



ROSEVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Family Bulletin

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News for March 20, 2017

Hello RAHS Families-

This past chilly weekend, I spent a bit of time at RAHS getting warmed up and energized. On Saturday, RAHS played host to the annual speech team Rosebowl Competition. The building was absolutely abuzz with the focused excitement of hundreds of students preparing and presenting their speeches as well as their coaches and family members supporting their efforts. I know that our RAHS students participating in Speech are definitely growing both their academic and life skills!

On Sunday, Quincy and I spent a couple hours at RAHS as she helped me prepare for the week ahead. There's certainly a peacefulness that I enjoy when I have the chance to walk the quiet halls of RAHS. I try and do 'equity walks' during these quiet times. When walking our halls and popping into classrooms, I will pay particular attention to the cultural representation of our students, ensuring that all learners see themselves in and out of the classroom at RAHS.

I hope to see many of you at this week's "Seussical the Musical!"

"You can speak well if your tongue can deliver the message of your heart."

-John Ford

Go Raiders,
Jenny

Jenny Loeck, Ed. D.

Principal

Roseville Area High School

Quick Glance Calendar

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Looking to April:	
April 5	No school for grades 9 & 12
April 5	MCA Testing for grades 10 & 11. Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
April 14	No school
April 19	No school for grades 9, 10 & 12
April 19	ACT Testing for grade 11. Early dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
April 20	Conferences from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
April 22	Prom

RAHS Notes

Student Fines

Students can incur fines from the school district for a variety of reasons. Most often because they've lost a book, owe a class materials fee, have a negative balance in their lunch account, or forgot to return an athletic uniform. This information is always available by selecting 'Fees' from your Synergy ParentVue or StudentVue account.

The media center communicates fines separately from Synergy. On March 17, the media center sent emails to students who have overdue books or textbooks. Students can check their school email account or stop in the media center for this information. A reminder that classroom textbooks need to be re-checked out every trimester.

In order to buy a prom ticket or participate in commencement ceremonies, all outstanding issues need to be resolved.

Class of 2017

Academics

Choir News

Our chamber choir, 'The Good 'Pellas,' has been invited to perform this Sunday at Orchestra Hall at the Choral Arts Finale Gala Concert. Click [here](#) for event information.

Bel Canto, our grade 10 - 12 womens choir, will be performing and attending clinics next weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Activities



Spring Fundraiser Musical

Performances of 'Seussical the Musical' will be held this week. The show is entirely student produced and will include a pit orchestra. Performance dates and ticket information at www.rahsdrama.net.

Prom - 'An Ancient Paradise'

Prom will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Envision Event Center in Oakdale from 8 - 11:45 p.m. Ticket sales begin April 10 and are \$40.00 per person. The Grand March will be held in our lower gym beginning at 4 p.m. Click [here](#) for prom details.



You're invited!

Friday, March 31
7 pm
RAHS Auditorium

If you are interested in or curious about or want to support our speech team, come enjoy an evening of performances and see what Speech is all about!

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This weekend, the Roseville speech team hosted **Rosebowl 2017**, a tournament comprised of more than 1,000 competitors, judges, and coaches. Our own team did very well, placing 6th out of 18 teams. Some highlights include:

-Duo Interpretation: Sam Hamerski & Maia Peterson, 3rd place; Elder Romero & Pragma Karmacharya, 4th place

-Humor: Vakare Bartkaitis, 3rd place; Maia Peterson, 4th place

-Original Oratory: Olivia Demerath, 4th place

In addition to those finalists, the following students were in Honor Final rounds (top 7-12th place): Charlie Park (Extemporaneous Speaking), Sam Hamerski (Original Oratory), Pragma Karmacharya (Extemporaneous Reading); Elena Walczak & Signy Weber (Duo Interpretation); Signy Weber (Original Oratory); Elena Walczak (Prose); and Savannah Sedlacek (Storytelling).

The speech team invites you to their **Ovation Showcase**. At the event, five of our national tournament bound competitors will present their programs and other speech team members will present small segments of their speeches.

College & Career News

Upcoming College Visits to the Career Center		
Wednesday, March 22	Hibbing Community College	10 a.m.
Thursday, March 23	Navy ROTC	1 p.m.
Thursday, March 30	Century College	10 a.m.

The **ASVAB** will be given on Tuesday, March 21 from 8:15-11:15 a.m. Students interested in investigating careers or students interested in being a part of the Armed Services should consider taking this assessment. Sign up in the Career Center.

The League of Women Voters has announced the opening of their 2017 Youth Award. The award is open to juniors. Applicants are asked to write an essay on one of 5 topics. Applications are available in the Career Center. The deadline is April 1.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) is pleased to announce the upcoming **Summer Academic Enrichment Program** for 2017. The Summer Academic Enrichment Program provides stipends, for students completing grades 3 to 11, to cover all or a portion of the fee for attending approved summer academic enrichment programs if students meet income and academic requirements. Click [here](#) for a list of eligible programs.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2017 Junior Volunteer Program at the University

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of Minnesota Medical Center. This program is for 15-18 year old students interested in medical careers. For requirements and shift information go to [Summer Junior Volunteer Program](#).

Fundraisers & Donation Drives

Drama	March 27	Chipotle Rosedale	5 - 8 p.m.
Boys LAX	April 5	Chipotle Rosedale	5 - 9 p.m.

Parent Meetings

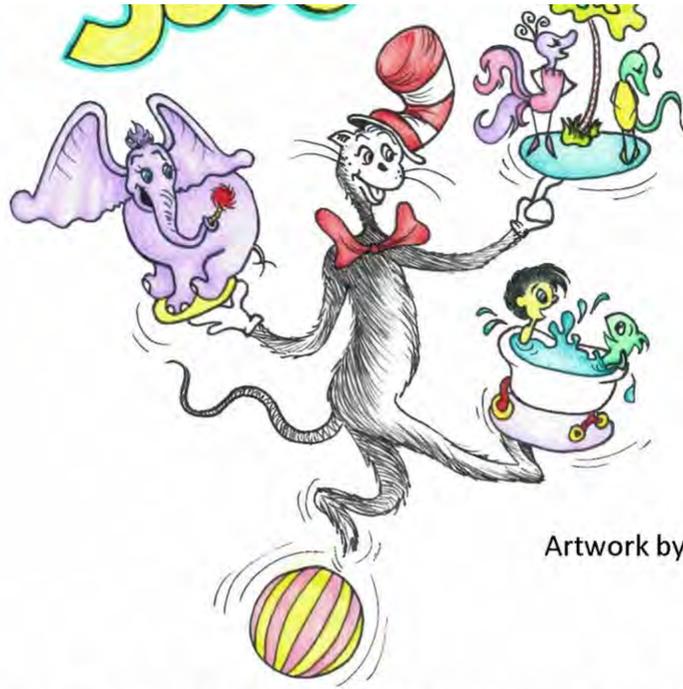
Grad party decorating work session	Wednesday, March 22	6 - 8 p.m. Cafeteria
Girls LAX - Parent & Athlete	Thursday, March 23	6:30 p.m. Media Center
Grad party decorating work session	Saturday, March 25	Noon - 4 p.m.
Naviance Information/PTSA Meeting	During conferences on April 20	4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

District News

Roseville Area High School Drama Presents



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Artwork by Zoe Huot-Link

March 22 at 1pm (Senior Matinee)

March 23, 24, 25 at 7pm

March 26 at 1pm

Reserved Tickets at www.rahsdrama.net/box-office

\$8 Student, \$10 Adult & \$5 General Admission

Roseville Area High School Auditorium

1240 County Road B2

**Student-Directed Thespian Troupe Fundraiser Show - all proceeds go
to send students to International Thespian Festival June 2017**



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We are excited to extend a special invitation to you to participate in our upcoming **Partners for the Future: Career Pathways and Work Experiences** event on Wednesday, March 29, from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Roseville Area High School Media Center.

The purpose of this event is to bring together business partners, community leaders, and educators to review our developing career pathways and discuss possible work experience opportunities for Roseville Area High School and Fairview Alternative High School students. Additionally, we will discuss the relevant competencies and credentials your organization is looking for in prospective employee candidates. We believe your insights are critical in forming a unified vision of how our students can take steps towards becoming college and career ready.

Space is limited! If you or a member of your team are interested in joining us for the event, please [register here](#).

You will be contacted via email to confirm your registration. If you have any questions, please contact our College and Career Readiness Administrator, Todd Olson, at todd.olson@isd623.org or 651-604-3500.

Together, we can make a difference in connecting and supporting youth in our community!



OFFICE OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY

John J. Choi

March 15, 2017

Dear Superintendents and Principals:

I am reaching out to request your partnership in raising awareness among students and parents about the dangers of Nerf Wars in order to keep our teens safe. Nerf Wars or Nerf Assassins has become an increasingly popular, yet highly dangerous, activity amongst our youth. Nerf Wars involves teens forming teams and then "killing" opposing team members with nerf guns. The winning team receives a cash prize awarded from entry fees, so students are often highly motivated to compete. While these activities are not sponsored by schools, a group of parents from a high school advisory council asked to meet with me to share their concerns. I learned a lot about what is happening and am concerned that some of these activities are not only dangerous, but also illegal, and could result in serious injuries and/or prosecution.

Sadly, last school year, two Lakeville high school students were killed in a car accident while the driver and passengers were reportedly engaged in Nerf Wars. In addition, parents have reported that teens have used cars to block other teens; jumped on top of moving vehicles; slashed tires; gotten into car accidents; crawled into homes, garages and/or on roofs without the homeowner's permission, often in the dark and in violation of curfew laws. I am seriously concerned that a homeowner, believing a burglary was in progress, could potentially shoot and/or kill such a teen. In addition, teens running around in the dark "shooting" at each other with Nerf guns that resemble real guns put themselves in danger. Further, an apparent "naked

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violation of curfew laws. I am seriously concerned that a homeowner, believing a burglary was in progress, could potentially shoot and/or kill such a teen. In addition, teens running around in the dark "shooting" at each other with Nerf guns that resemble real guns put themselves in danger. Further, an apparent "naked rule" incents students to remove their clothing because they are forbidden from being "killed" when naked. Given that most teens have cell phones with cameras, photos of naked teens may be circulated on social media, which is not only harmful to the teen in the photo, but illegal in many circumstances.

As we all know, a criminal/delinquency record can have seriously negative consequences on a teen's future, impacting their ability to secure student loans, housing, employment, a driver's license and insurance coverage. Most importantly, the tragedy in Lakeville taught us that what starts as a game can turn deadly in seconds. I am concerned that if we, as adults, don't intervene and educate our students, we could face more tragedies, similar to what happened in Lakeville.

As your County Attorney, I want students and parents to be aware of these potential dangers to help keep our community safe. Please contact Jill Fedje, one of our community prosecutors, at (651) 266-3003 if you would like additional information or to have our staff attend a meeting.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our community safe.



John Choi
Ramsey County Attorney

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SENIOR ALL-NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEVEN weeks and counting down to the RAHS All-night Graduation Celebration. All seniors are invited to attend and parents from all grades are encouraged to help! The party is a safe, alcohol-free, and drug-free environment for the seniors to have fun and celebrate their accomplishments.

Registration is now open: All students should have received their invitations and will receive a discounted fee of \$55 for registering by April 12th. Registration forms can be returned to the activities office. The invitation can also be found on the website.

Have questions or need more information about the party? There is a lot of information available on the party website at <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.isd623.org/rahs-senior-party>

Going to Prom? If you are going to prom, you can help the senior party at the same time! Men's Warehouse has donated two tux rentals (valued at \$175). If you go <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a5a628aaff2-prom> you can get a great discount on these items along with a haircut at Fantastic Sams, up to \$250 off on a dress at Repeat after Me Bridal Consignment in Little Canada, or car washes to take your date to prom. All proceeds go to support the senior party.

Adult and Student Volunteers – we need you! Consider helping out for a few hours before the party, joining a committee, volunteering for fundraising, or sign-up for the night of the party. Current volunteer needs are:

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for the night of the party. Current volunteer needs are:

- 1) **Fundraising committee** members needed. Fundraising helps keep ticket prices down for all students. Many different ways that you can help. Contact: Stacia Larson at cslarson23@msn.com.
- 2) **RAHS Students and Adults** - We need volunteers to help with a grocery bagging fundraiser at Cub Foods (Larpenteur in Roseville) on Saturday April 15th. Three shifts are available for 2.5 hours each. Students of all grades are welcome to help bag while adults are needed to chaperone. Get your friends to sign up with you and earn volunteer hours at the same time. One \$25 gift card will be given to a lucky winner on each shift. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a45a5a628aaff2-bagging>
- 3) **Decoration Builds** - Join a motivated group of volunteers to create the magical decorations for the party. Tasks available to fit all artistic abilities. Come to the RAHS Cafeteria during any or all of the following dates to help. Wed. March 22nd - 6pm - 8 pm; Sat March 25th 12 pm - 4 pm (painting); Tues March 28th 6pm - 8 pm; Sat April 1st 12pm - 4pm (painting)
- 4) **Volunteer the night of the party** - Hundreds of volunteers needed between Thursday June 1st through Saturday June 3rd to decorate the school, serve

food, staff games, run security, and help with set-up and clean-up. We know that senior parents are really busy at this time and ask parents from all grades to pay this forward so when you have a senior, other parents also help at your child's party. It is a great way to meet other parents and volunteers and really energizing. Sign-up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cabaf28a3f58-2017>

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ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support RAHS Drama. Come in to the Chipotle at **860 Rosedale Shopping Ctr Ste 1020** in Roseville on **Monday, March 27th** between **5:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on

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Shopping Ctr Ste 1020 in Roseville on **Monday, March 27th** between **5:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to RAHS Drama.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

If you need help with school paperwork or communicating with school staff please contact:

Spanish: Si necesita ayuda con los formularios escolares, o tiene alguna pregunta sobre la educación de su hijo(a) por favor llame a:

Marlene Stillman – 651-604-3546 marlene.stillman@isd623.org **Cecilia Martino** – 651-235-3426 cecilia.martino@isd623.org
Brenda Vasquez – 651-233-9787 brenda.vasquez@isd623.org **Carolyn Ellis** – 651-999-9385 carolyn.ellis@isd623.org
Liz Gallegos – CP – 651-703-4753 elizabeth.gallegos@isd623.org

Hmong: Yog nej xav tau kev pab txog cov ntaub ntawv tuaj ntawm tsev kawm los xav txuas lus nrog cov neeg ua haujlwm thov hu:
Maider Lee – 651-210-7821 maider.lee@isd623.org

Karen: နမ့်ဉ်လိဉ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤဘၣ်ယးဒီးလံာ်ဇီၤလံာ်ဇီၤ,မ့တမ့ၢ်တၢ်စံးကတိၤသကိးတၢ်ဒီးကိၣ်ပုၤဘၣ်မူဘၣ်ဒါဝံသးစူၤဆဲးကျၢဘၣ်
Mya Phyu – 651-307-4475 mya.phyu@isd623.org **Hsar Htoo** – 651-332-6929 hsar.htoo@isd623.org
Zin Zin Htoo – 651-278-1897 zinzin.htoo@isd623.org

Somali: Hadii aad u bahantahay in laga caawiyo buxinta waraqaha iskuul iyo xiriirka mamulka fadlan lasoo xiriix
Fathiya Yusuf – 651-322-0468 fathiya.yusuf@isd623.org

Nepali: यदि तपाईं विद्यालयका कागजी काम गर्न अथवा विद्यालयका कर्मचारीहरूसँग कुरा गर्न सहायता चाहनुहुन्छ भने कृपया संपर्क गर्नुहोस् :
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