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Parent Newsletter

Rainier Beach High School

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RBHS Vision:

To empower students and staff to "Go for the Gold", through academic, artistic, and social achievement everyday!

RBHS Mission:

To empower students to become life-long learners, through the support of family, staff and community, to excel academically, and creatively in a multicultural world!

Welcome Back!

We are now off to a great start of our 2008-2009 school year! To all of our new students and families, welcome to Rainier Beach, and to all returning students and families, welcome back! We at Rainier Beach feel that this is going to be a wonderful year and are excited about all the changes that will be occurring. We look forward to working with the families and community in order to make this a positive, successful year for all.

Senior Corner

Check out this box in every newsletter to get updates and important information about your senior's final year!

The first senior parent meeting will be held on **September 11th** at 7:00 PM in the library at Rainier Beach High School. This meeting is very important to learn about everything you and your student need to know about senior year! Topics covered will be:

Cap/Gown, Senior Events, SAT/ACT Testing and Fundraisers

Hope to see you there!

WASL Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2009-2012



For the graduating classes of 2009-2012, students must pass the high school Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). According to state law, every student from the graduating classes of 2009-2012, must pass the Reading, Writing, and Math WASL (or an alternative) to graduate. It is important to know that there are multiple alternative assessments available to your student. To help ensure your students' success, please discuss these alternatives and encourage your students to complete as many of these alternatives as possible. You student only has to complete one of the listed alternative for each section of the WASL that they have not passed.

Reading WASL Alternative Options:

Take the **SAT** and receive a minimum score of 350
Take the **ACT** and receive a minimum score of 13

Take an approved **Advanced Placement** test and receive a minimum score of 3
Complete a **Collection of Evidence** and receive a minimum score of 400

Writing WASL Alternative Options:

Take the **SAT** and receive a minimum score of 380
Take the **ACT** and receive a minimum score of 15
Take an approved **Advanced Placement** test and receive a minimum score of 3
Complete a **Collection of Evidence** and receive a minimum score of a **level three**

Math WASL Alternative Options:

Take the **SAT** and receive a minimum score of 470
Take the **ACT** and receive a minimum score of 19

Take an approved **Advanced Placement** test and receive a minimum score of 3
Complete a **Collection of Evidence** and receive a minimum score of 400
Earn two math credits (four classes) after the 10th grade **AND** retake the WASL or state-approved math assessment annually

If you have any questions regarding the WASL Graduation requirements please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Christa Ernst
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Great Opportunities for Students!

CWEST Program Produces Jobs

Once again this Summer, the CWEST internship program has placed our students in good jobs in construction as soon as they graduated. Eric McCullar, Ian Moore, and Kenneth Fisher have been chosen by the Laborers, Plumbers and Sheetmetal unions, respectively, to begin apprenticeships starting last month. They will be working at the Port of Seattle Marine Maintenance shops where they will start at an average wage of \$15/hour with full benefits. After their apprenticeships of 2 to 4 years they will be making \$28 to \$38 per hour.



The CWEST program is open to students from all Seattle high schools and is still taking applications for this fall semester.

Rainier Beach HS at 252-6423 or 909-5566 or come to the woodshop classroom. Girls are especially encouraged to apply. The trades are no longer just for the guys!

Attention All Ninth Graders!

A wonderful new program will be starting on Monday, September 8, called the After-school Success Program. This program is held every day after school for any 9th grader who is interested and offers homework support and mentoring as well as activities such as speakers, college tours, study skills, family nights, and fun activities. There is some commitment involved, but this can be a great transition for students to high school life. Stop by room 248 after school to get more information and find out how to sign up for this program.



There are still a few openings in our advanced placement classrooms for high level students of all grades! Make sure your student takes advantage of these exciting classes!



Food Worker's Permit

If your student is interested in working with food, or if they plan on working the concessions at any of the games, they need to take the food worker's permit test. Come to room 160 on Wednesday, September 10th, at 2:45 PM (right after school) and Ms. Green will be offering the test. Only \$10!



School News

Important counseling information!

As many of you may have noticed, Dan Jurdy is our only counselor this year. Although we are excited about our high enrollment, this is keeping Mr. Jurdy very busy. At this time, we ask that you please call to make an appointment to see him rather than dropping by, in order to save yourself time and energy. You can contact our counseling secretary, Mary Tualo, to schedule an appointment at 252-6366. We appreciate your understanding about this.

If your student is absent, or you're planning an absence, please inform the Attendance Office at 252-6354.

Please help us welcome our new staff this year:

- Sheana Day, Math
- Chris Jaquin, Music
- Margaret Jones, Science
- Mercedes Kristal, Math
- Fua Lazik, Assistant Secretary/Athletics
- Brooke Linefsky, Drama
- Anne Tote, School Nurse

First PTSA Meeting

Our first Parent/Teacher/Student Association meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 15th, at 6:30 PM in the Rainier Beach library. We would love to see you at the meeting supporting our school and contributing your valuable input!

If you are interested in contributing to future Parent Newsletters or have suggestions/feedback, please contact Monica Clark; mgclark@seattleschools.org or 252-6362.

Come Out and Support The Beach!

SEPTEMBER

10th: Volleyball vs. Chief Sealth

12th: Football vs. Chief Sealth

15th: Volleyball vs. Ingraham

17th: Volleyball vs. Lakeside

Cross Country at Woodland Park

19th: Football vs. Ingraham

24th: **Picture Day**

Volleyball at Cleveland

Cross Country at Lincoln Park

26th: Football at Cleveland (Memorial Stadium)

29th: Volleyball at Nathan Hale

Spirit Week!: September 29-October 3

OCTOBER

1st: Volleyball at West Seattle

3rd: **Homecoming!** Football vs. Wenatchee

Cross Country at Woodland Park

6th: Volleyball at Chief Sealth

8th: Volleyball at Ingraham

9th: **Open House**

10th: Football vs. Nathan Hale

13th: Volleyball at Franklin

16th: Cross Country at Woodland Park

17th: Football at West Seattle

20th: Volleyball vs. Cleveland

22nd: Volleyball at Nathan Hale

23rd: Football at Franklin (Memorial Stadium)

24th: Volleyball vs. West Seattle

