

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

11/21/2014



Members of Helene Palumbo's French 2 class pose with letters from their pen pals overseas.

Pen Pals from France

Thirty-one students from Dunkerque, (Dunkirk,) France found pen pals at Ridgewood High School. Students of French Level 2, period 2 and period 3, from Ridgewood were very excited to receive letters from across the Atlantic.

The effort is a collaboration by Cheryl Pasquier, French Teacher at College Van Hecke in Dunkerque, France, and Helene Palumbo, French teacher at Ridgewood High School. The students now have new friends to correspond with and practice their skills in languages they are learning.

The goal behind this new friendship is to provide the students the opportunity to express themselves in French when writing letters to the students from Dunkerque.

FAST FACTS...

Chromebooks' batteries can last up to 8 to 10 hours with regular use and nightly charging. Remember to charge your Chromebooks every night.



Patricia Joseph, Kieran Power, and Kayla Kirk sing "All Girl Band" from *My Name is Alice*.

New Players Cabaret

On November 16, the Ridgewood High School New Players put on their Cabaret performances at Raymond's in downtown Ridgewood. Members of the company performed songs from various Broadway shows including, *Jersey Boys*, *Spring Awakening*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *My Name is Alice*. The night was full of entertainment and musical talent.



Dr. Thomas Gorman gives blood during the National Honor Society blood drive on November 17. The donation bus from the Community Blood Services parked outside Ridgewood High School and accepted donations from both students and faculty members over the course of two days.

Upcoming

November 21:
A Cappella Concert;
7:00 pm; Little Theater

November 22:
Jazz Band Clinic;
10:00 am; Campus Ctr.

November 25:
Sharing the Arts;
3:15 pm; Little Theater

November 26:
Early Dismissal

November 27:
THANKSGIVING

November 27 to 28:
School Closed

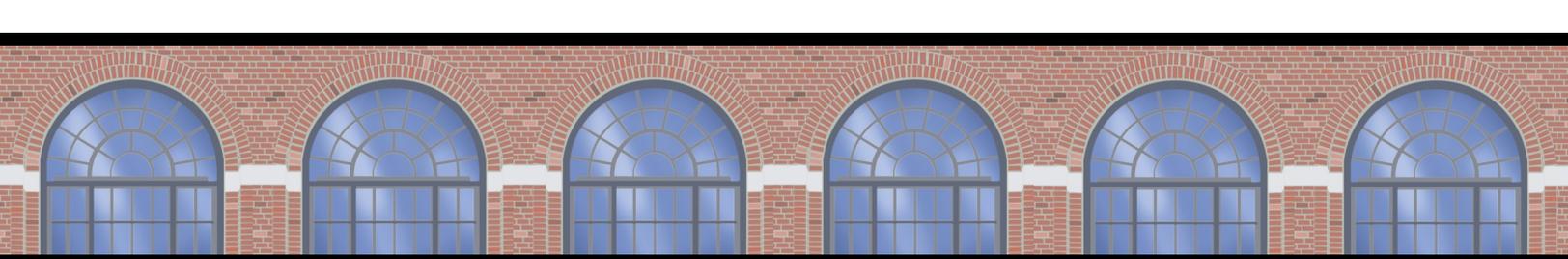
December 2:
Local Scholarship
Instructions; 9:30 am;
Campus Center

December 2:
Boys Soccer Banquet;
Campus Center

December 3:
Girls Soccer Banquet;
Campus Center

JUVENILE DIABETES

On November 23, the National Honor Society will be hosting a Walk for Juvenile Diabetes here at RHS. The Walk will begin at 1 o'clock and feature local bands for entertainment as well as a Bake Sale. Come out and walk or simply make a donation through any NHS student in honor of our team.



Teachers and staff at Ridgewood high school pose during this month's Enrichment morning. In a session titled *Coffee with the Custodians*, faculty members were invited to share coffee and bagels with the men and women who work hard to keep Ridgewood High School clean. Monthly enrichment sessions offer faculty and staff a chance to mingle and get to know one another in inter-departmental sessions that encourage not only learning but camaraderie among members of the RHS staff that may not always interact with one another on a daily basis.

Course Highlight: Studies in Shakespeare I/II



The students research the role of the fool in ancient myths and the Elizabethan and Jacobean plays through a teacher designed web-quest. Their task is to compare the role of the fool to modern comedians and use their research to analyze Feste in *Twelfth Night*. Shakespeare incorporates a fool/clown in most of his plays to expose strengths and weaknesses of characters, criticize political and religious fallacies, and remind the audience of its reality in contrast to the play's fictional world.

Studies in Shakespeare I and II is offered as a full year course to students in grades 11 and 12 seeking honors credit in English.

**4TH ANNUAL
KELLY'S COAT DRIVE**
November 29th
8:30am-12:30
Graydon
Parking Lot



Sponsored by
Somerville/Hawes
Dad's Night

&



**Kelly
Creegan
Memorial
Fund**

If you have any questions, email
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COLLECTING WINTER COATS AND ACCESSORIES
IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN FOR THANKSGIVING
PLEASE DROP DONATION AT
136 CIRCLE AVE

RHS POLICY CORNER: Partial Day/Period Absences

Once a student reports to school, he or she is expected to be present in all classes for the remainder of the school day. Any subsequent period(s) missed will be considered unexcused unless the absence is due to illness and has been excused by the School Nurse or a medical appointment in which proper documentation has been submitted. The student should submit the medical appointment documentation to the Attendance Office upon his or her return to school. If a parent calls to excuse a student for a medical appointment and no documentation is submitted, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

Any other period absence or partial-day absence must be approved by the student's Grade Advisor or the Attendance Office prior to the absence. For an absence to be excused, a parent or guardian must call the Attendance Office (201-670-2800 x20799) on the day of the absence stating the reason for the absence.

A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Jim Donnelly's English class look over the Wall Street Journal for an article to read aloud.



Students learning Tinkercard 3D Design software with GK12 fellow Ellexis Cook's guidance.



Students in Ernestina Gagliano's foods class cook breakfast using eggs and Vegemite.

Ridgewood Safe Homes

Safe Homes Parents Network is a national effort to develop a community-wide coalition of parents and other adults who are committed to addressing the issue of underage drinking/drugs in our community. The Ridgewood Safe Homes Network is a pledge-based program for guardians of youth in grades 6 through 12. There is no cost for membership. When you sign the Safe Homes Pledge, you let others know that underage drinking/drug use is not acceptable in your home.

Parents/guardians can sign the pledge at the website: RidgewoodMunicipalAlliance.org



Students in the Ridgewood High School Cambodia Club pose with their donation thermometer. Since 2007 Ridgewood students have raised money to build and sustain a school in the Kandal Province of Cambodia in response to that country's effort to recover from genocide. Every year Ridgewood students raise \$5,500 to pay for a teacher's salary, as well as computers, and an internet connection. With this new initiative, the club is looking to identify 55 families who would each like to donate \$100 to support the Ridgewood Village School.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER...

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford



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