

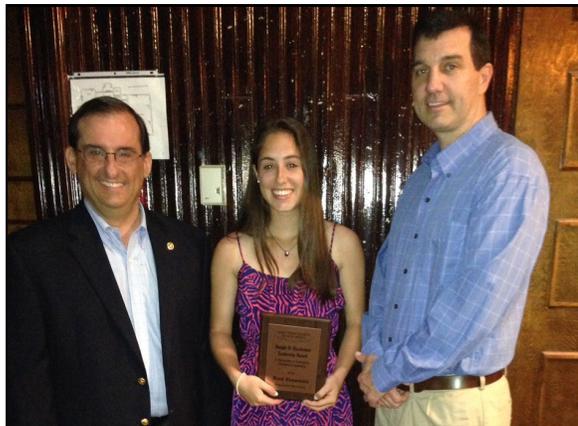
RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

6/6/2014



Ridgewood High School Model Congress advisor, John Domville, junior Emily Press, Congressman Scott Garrett and junior Emily Barr pose during Saturday's Model Congress.



Steve Kalish, Reid Simoncini, and Dr. Thomas Gorman pose after the presentation of the West Point Dwight D. Eisenhower Award.

Model Congress

On Saturday, May 31, students representing twenty-five high schools from across New Jersey's 5th Congressional District participated in a Model Congress sponsored by Congressman Scott Garrett and held in the Ridgewood High School Campus Center.

RHS Model Congress students joined their peers in committee and full House of Representatives sessions to debate, amend, and cast final votes on bills HR 2589 – Freedom of Travel Act 2013 and HR 3065 – Repeal of War Powers Resolution, two bills sponsored in the House by Congressman Garrett.

The final decision was split, with one bill passing and the other defeated, a record that Congressman Garrett remarked was better than his proposals usually receive.

FAST FACTS...

RHS is approximately 280,000 sq. ft., was built in 1919, and requires three custodial shifts over 24 hours in order to be properly maintained.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award

The West Point Dwight D. Eisenhower Award is presented each year to the President of the Junior Class in honor of their leadership at Ridgewood High School. This year's honoree was Reid Simoncini in appreciation of her status as a role model for her peers and all RHS underclassmen. The award was presented at the Board of Education meeting on May 2, by Steve Kalish, a 1984 West Point graduate.



On May 27, the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony for the class of 2015. Seventy-six juniors were inducted at the ceremony held in the campus center. This year's group marks the 50 year anniversary of the National Honor Society at RHS.

Upcoming

June 6:

Senior Prom

June 7:

SATs at Ridgewood High School

June 9:

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

June 10:

Senior Awards Ceremony 7:30 pm; Campus Center

June 11:

Teacher Enrichment

Sleep-In for Students

June 11:

Boy Lacrosse Banquet

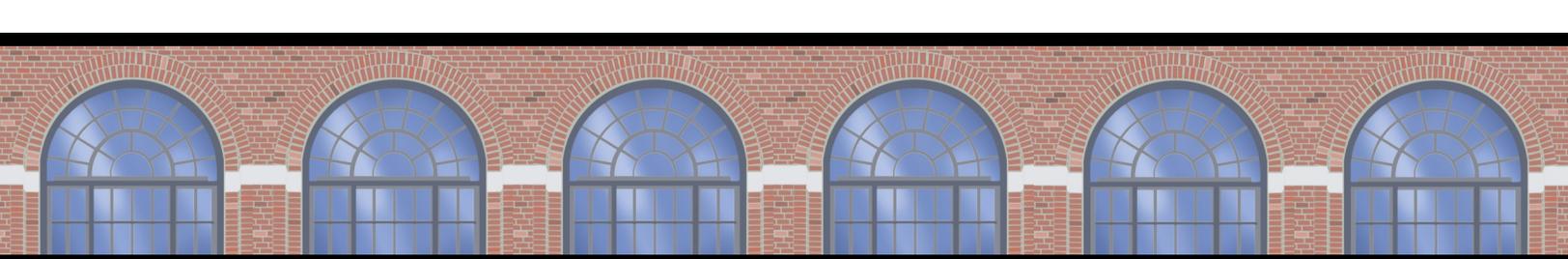
June 12:

Yearbook Signing; 1:00 pm; Campus Center

SUMMER READING

RHS and the Public Library will offer their Second Annual *Teen Readers Tru 9&10* book discussion groups. All rising 9th and 10th graders will have the opportunity to choose one of the books to read and then participate in a discussion group in July and August. Click link below.

[Full Book List & Times](#)



Ridgewood High School held the World Languages' Honor Society Ceremony on May 28. Nearly two hundred students, representing five different languages, were inducted for excellence in their chosen language.

Brining France to Fifth Grade

On May 23 seven members of the Ridgewood High School French National Honor Society went to Somerville Elementary school to teach fifth graders French. The elementary students learned where French is spoken in the world, how to greet someone, how to introduce themselves, how to say their age and favorite color, to count to twenty-five, and how to play Bingo in French. The RHS French National Honor Society hopes to visit the other elementary schools next year.



Julia Koski, Simone Bontoux, Sumita Rajpurohit, Akash Chaurasia, Charlotte Pillow, Selin Tekgurler, and Sean King pose in front of Somerville Elementary School.

Class Highlight: Western and Nonwestern Philosophy



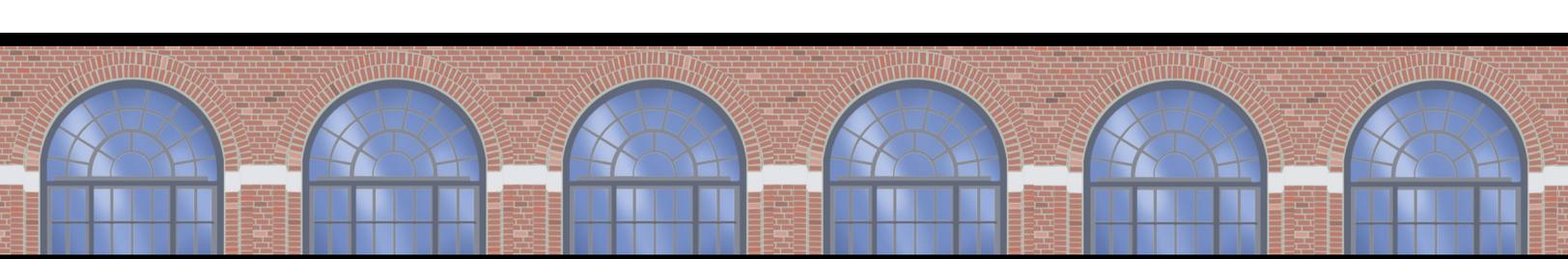
Students of Dr. Patrick Bernardo's Western and Nonwestern Philosophy class listen as one of the monks describes a typical day in the monastery.

The Western and Nonwestern Philosophy classes took a field trip to the Chuang Yen Monastery in Carmel, NY. The monastery features an active community of both Theravada and Mahayana monks and nuns, and also serves as headquarters for the Buddhist Association of the United States. The grounds feature Chinese architecture (including many statues and religious items directly from China) and otherwise represent both a Chinese and Buddhist aesthetic. Features such as the Boddhi trail reflect the path toward wisdom, and others, like the pond filled with koi, represent tranquility. Students were given a tour by a novice monk (originally from the Bronx) who has only been in the monastery for a year and half. The students were also given a mediation session led by their monk guide.

Western and Nonwestern Philosophy is a yearlong inquiry into the principles of knowledge and valid reasoning, the foundations of morality, law, and society and the fundamental structures of reality. This course is organized thematically, and studies the major representatives of both Western and Non-Western philosophy through their answers to eternal problems or questions. Tracing the lines of thought of Western Philosophy, beginning in the Classical Greek period, and the sometimes earlier development of similar lines of thought in the Hindu, Chinese, and Islamic traditions, the course expands the quest for knowledge through engagement with major human attempts to answer similar questions. This is considered an honors course.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Fighting

RHS can neither condone the use of violence, nor be responsible for determining if such a response is appropriate. All students involved will receive disciplinary action which will include suspension.



A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in the Cambodia Club raise money to pay the salary of a teacher at the Ridgewood Village School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Students in Doug Aday's civics class pose with postage boxes filled with more one hundred and twenty magazines that they collected from local businesses for troops overseas.



Students in Dr. Karen Walters' class take blood pressure to learn about the circulatory system.

Student Files on RHS Computers

In effort to free up space on school storage servers, the Ridgewood High School Information Technology Department will be deleting all files in students' "Home Folders," which are located on their U:\ drives on school computers. These include files on the "Desktop", in the "My Documents", "My Pictures", and other similar folders. This process will take place over the summer.

All students are advised to do some "spring cleaning" and delete any old files that are no longer used or needed. If anything produced in class needs to be saved for next year, it has to be moved to an alternate location such as a thumb drive or exterior hard drive.

The IT department suggests that students begin taking advantage of their Google Drives, which have been provided by Ridgewood High School though their RHS Google Apps account. The Google accounts will not be touched as they do not take up physical space on the RHS servers.



Students in Matt Cheplic's literature & film honors class listened to guest speaker, Carlos Marimon, who works on the TV series *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*. Carlos discussed the script and production of an episode he wrote that aired last season.



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