

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

9/12/2014

## While You Were Gone

During the summer vacation, Ridgewood High School saw many new changes. Chief among these were the renovations being conducted on the school's new library and learning commons.

The school's cafeteria and four classrooms have also received a facelift with repairs and a fresh coat of paint revitalizing the rooms and several of the hallways. The majority of all RHS classrooms have been equipped with video projectors and laptop docking stations for teachers.

Chromebooks for all students have been ordered, but have been delayed due to a world-wide shortage, but students will continue to have access to all of Ridgewood's technology.



The High School Girls' Soccer Team, and their coaching staff, took the Ice Bucket Challenge over the summer in memory of former RHS Soccer Coach, Jack Elwood, who died of ALS in 2010 and donated his body to help conquer the disease.

## FAST FACTS...

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Renovations take place on the old Ridgewood High School Library as it is transformed into the new RHS Learning Commons.

## RHS' Triple Crown Student

Ridgewood High School Junior, Charlotte Samuels has become the youngest swimmer to complete open-water swimming's triple crown.

In July, Samuels, age 16, circumvented the Island of Manhattan, swam the Catalina Channel off the coast of California in August, and has now completed the twenty-hour swim across the English Channel, landing on the French shore early this week.

Samuels is also a member of the RHS swim team.



*\*Photo Courtesy of North Jersey News*

Charlotte Samuels swims the English Channel crossing from England to France.

## Upcoming

### September 13:

Cheerleader Car Wash;  
RHS Parking Lot

### September 13:

Super Soccer Saturday;  
2:00 pm; RHS Stadium

### September 15 to 18:

Seniors Meet with  
Counselors

### September 15:

New Players Auditions;  
3:15 pm; Little Theater

### September 17:

Back-to-School Night;  
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

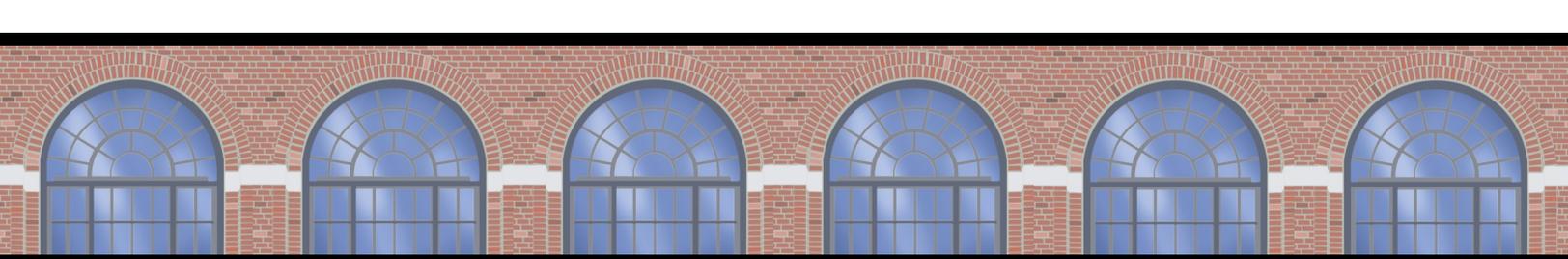
### September 18:

Co-Curricular Vocal  
Auditions; 11:00 am;  
Room 152

## WELCOME BACK

To our new parents and students, welcome to Ridgewood High School, and to those returning members of our school community, welcome back. Before us lays a school year full of promise. We encourage all students to take advantage of these years and get involved. You will gain more than you can imagine.

**"Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire."** -William Butler Yeats



### Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 17. The evening will begin at 7:30 PM. Beforehand, Dr. Thomas Gorman will be meeting in the Campus Center with all parents who wish to attend a 7:00 PM principal's address regarding the new Chromebook initiative and state of the school.

Seating is limited to 450, so please come early to get a good seat.

If you miss the address, a PowerPoint presentation with all the information will be posted on the website the following day.



On Friday, September 5, freshmen gathered in the main Ridgewood High School Gym for the annual club fair, as different clubs and student organizations vied for their attention in hope of attracting new members, and getting the newest RHS students involved.

Freshmen signed up for various clubs, including the Cambodia Club, which helps raise funds for Education in Cambodia, which attracted an impressive 96 new members at the fair.

### RHS Boys' Soccer Sponsors Second Annual "White Out" on Super Soccer Saturday on September 13th

The Ridgewood High School Boys Soccer program will host Super Soccer Saturday, September 13 at RHS Stadium. The Freshman, JV and Varsity teams will face rival Paramus at 2:00, 4:30 and 7:00 pm respectively. Varsity ceremonies will get underway at 6:45 pm.



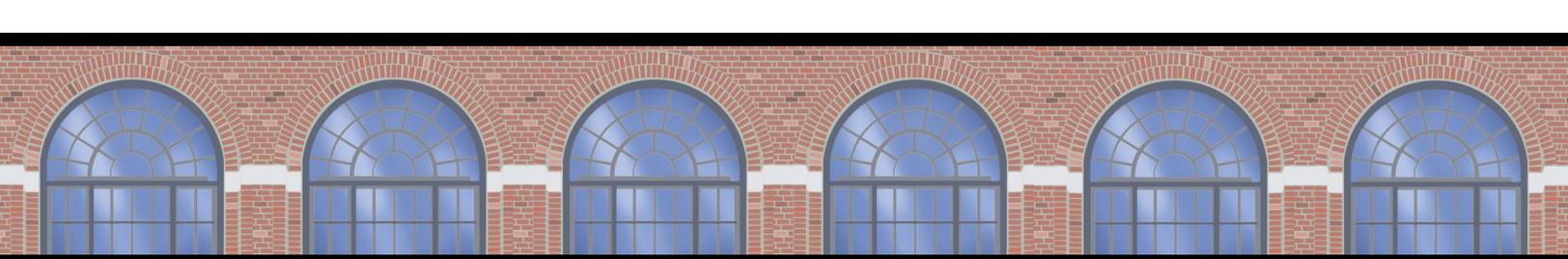
The U8, U9 and U10 boys Maroons youth players, in their white uniforms, will be playing scrimmages throughout the day and will help run the lines as ball boys during the games. Apparel and food concessions will be available for purchase. Wear white to support the boys soccer teams.

### RHS POLICY CORNER: Use of Technology and Chromebooks

Use of Ridgewood High School computers and the network is a privilege, not an entitlement. The network, software and hardware are the property of Ridgewood Public Schools. Students must be familiar with the Acceptable Use Policy (Ridgewood B.O.E. R2361) and also the School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils Policy (Ridgewood B.O.E. R7523.) Files stored on the RHS network are regularly inspected by authorized staff to ensure compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy and laws governing software. Students SHOULD NOT HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY for files and information stored on the Ridgewood High School network.

Students who abuse their network privileges will have their account closed and the use of RHS computers denied with additional penalties if the administration deems them inappropriate.

At the start of the year, parents must log onto their Skyward [Skyward Family Access](#) portal to fill out the Mandatory Online Registration Forms, one of which is the Acceptable Use Policy. This form must be completed by parents before students will be allowed to access the technology of Ridgewood High School.



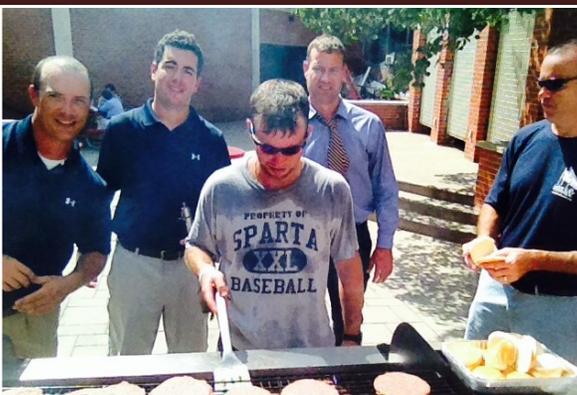
### A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Brian Quirk talks with his Project Adventure class in the opening week of school.



Students in Dr. Karen Walters' Grade 9 Biology class make observations on sand from different beaches.



Burgers cook on the grill during the barbeque at RHS to welcome back faculty and staff.

### The Overloading of NJ Schools

Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Superintendent of Ridgewood Public Schools, along with Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of the River Dell Regional School District contributed an opinion piece to the Star Ledger on the topic of the overloading of regulations and mandates placed on students and teachers by the State.

*Has the rapidly accelerating pace of public education-related government mandates now become utterly unsustainable?*

*In just the past few years, New Jersey legislators have chosen to burden local school districts with the umbrella of AchieveNJ, which includes the recent TeachNJ tenure reform act that imposes upon us a new teacher and administrator evaluation system, with student achievement data included as part of the process.*

*And as if that weren't enough, there's also the new computer-based student evaluation system known as PARCC, as well as updated curriculum programs and textbooks...*

To read the full article, you can check it out by clicking [HERE](#).



History teacher, John Domville, remembers the events of September 11, 2001 in an address to the student body as the vocal choir sings *America the Beautiful* on September 11.



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