsity tournament. Four RHS teams have qualified for the state tournament, held next month at Seton Hall.



Varsity History Bowl team members, Thomas Cleary, Benjamin Bechtold, Abbas Syed, and Peter Coti pose with their second place award.



Craig Mumm, associate principal violist of the MET Orchestra, gives a violin lesson to RHS junior, Jaesung Son, as part of a viola master class he gave to the RHS Chamber Orchestra on December 2.

FAST FACTS...

RHS has more than 75 sports teams, with 29% of the student body participating in at least one sport, 19% participating in 2, and 7% in 3 sports.

Upcoming

December 13:
New Players Show;
8:00 pm, Little Theater

December 14:
New Players Show;
8:00 pm, Little Theater

December 16:
Board of Ed Meeting;
7:30 pm; Ed Center

December 18:
Orchestra Concert;
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

December 19:
Choir Concert;
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

New Players Company presents

Don't Drink the Water

12/13 @ 8pm

12/14 @ 8pm

Students/Staff/Senior
Citizens: \$10.00

Adults: \$15.00

Starring: Colby Byrne,
Mickey McGinley, John
Ricatto, Cormac Bohan,
Kayla Kirk, Brian
Bushell, Izzy Sandoval,
Liam Berry, Spencer
Gonzalez, Julia
Goodgold, Bradley
Alsop, Olivia Benson,
Michael Crowe,
Elisabeth Marchini, and
CJ Jerkovich

Celebrating Student Excellence



RHS Senior, Lorela Blaka, completed in her first marathon at the Philadelphia Marathon, running 4:41:37, and placing 32 in the 16-19 division.

Ridgewood High School is a special place, with dedicated staff and faculty. However, its tradition of excellence also comes from its caring, committed, and passionate students.

RHS students do things every day, both big and small that help them succeed, not only academically but in the community, the arts, and beyond.

Without the hard work and vision of our students Ridgewood High School would not be able to achieve the levels of success and opportunity we often take for granted. Our students are the lifeblood of this school and the driving force behind our excellence.



Ridgewood High School junior, Erik Rubenstein, was given an award for his fundraising for the Hackensack Medical Center.



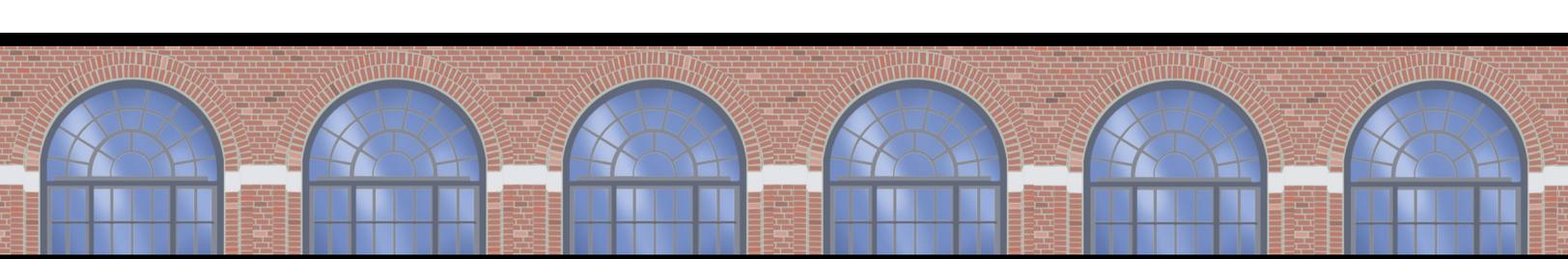
On December 10, Ridgewood sophomores, Hayes Walsh and Spencer Muhlstock premiered their hour-long movie, *Shutterflies* to a packed theater in downtown Ridgewood. The duo wrote, produced, directed, and even starred in the film. They raised 4000 dollars to see their project completed.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Hazing or Initiation Activities

Hazing and inappropriate initiation activities are inconsistent with Ridgewood High School's mission, core values and beliefs. As such, all forms of hazing and inappropriate initiation activities are prohibited.

Ridgewood High School defines hazing and inappropriate initiation activity to be any act, whether physical, mental, emotional, or psychological, which subjects a student to any situation or expectation that may potentially abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass, harm, intimidate a student, denigrate either Ridgewood High School – Student Code of Conduct – 2013-2014 Hazing or Initiation Activities an individual or another group, or compromise a student's inherent dignity as a person.

The definition of hazing and inappropriate initiation activity includes such actions directed toward any student, whether or not the student may be joining or affiliating with a student organization. For example, the school considers hazing and inappropriate initiation activity to include a situation in which an older student subjects a younger student to rites of initiation. The fact that a student participates voluntarily in a hazing or inappropriate initiation activity does not alter the school's prohibition of such conduct.



A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Dr. Karen Walters' Biology class use pipe cleaners (for chromosomes) and string (for membranes) to mimic the phase of cell division.



Students use their ChromeBooks during a lesson in the science lab.



Students in Andrea Joseph's genetics class attempt to create "Glow in the Dark" bacteria by introducing a Green Fluorescent Protein gene (isolated from a bio-luminescent jellyfish) to E. coli bacteria cells.

Electrical Work in Ridgewood

As part of electric reliability improvements in Bergen County, PSE&G will be performing utility pole line work in the Village of Ridgewood. Starting on or about December 9th through late February 2014.

Excluding inclement weather delays, PSE&G anticipates working Monday – Friday (9am – 5pm), as well as Saturday and Sunday (8am – 5pm) on an as needed basis, in order to complete the work as quickly as possible.

PSE&G will work closely with the Village of Ridgewood Police Department to minimize traffic impacts. Questions about this project can be directed to PSE&G's Electric Utility Upgrade contact number: 1-800-901-5035. For a full schedule, click [here](#).



The Conn-Men, an a cappella group from the University of Connecticut, perform before Steven Borque's choir class. The group visited Ridgewood High School and gave clinics, mini-performances, and took questions during the school day. On November 25, the group performed with RHS' own Maroon Men and AcaBellas in the Little Theater. The UConn Conn-Men are a nationally recognized a cappella group that has performed at the White House, has opened for Rockapella and Pentatonix, and appeared on the Best of College A Cappella. The event was sponsored by the RHS Choir Parents Organization.



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