

# RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

2/27/2015

## QUESTION AND ANSWERS ABOUT PARCC

Many questions have arisen regarding the many changes occurring in education. Additionally, an updated letter form Jeffrey Nyhuis was emailed out today.

For more information, go to the [District Website - District Administration>Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction.](#)

### Q: Is PARCC a graduation requirement?

A: As of now, for the classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018, students will be able to satisfy the state requirement of demonstrating proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by achieving a passing score on a PARCC exam OR achieving a passing score on a substitute assessment such as the SAT, ACT, ASVAB, or Accuplacer. Following the link for more information: [State Requirements](#)

### Q: Will PARCC be on transcripts?

A: As in years past (HSPA), the PARCC scores will not go on the RHS transcript. We have received no indication that the scores must be on the RHS transcript or will be used in any way for college admissions. However, some colleges may request these scores for placement purposes in lieu of the Accuplacer exam. Ridgewood High School would not send any scores without student and/or parent permission. In addition, these scores will not be used at RHS for placement during the course selection process.

### Q: Pearson is selling scores to colleges?

A: No. As per the information on the Ridgewood district website, the data is ours and the State will use it in its aggregate. It does not belong to Pearson to sell.

For more information click the link for [PARCC Parent Information, relevant FAQ information](#) from the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), and from the [New Jersey Department of Education](#) (NJDOE).

## FAST FACTS...

An estimated 5.2 % of 16 or 17 year olds and 13.5 % of 18 to 20 year olds reported driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year.



Students enjoy food during for this year's Chinese New Year Celebration, held by the Ridgewood High School Chinese Club and advanced Chinese classes. Each year they serve lunch to RHS students and staff. This year marks the year of the Goat.

## RHS Wrestling

The Ridgewood wrestling team earned its third straight district championship at the District 6 Tournament this past weekend.

The Maroons will now send eleven district medalists to the prestigious Region 2 tournament which begins this Wednesday at Bergen



Top row: Kyle Inlander, Roger Toral, Ray Uzdaru, Nick Saglimbeni, Julian Bangash, Jack Trevisan. Bottom row: Ashimov Dubligov, Kyle Pechko, Jake Hall-Goldman, Robert Rigoglioso, Matt Binstock.

## Upcoming

### February 28:

Super Science Saturday; 9:00 am

### March 6:

Asian Festival

### March 7:

Asian Festival Benefit; 7:00 pm; Campus Center

## Super Science Saturday

Super Science Saturday will be held this year on Saturday, February 28 at Ridgewood High School.

A number of student projects will be presented, including:

-A Periodic Table with interlocking element pieces, where the height of each piece corresponds to the element's electronegativity. The radioactive element pieces also glow in the dark.

-Simple machines and selected compound machines that are found in the real world, and 3D projects from digital MRI files of the brain, foot, hand, jaw, and cranium.

-Complicated objects such as a solar powered satellite, a car, and spinners.

There will also be a display of nano-crystalline solar cells using blackberry juice to power small electronic devices.

## Pennies for Patients

Got Pennies? The Ridgewood High School National Honor Society is launching its newest service project to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, an organization that supports children with blood cancers.

The National Honor Society needs help collecting loose change. Anyone wishing to participate and contribute to this worthy cause should drop your loose change into the boxes that have been provided in every classroom.

Pennies for Patients is looking to meet the goal of \$500 for all of Ridgewood High School. So if you have any spare change left over from lunch or anything else, make sure to deposit in the boxes.

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## Course Highlight: Architecture II



Athena Kornermann's Architecture II students, junior, Dominic Cascino and sophomore, Liam Logan, recently completed their design for a mobile homeless shelter made entirely out of recycled materials.

Architecture II expands upon students' work from the first year course. Further emphasis is placed on graphic representation of ideas through pen and ink and computer generated renderings. Students are required to sketch, build sketch models, and explore ideas through research from a variety of sources including the Internet, current architectural publications, and by actually observing buildings and spaces. A long-term, thesis-like design project will be developed during Architectural Design II. Students are expected to present their work to their classmates and in department exhibitions.

## RHS POLICY CORNER: Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker. Lockers remain the property of RHS. Lockers may be searched by school officials at any time. A record of these assignments will be kept and monitored by the Grade Advisors. Students are expected to use only the lockers which they have been assigned. Any student using a locker other than the one assigned will be subject to disciplinary action by the Grade Advisor. Ridgewood High School will provide a lock for each student. The student is responsible and accountable for the lock. Ridgewood High School is not responsible for items lost or stolen from lockers. Students are urged not to bring large amounts of money or valuables since the school is not responsible for loss or theft of personal items. Student lockers will be subject to periodic inspection by administrative personnel. Students must use the school issued lock that has been placed on the locker. Students are financially responsible for damage to the locker which includes stickers and writing.

## A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students in Stefanie Gigante's Latin II learn a new grammar concept using candy like Sour Patch kids to visually diagram the grammatical elements in a series of practice sentences.



Spencer Gonzalez, baritone, sings for the most recent Maroon and White Recital in the Learning Commons.



Students in Colleen Contreras' and Lynn Moore's English class research and write editorials.

## DECA Goes to States

February 25 to February 27, one hundred and eight students from Ridgewood High School attended the DECA State Career Development Conference. Students completed exams, role play scenarios, and presentations, with the top three in each event moving onto the International Career Development Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida. The RHS chapter took home a variety of awards and honors from the week's events.

RHS DECA will be sending over thirty students to the international competition. Among those honored at the Cherry Hill competition is Alex Formichella, a Ridgewood junior, who was elected as a New Jersey state officer. She is only the third RHS student to win this distinction.



Abby McKenna and Emily Press pose with their second place trophy during the annual DECA State Career Development Conference, held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The conference took place this past week from February 25 to February 27.

### QUOTE TO REMEMBER...

*"Happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends upon what you think." —Dale Carnegie*



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