

RHINEBECK HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Rhinebeck High School Families:

It doesn't seem possible that we are approaching the end of the first quarter! The days have flown by, filled as they are with so many activities—classes, club meetings, after school practices, and evening rehearsals. Our school is alive with the presence of our young people, learning, growing, and exploring.

The first quarter will end on November 9th. As we move toward the end of the first quarter students will begin or conclude many summative assessments including final essays, research projects, or unit exams that will allow them to demonstrate their mastery in their content areas. Report cards will be mailed approximately one week after the end of the quarter. As we continue in our partnership in the education of your children, please consider meeting with teachers on one of our Parent-Teacher conference dates, November 29th and 30th. While we want to foster independent work habits in our students as is developmentally appropriate, it is also important to provide a “safety-net” created by home school communication.

In addition, please consider suggesting our after school homework study hall. In this new program, teacher-supervised study halls meet three times a week from 2:20—3:10, and provide students with a quiet, academic atmosphere in which to complete their school work, while the day's classes are still fresh in their minds. Please contact me for more information, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns (871-5500).

Ed Davenport

SPORTS NEWS



SPORTS INFORMATION LINE

We have a sports information line regarding all of our athletic events. The number is (845) 871-5500 ext. HAWK (4295). This line is updated at least once a day. The most recent information will be posted here for your convenience. Please listen to the recording on what is going on for the day/week with the Rhinebeck Hawks. **COME JOIN US AND CHEER ON OUR TEAMS- GO HAWKS!**

On Thursday, November 1st, there will be a **Winter Sports Organizational Meeting** at 7:30 in the Auditorium.

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

November is a great month to visit local colleges. Now is the time that colleges are hosting their open houses. Come in and check out the bulletin board in the Guidance Office or review the enclosed calendar that has a listing of the scheduled representatives from many private and state colleges to speak to our students. If you have any questions, please call or stop by and see Mrs. DiAngelo in the Guidance Office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The school nurse would like to remind all parents that 10th graders in New York State **must** have a physical on file with her. Please have a physical completed for your child in 10th grade and forward it to Mrs. Murphy, school nurse. Thank you!

EARLY DISMISSAL IN NOVEMBER FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Nov. 29th - Early Dismissal-Dismiss BMS and RHS students at **10:30 AM**

Nov. 30th - Early Dismissal- Dismiss BMS and RHS students at **11:15 AM**

The early dismissal times and dates are for **High School Parent/Teacher Conference** times. On **Thursday**, November 29th the conference will be held from **5:30-8PM**. On **Friday**, November 30th the Parent/Teacher Conference will run from **12 noon-2:30 PM**. **Appointments** can be made **starting Tuesday, November 13th in the High School Main Office** by either calling the Main Office at (845) 871-5500 Ext. 5501 or coming into the office. The High School Main Office will be closed on Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day. Please have on hand your child's list of teachers that you would like to make the appointments with as appointments are done individually with each teacher. Mark your calendar and we hope you can join us!

EARLY NOTICE OF AN EARLY DISMISSAL IN JANUARY

Rhinebeck High School and Bulkeley Middle School will be dismissed from school at 11:15 am on January 24th in order to provide faculty with

professional development, and to administer the Math A Regents Examination. Students who are sitting for the Math A Regents will report to the high school cafeteria for lunch, and will then assemble in the high school gymnasium at 11:45 AM for the exam.

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2008 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ed Davenport, principal of Rhinebeck High School, announced that Rachel Baker, Katherine Scherr, Render Shanahan, and Joseph Targia have been named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptionally academic promise. They are placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"The young people named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program are distinguished by their strong academic performance in this rigorous competition," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "Our nation's pursuit of educational excellence can be furthered by publicly honoring these outstanding students and by acknowledging the important role schools play in fostering their development. We hope that this recognition will contribute to their educational opportunities and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

Our good news has been shared with *The Poughkeepsie Journal*, *The*

Gazette Advertiser, The Daily Freeman, and The Register-Star.

30 RHINEBECK STUDENTS NAMED AS AP SCHOLARS

30 students at Rhinebeck High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in more than 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May, 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

At Rhinebeck High School, five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Amy Canham, Elizabeth Dalton, Greg Marvin, Joshua Neifeld, and Rick Rielly.

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Jack Fox, Samantha Mackie, Caroline Moore, Isaac Nicholson, Eric Schweppe, Theresa Usuriello, and Meghan Walker.

Eighteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Lily Berthold-Bond, Thomas Byrnes, Amelia Calsi, Derek Gideon, Mirla Gonzalez, Michelle Graziadio, Danielle Herr, David Kasofsky, Ryan Perry, Brenden Phelan, Arun Saxena, Michael Schaff, Katherine Scherr, Ryan Scott, Joseph

Targia, Kevin Todisco, Karina Urbini, and David Weichsel.

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RHINEBECK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER NAMED

Rhinebeck High School is pleased to announce their Students of the Month for September. Students of the month have been nominated by the faculty, and they are students who have distinguished themselves by consistently producing superior work, demonstrating extraordinary effort, or by demonstrating outstanding commitment to their studies.

Rhinebeck High School Students of the Month for September are:

Art	Ali Kerr
English	Matt Halstead
French	Sam Kogon
Latin	Kevin Todisco
Spanish	Benjamin Hoynes
Home and Careers	Carrie Simon
Math	Alexandra Collins
Music (Choral)	Andy Williams
Music (Instrumental)	Thomas Casey
Physical Education	Kaitlin Bonk David Plass
Social Studies	Ethan Romano
Science	Christine Westcott

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SCHOOL PICTURES OF UNDERGRADUATES

Undergraduate yearbook/school pictures were taken **October 19th**. Make up/retake undergraduate picture day is scheduled for **November 28th, 2007**. The picture taking schedule will be posted throughout the school. Additional order forms may be obtained in the main office or by calling Davis Studio at 1-800-DAVISOK. Money is due the day of the photos.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Last chance yearbook orders must be received by November 30th. Extra order forms are in the main office.

Environmental Club News

The Environmental Club is collecting old cell phones and used ink cartridges for proper disposal. Please bring old cell phones and used ink cartridges to room 126 and give them to Ms. Christie or an Environmental Club member. Thank you.

Environmental Club is off to a successful beginning! We started the new school year off with a bulb sale, which has raised us about \$250. We also are cleaning the highway and areas around the school, and our membership is on the rise! Just a reminder, please do not leave your car idling while your parent pick you up, burning less gasoline will help the environment greatly!

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK STUDY HALL

We are now offering a homework study hall that is devoted to only concentrating on your child's homework assignments. The study hall is manned by teachers and the study hall lasts from 2:20 PM until 3:10 PM on the below stated dates

and locations. Dates, times, and locations are as follows:

November 1	Room 107
November 5	Room 102
November 13	Room 106
November 15	Room 142
November 19	Room 141
November 20	Room 105
November 26	Room 147
November 27	Room 106

STUDENT DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

We would like to ask that parents pull up as far as possible in the yellow zone for student drop offs. In addition, if you are changing drivers or have a lot of gear to unload, please pull into a parking spot. In this way, student unloading will occur quickly.

Please also shut off your engine if you are parked.