

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

2/26/2016

Black History Month

Ridgewood High School used the month of February to educate students on the contributions of African Americans. Teachers taught various lessons on important events and people who shaped American history, literature, and modern society.



Students in Cynthia DeTora and Ashley Rillo's English class take a quiz on Black History using interactive multimedia.



Students in Jim Donnelly's English class use their Chromebooks to research literary criticisms on "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

FAST FACTS...

RHS has more than 75 sports teams, with 29% of the student body participating in at least one sport, 19% participating in 2, and 7% in 3 sports.



The Ridgewood High School Learning Commons displayed a variety of historical and fictional books in celebration of Black History Month.

Read Aloud with Latin Class

Stefanie Gigante's Latin classes participated in World Read Aloud Day 2016, a celebration of reading that connects students to share their love of literature.

Each of her classes read stories via Google Hangouts. The high school students read texts to first and second graders at Willard, and to a first grade bilingual class in Ennis, Texas.



Students in period 7 Latin class read aloud a book to elementary students over the Internet on February 24 during World Read Aloud Day.

Upcoming

February 27:
RHS Band Citrus Delivery

February 27:
Super Science Saturday

March 1:
Band Association Meeting; 7:30 pm; Room 152

March 3:
Maroon and White Show; 3:30 pm; Library

March 4:
Asian Festival In-School Preview; 8:00 am

TEACHER RECOGNITION

The Teacher Recognition program for the 2015-2016 school year is now open. The committee is soliciting nominations of teachers and educational services professionals for this award.

Click on the following links to access the [Teacher Recognition Form](#) or the [Educational Service Professional Recognition Form](#).

Nominations can either be emailed to recognition@ridgewood.k12.nj.us or returned to the Ridgewood Teacher Recognition Committee c/o Human Resources, Education Center by Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Lacrosse Scoop Night and T-Shirt Sale

The Ridgewood High School Boys' Lacrosse teams invite the Ridgewood community to its Scoop Night fundraiser on Sunday March 6th from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Ben & Jerry's shop.



This event will feature special Ridgewood lacrosse St. Patrick's Day shirts for sale, and will cost \$20 each. They can be purchased at the Scoop Night, or by ordering via email to mollihan@optonline.net.



RIDGEWOOD BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 163 • Ridgewood, NJ 07451

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

The 2016 RBSA High School recreational baseball program is 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 (max of 3 varsity) 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 (maybe you have yourself and 2 friends), but still want to play, the league commissioner will place you on a team.

Changes to 2016 season include a draft for equal distribution of talent and a parent administrator will be assigned to each team to maximize the communication and game reminders.

Sign up before March 31, 2016. Fees are the same as last season!!

Support RHS DECA by purchasing some Omaha Steak between *Jan 22nd to March 26th*. See more at:
<http://www.steaksforgood.com/ridgewood>.

If you attend the local store, mention Ridgewood DECA!

Course Highlight: Non-Fiction Creative Writing I and II



Both are semester courses that can be taken in succession, or during Junior and Senior years. Both will fulfill the Senior English Requirement, and are also NCAA Certified.

The Non-Fiction Creative Writing classes are writing-intensive workshop courses. The students get to have small discussions and peer edit each other's work, as well as post to their own blogs. Students focus on word choice, finding their own voice, and a variety of storytelling techniques. They write about their lives, and work with the oral tradition of storytelling by sharing those stories. Some notable projects are children's books based upon childhood memories, and "Soundtrack Of Your Life" projects. NFCW I and NFCW II both culminate in scrapbook-style memoirs, including students' journals, stories, lists, photos, quotes, and soundtracks.

RIDGEWOOD UMBRELLA SALE

TO SUPPORT THE RHS CHEERLEADERS

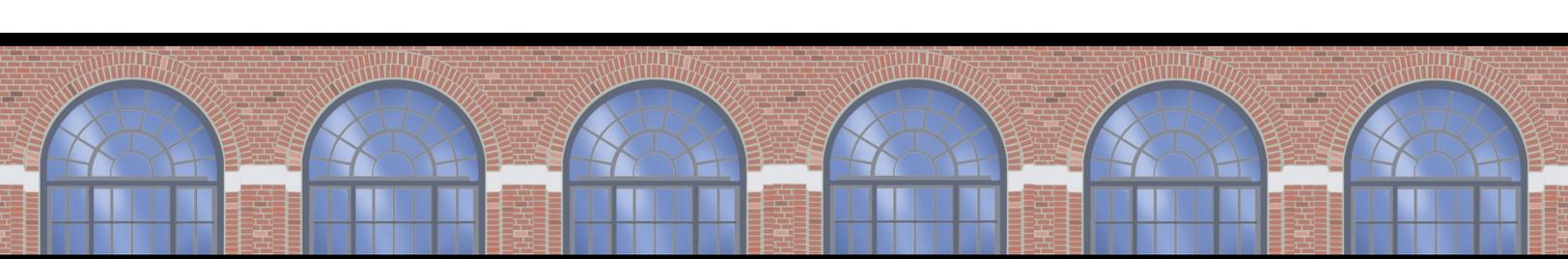
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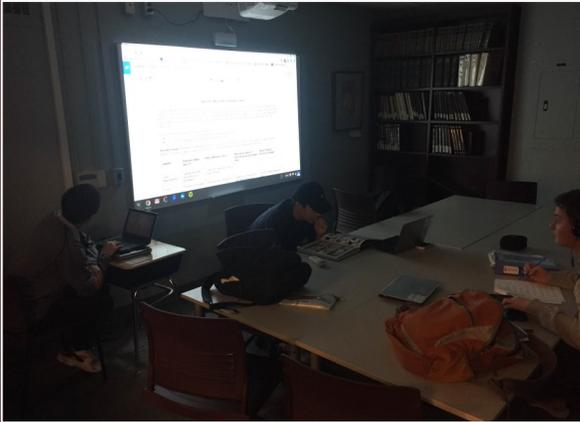
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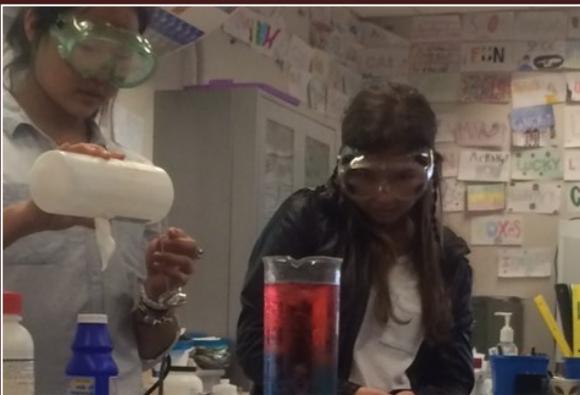




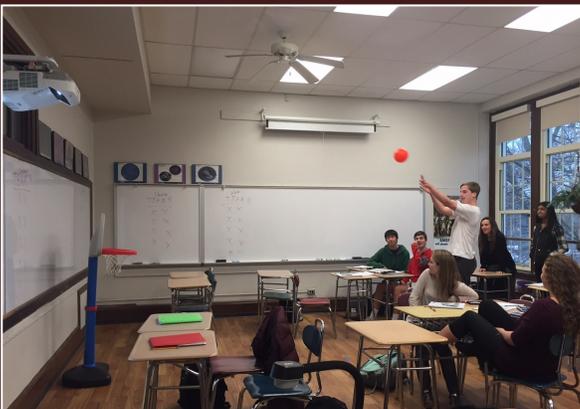
A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students work on a presentation in one of the conference rooms in the learning commons.



Students demonstrate the properties of acids and bases in their science class.



Students in Amanda McCullough's Pre-Calculus class play grudge ball.

Harvard Tells College Applicants: Focus on Kindness

At least 85 of America's top colleges are now endorsing the idea of emphasizing community involvement over personal success in their admissions policies. A new Harvard report is basically saying the best way to succeed for students who are applying to college is to relax, and be nicer to your family and neighbors.

The change is one of several reassessments of current admission policies -including de-emphasizing standardized test scores and more attention to home life- contained in a new report from the Harvard Graduate School of Education called "Turning the Tide." The report focuses on reducing pressure on students applying to college, promoting the common good across communities.

To read the full article check out the [Good News Network](#).



Students from Christine Lee's Chinese classes and the Ridgewood Chinese Club came together for Chinese New Year to hold their annual lunch fundraiser. Students brought in an assortment of Chinese cuisine and served them to teachers and students during unit lunch in celebration of the new year's celebration.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER...

"I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence." -Frederick Douglass



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