

RIVERHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we begin the fourth quarter of the school year, it is imperative that we examine our accomplishments as well as our areas of need, as we plan for the next school year. Your continued input is essential to this process. If any of us at Riverhead High School can help further support your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please review the following information with your child:

1. Student Scheduling

A great deal of time, care, and effort is devoted to assuring that each student is placed into an educational program that will best meet his or her individual needs. Input is sought from students, parents, teachers, and counselors. The scheduling process is a lengthy one, starting in December and ending in July. It is the goal of the staff, through this process, to ensure a smooth opening of the new school year, one marked by a minimum of disruptions due to schedule changes. Any changes in these course selections must be submitted in writing by the student and parent to his/her guidance counselor prior to **June 1st. THERE WILL BE NO STUDENT/PARENT INITIATED SCHEDULE CHANGES AFTER JUNE 27th.** Our students must be committed to their course selections as we design a schedule for the next school year that is student centered and fiscally responsible.

2. Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Enrichment Class

During the month of June, Ms. Strobel will conduct an Advancement Placement English Language and Composition Enrichment Class from 2:10 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Ms. Strobel is the current Advanced Placement English Language and Composition teacher and will be teaching the class during the 2008 - 2009 school year. We are offering this opportunity to help acclimate students to the Advanced Placement curriculum they will study during their junior year as well as give an opportunity to students who haven't yet made a final decision regarding their enrollment in the class.

3. School Visitors

Please be advised any adult entering the school building will be asked to present photo identification and sign-in when entering the school building. You will then be asked to wait for an escort. We appreciate your attention to this procedure as we try to ensure the safest environment for your children.

4. Student Absence

If your child is absent, please document it with the attendance office by either calling (631) 369-6745 the day of the absence or send in an absence note with your child upon his/her return to school. The absence note should include the child's first and last name, the date and reason for the absence. Mr. Nelson and the school administration have and will continue to conduct home visits and neighborhood drive to proactively combat excessive lateness and truancy. Thank you for your time and cooperation with these procedures.

5. Hall Sweeps

At any time during the school day, a hall sweep may be conducted. Hall sweeps are conducted after the late bell to make certain all students are in their respective classroom. Every child must understand how important it is to be prompt to class. The normal consequence for lateness is PM detention.

6. Student IDs / Open Campus

Students are asked to possess a school issued ID card on a daily basis. Students may be asked, at anytime, by any school employee to provide a school issued ID card. Juniors and seniors must have their school ID to leave school grounds during their designated lunch

period. This procedure is in place to try to ensure the safest environment for the school building and more importantly the students at Riverhead High School.

7. Dismissal

At the conclusion of the school day, a RHS student has a variety of extra curricular opportunities such as teacher assisted extra help, clubs, activities, athletics, etc. We ask that students do not leave the school building at dismissal and return to either take the 4:00 p.m. bus or enter an extra curricular activity late without a pass. A student jeopardizes his/her opportunity to ride the school bus if the above scenario takes place. We do however offer students an area to congregate after attending an after school activity when they are waiting for the 4:00 bus. Cafe Catch the Wave is located in our cafeteria commons area and gives students this type of opportunity.

Once again, we want to ensure the safest environment possible for our students and we want to make sure a student can be accounted for at the end of the school day.

8. Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey

The Riverhead Community Awareness Program, Inc. (CAP) is conducting the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey during the High School Awareness Day on April 18, 2008. Grades 10 and 12 have been selected to participate in this survey. The survey is voluntary and entirely anonymous. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey booklet. All results from the study will be presented in a group summary report. The survey is being conducted to help gather information for further prevention and intervention services. Further information is enclosed.

9. SAT and ACT Exam Information Please review dates with your child

May 3rd - SAT - at RHS at 7:15 a.m.

May 5th - SAT - registration for June 7th exam - this exam will not be given at RHS

May 9th - ACT registration for June 14th exam

June 7th - SAT - this exam will not be given at RHS

June 14th - ACT - at RHS at 7:15 a.m.

10. Upcoming May Dates:

Friday, May 2nd - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Art in Action - HS Gymnasium

Tuesday, May 6th - 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting - HS Auditorium

Tuesday, May 13th - 7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting - HS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 14th - National Honor Society Induction - Vineyard Caterers

Thursday, May 15th - 2:45 PM - Foreign Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Thursday, May 15th - 7:30 PM - PTO Meeting - HS Library

Tuesday, May 20th - BUDGET VOTE - HS GYMNASIUM

Tuesday, May 20th - 7:00 PM - High School Spring Concert - HS Auditorium

Thursday, May 22nd - Early Preparedness Drill - Dismissal at 1:44 PM

Friday, May 23rd - Wednesday, May 28th - Memorial Day Recess - School is closed

I would also like to congratulate our students on some of their recent achievements:

* A number of our winter sports athletic teams were recognized as **Scholar/Athlete Teams** with grade point averages over 90%. A number of our athletic teams were also honored with the Sportsmanship Award.

* RHS was victorious during the second round of the **News 12/Cablevision Long Island Challenge**.

* Our student that won first place at Riverhead High Schools **Iron Chef Contest**, once again displayed his genius in the kitchen by winning a close second at the recent 2008 Long Island Bartenders & Chefs Ball High School Culinary Arts Competition.

* Ten RHS students have formed a team and entered **The Lexus Environmental Challenge**. The Challenge is a national contest that encourages students to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact their communities.

* One of our students has been personally selected to attend the **University Presidential Inaugural Conference** in Washington, DC, celebrating the Inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States.

* Twelve highly trained RHS Forensics students formed a team to test their investigative skills and to compete in the **CSI Challenge** conducted on the Brentwood Campus of Suffolk County Community College on Friday, April 4, 2008.

Please visit our school website for more information regarding the above items as well as other RHS happenings. It is my privilege to be the principal at Riverhead High School and work with your children on a daily basis.

Respectfully,

Mr. Zimbler - Principal