

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

12/12/2014



Congressman Scott Garrett shakes hand with RHS senior, Jaesung Son.

Congressional Medal Awarded

Jaesung Son, a senior at Ridgewood High School, started an after school program in a neighboring town where he taught younger children how to play the violin in the evening. Little did he know how his act of volunteerism would be rewarded.

On December 5, Jaesung was awarded the Silver Medal Congressional Award for Volunteerism, in honor of the more than 200 dedicated hours of volunteer work. The award was presented personally by Ridgewood's local House Representative, Congressman Scott Garret.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize and reward initiative, achievement, and service in young people.

FAST FACTS...

According to the most recent numbers RHS students have sent out 2050 transcripts to colleges and universities so far in the 2014-2015 school year.

RHS Student Selected for USSYP

Ridgewood High School senior, Gabriel Voorhis-Allen, was selected as one of only two students from New Jersey as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program. The prestigious program will be held in Washington, D.C. from March 7, 2015 to March 14, 2015. The USSYP is designed to teach two exceptional students what it is like to be a senator for a week.

Gabriel, who is RHS's student council president, will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.



USSYP award recipient, Gabriel Voorhis-Allen, poses with Dr. Thomas Gorman, Nicole Riordan, and Keith Cook.



The Ridgewood High School Band, performs during their annual Winter Concert, on December 10. the band is directed by John Luckenbill.

Upcoming

December 9:

Choir Parent Meeting
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

December 10:

Teacher Enrichment
STUDENT SLEEP-IN

December 12:

A Christmas Carol;
8:00 pm; Little Theater

December 13:

A Christmas Carol;
2:00 pm; Little Theater

December 13:

A Christmas Carol;
8:00 pm; Little Theater

December 16:

CHANUKKAH BEGINS

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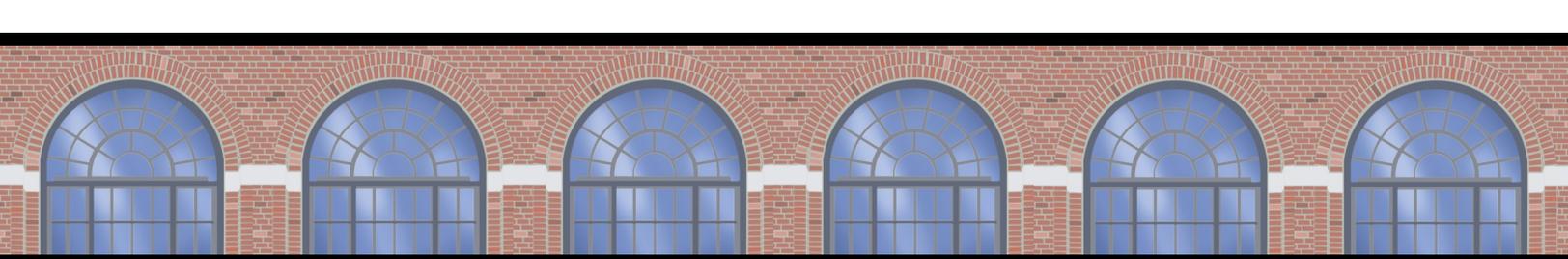
Orchestra Concert;
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

December 17:

Choir Concert;
7:30 pm; Campus Ctr.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Ridgewood High School would ask that both parents and students be mindful of traffic and traffic laws on RHS property and on E. Ridgewood Avenue, during the times of drop-off and pick-up. Public safety is the number one goal of Ridgewood Public School, and we want all students to arrive for class and back home safely.



Hey, High Schoolers! Did you ever want to play in a baseball league with your buds, pick your own team? Have you not played organized baseball since the 5th grade? Who cares? We got a league for you.



The RBSA high school recreational baseball program is going to a Biddy-Style format. What I mean is that you can pick your own team. A player/coach will form his own team of 16-20 players. You say, "Sure, but the HS baseball players will form a team and cream everyone." I say, "There is a restriction of no more than 5 HS players on any one team (Frosh, JV, Varsity, or any mixture thereof)." You say, "Sure, but the team that has the most HS pitchers will win." I say, "No HS pitcher at any level is allowed to pitch during the HS season and is limited in the playoffs." "No Ringer Rule" states that any player who has not played at least 3 innings in 50% of the games is not eligible for the playoffs. Everyone bats and plays equally in the field. Your team plays one weeknight and on Saturday from April through May with playoffs in June.

So form your team by class, club, neighborhood, or friendship. Go to www.RBSA.us/ website and look at the Bonvarlet Senior Rules and access Community Pass to sign up. If you do not have a full team, but still want to play, the league commissioner will place you on a team.

Sign up before December 31, 2014 to avoid a late fee .



RidgeWood High School DECA is raising money for the non-profit organization, The Seeing Eye. The Seeing Eye breeds, trains, and provides seeing eye dogs to

those in need. New Jersey and RHS DECA aims to raise enough money to donate a seeing eye dog to someone who cannot afford one, with a goal of \$600.

Please donate to our campaign during this holiday season. No donation is too small, and anything you can give will help give someone in need a helper and true companion.

To donate please go to www.gofundme.com/hskoppk

Thank you so much,
RHS DECA



Students in Jennifer Landa's Dance I class take instruction from Ridgewood Alumnus, Alec Cohen.

RHS Alum Returns as a Guest Artist

Students in Dance I and Acting I classes recently worked with guest artist, Alec Cohen, to help improve their skills in those respective classes. Cohen is a graduate of Ridgewood High School, class of 2013.

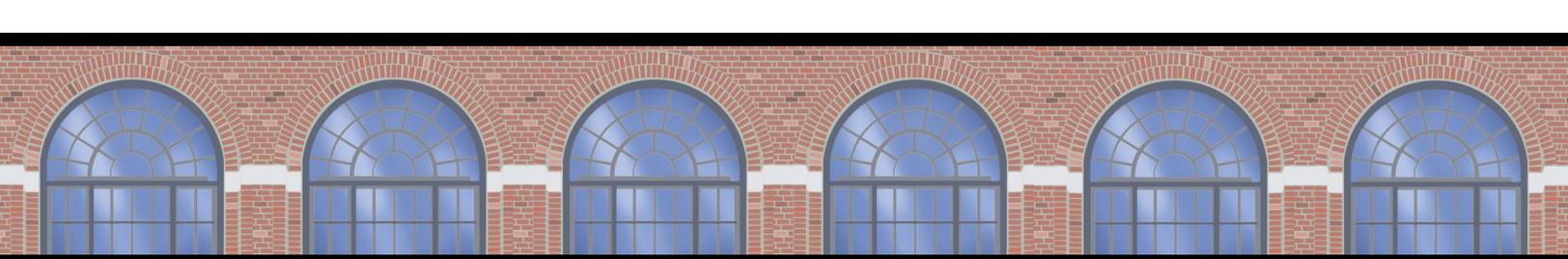
The dancers learned a combination from the Broadway musical, Legally Blonde, and the actors performed monologues and received feedback on their performances. Working with guest artists, students get different perspectives on their performances and the arts in general.

Both groups engaged in a question and answer session where they discussed the life of a musical theater performer.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Weapons

A school must maintain a safe learning environment in order for students to grow and learn socially, emotionally and academically. Possession, use, sale, intent to sell, or distribution of any type of weapon (knives, incendiary devices [i.e. fireworks or smoke bombs], etc.) is prohibited in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses and during school-sponsored activities.

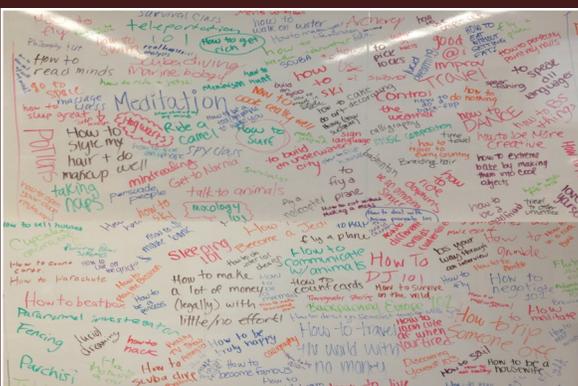
Possession, use, sale, intent to sell, or distribution of any type of weapon will be dealt with in a most serious fashion. Penalties will include suspension (10-day) and police notification.



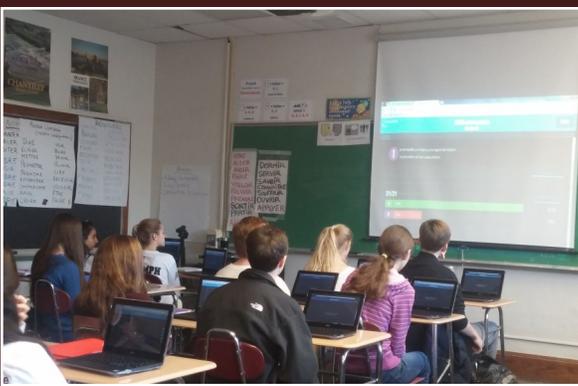
A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Michael Pounds shows his sophomore students how to properly use the weight machines.



Students in Kristen Caldwell's Philosophy and Literature class created projects on courses they would like to take and subjects they want to learn.



Students use their Chromebooks and Socrative software to record real-time responses to questions in their French II class.

Parent Internet Safety Presentation

The Internet Safety presentation for Parents from the Bergen County Computer Crimes Task Force is a 360-degree examination of current issues affecting pre-teens and teenagers on the Internet. It is a detailed conversation about the serious issues online and the concepts for dealing with them. During the presentation, we will briefly address sexual predators online and then focus on social networking, responsible use by teenagers, as well as sexting, cyberbullying, general solutions, and best practices. This event is open to anyone with interest in this topic.

The Parent Internet Safety Presentation by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office will be held on January 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Maywood Avenue School Large Gym, 452 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ.



A panel of women financial professionals talk with more than fifty students during the first meeting of Woman in the Work Force. The program was started by Ridgewood High School seniors, Beth Zrike and Chloe Coster, and held its first meeting on December 10. The students listened to the guest speakers talk about their career paths. There will be one seminar a month, with the January meeting focused on women in the medical field.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER...
"You might just find that what feels like failure isn't failure at all, it's what inspires you to dream even bigger." -Kermit the Frog



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