

Branching Out

Theodore Roosevelt High School
Monthly Newsletter -- September 2023



**We want ALL of our students
to reach their full potential
in an equitable & inclusive environment.**



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Letter from the Principal

by Dennis Love

Dear Students, Parents, and Friends of Theodore Roosevelt High School,

It was so refreshing to see our students' smiling faces on the first day of school. We know it is a tough adjustment for some of our students to transition from summer break to a full day of school but they are doing a wonderful job! The first few weeks of school have already passed so quickly and soon we will be enjoying all of our homecoming festivities and fall traditions.

Most days are extremely enjoyable at Theodore Roosevelt High School but unfortunately over the years, we've had a few safety scares. Schools can be a target for pranksters and sadly, there are people in this world who enjoy frightening and harming others. Fortunately, we have a large safety team whose core members have been together for nearly 20 years. We have held many drills and had to work through real-life situations. The safety committee has invited community members, district administration, and members of the Kent Police Department multiple times to review our plan and to provide us with suggestions. Over the years, students and staff have had opportunities to complete surveys and to discuss their safety concerns with our team. Our safety plan is always evolving to meet the needs of the Kent learning community. Please continue to communicate with us and the Kent Police Department if you have any concerns that you think should be addressed. We have an open-door policy with our students concerning any safety issue. Be assured that keeping our students safe has always been our priority at Roosevelt High School.

Last year around this time we sent this [letter to the community](#). The purpose is to provide the community with some information as to how we deal with threats. In the letter there are also some resources our community members can access.

Thank you for all of your support. Together we will continue to do our very best to make this an enjoyable and safe school year for the Kent learning community.

Sincerely,

Dennis

Academic News

by Dennis Love, Mary Lynn Bush, Brian Bachtel, & Lindsay Zenker

PBIS Highlights:

We have implemented the Rough Riders R.I.D.E. PBIS expectations. The students are getting recognized for representing and embodying the qualities of **Respect**, **Integrity**, **Duty**, and **Excellence**. When a student is recognized, they will receive an email, image to the right.

Students Recognized for:

RESPECT – Rocco Abercrombie, Ryleigh Balan, Madison Bevilacqua, Chloe Bivens, Bella Brink, Zaria Brown, Anthony Burrell, Emanuel Churn, Sincere Churn, Finley Clapper, Mariana Condo, Elizabeth Coseno, Jackson Courtheyn, Natalie Crisp, Levi Ehrman, Jacob El Meniari, Tyler Ellington(x2), John Enzo Yensel, Kane Fahl, Evan Farley, Raiden Felding, Trey Flannery, Merrill Freborg, Austin Gant, Brent German, Zachary Gharky, Riley Ghosh(x2), David Grabbe, Emily Hagaman, Luke Haney, Nye'Dalviyon Harris, Emma Hite, Caden Howard, Nic Inwood, Grace Johnson, Rylie Keim, Simon Khan, Cassidy Kotouc, Trevor Lange, Braden Latacki(x2), Ashley Legg, Forever Lewis, Jewel Lewis, Nathan Malek, Mateo Morelos(x2), Owen Mosca, Colemann Packer, Kadin Pyka, Kail Pyka, Ashley Roberts, Isan Roberts(x2), Michael Shannon, Brad Simms, Isaac Simms, Alexie Smith, Scottie Spears, Kieran Syed, Elisha Thornton, May Upshaw(x2), Ali White, Sabrina Winterich

INTEGRITY – Levi Ehrman, Devon Giffen, Jason Livezey, Jon Mccloude, Kayleigh Parks, Grayson Richards, Miles Robeson, Abigail Snowberger

DUTY – Dominic Bell, Conner Buterbaugh, Arianna Fleshman, Emily Hagaman, Matt Joltin, Jordyn Kibler, Marlena MacPherson, Nathan Malek, Ava Marvin, Kayleigh Parks, Jacob Sumey

EXCELLENCE – Rocco Baggetta, Jaxon Bailey, Orion Baldwin, Carmen Berry, Zoe Bivens, Abigail Booher, Cerenity Boone, Layla Call, Adriana Chlad, Emanuel Churn, Elliot Cole, Connor Collins, Jackson Courtheyn, Cyler Foreman, Codey Fortson, Teagan Frazier, Brenton German, Brenton German(x2), Devon Giffen, Abby Gold, Coco Golden, Justin Green(x2), Justin Green, Dalvi Harris, Evelyn Harris, Eli Hogge, Leura Inwood, Jason Jeffers, Taryn Jones, Cash Liedel(x2), Katherine Logue, Teddy Maccarone(x2), Connor Masters, Dontez Miller, Patricia Molina, Faith Morehead, Chloe Muckus, Fadia Naqash, Cherish Palmer, Lesly Patterson, Georgia Robeson, Miles Robeson(x2), Adrianna Salmons, Savannah Salmons, Dominic Schmidt, Lainey Schuck, Juelz Shepard, Scottie Spears, Jacob Sumey, Jude Szijarto, Erica Thomas, Riley Waltz, Ali White, Savannah Zanders



R.I.D.E. AWARD

2023-2024

Congratulations Your *Students Name!*

Student's Teacher has recognized you for your demonstration of **SPECIFIC QUALITY** of the **R.I.D.E.** expectations!
Keep up the great work!

Listen to the announcements each morning to see if you have won a prize!

Respect, **Integrity**, **Duty**, **Excellence**

Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

Fall sports are well underway and I am very happy and proud of all our 289 Rough Rider student-athletes that are participating in a fall sport. Follow Rough Rider Athletics on Twitter [@riderathletics](https://twitter.com/riderathletics) and at <https://roughriderathletics.net/> for schedule of events, online ticket purchasing, and our [Theodore Roosevelt Athletics Handbook](#). Please join us on September 8, 2023 for our Homecoming football game versus Cuyahoga Falls with kickoff set for 7pm.

Rough Rider All Sports Boosters is a fully volunteer-run non-profit organization with the mission to support the sports at both Theodore Roosevelt High School and Stanton Middle School while also serving the Kent community by improving the access to and excellence of our athletic programs. They also strive to promote and highlight the accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and programs. Families and community members are invited to be a part of their organization. Please see information below on how to get involved either as a patron, volunteer, or sponsor.



CHECK IN LIKE US & TAG US

Sponsorship OPPORTUNITIES

Please scan this QR code to become a sponsor and help create an amazing year for each and every Rough Rider Athlete through your generous contribution!

say the date

Monday, September 11, 2023
First Meeting – 7pm – TRHS Library

Saturday, September 16, 2023
Rockin' Night Fundraising Concert
feat. Punching Oswald – \$25 admission
7:30 pm – Fairways at Twin Lakes

Saturday, March 9, 2024
at the **Races**
Details to come

ROUGH RIDERS ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS

Rough Riders All Sports Boosters (RRASB) is a fully volunteer-run non-profit organization with the mission to support all 47 sports at TRHS and SMS as well as serving the Kent community by improving the access to and the excellence of our athletic programs. We also strive to promote and highlight the considerable accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and programs.

GO RIDERS! #RIDERPRIDE

2023-24 BOARD MEMBERS
Josh Schoenberger – President – joshrrasb@gmail.com
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Sara Beatty – Secretary – sararrrasb@gmail.com

2023-24 SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR
Robin Golden – robinrrasb@gmail.com

2023-24 COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT LIAISONS & PR
Kelly Foreman – kellyrrasb@gmail.com
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Membership OPPORTUNITIES

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ROUGH RIDERS ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS!

JOIN TONIGHT & RECEIVE A FREE MEMBERSHIP CAR MAGNET

SCAN THE QR CODE AND SEE HOW MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS.

LET'S GO

OPPORTUNITIES FOR Volunteers!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Rough Rider All Sports Boosters Information Links:

[RRASB MEMBERSHIP LINK](#)

[RRASB SPONSORSHIP LINK](#)

[RRASB VOLUNTEER LINK](#)

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

by Brian Bachtel

Please make sure to join our X (Twitter) or Instagram feed @KentSchoolsCTE for information, pictures of students, and news. A good single source for information can be found at www.kentschools.net/cte or call the CTE office at (330)676-8740.

Counseling Department

By: Jessica Evanson

Sign ups for the PSAT will begin September 20 on mypaymentsplus.com, cash or check to Mrs. D'Sidocky will be accepted as well. The PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam. You can only take the PSAT once per year, and many students take the test in both 10th and 11th grade. If you earn a high score on the PSAT your junior year, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship—\$180 million dollars in merit scholarships are awarded to students each year.

On September 27, 2023 we will be hosting our ***Sophomore/Junior Parent Night*** in the TRHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All parents of Sophomore/Junior students are welcome to attend.

The school year is back in full swing. On September 28 we will be holding a ***Career and Employment Fair*** in our gym. Students will be able to stop by during their lunches to learn more about the career opportunities in Portage county.

3 TIPS FOR EASING BACK-TO-SCHOOL STRESS

▶ 3 Tips for Easing Back-to-School Stress with Jennifer Mi.

Check out Jennifer Miller's three top tips for easing back to school stress for both parents and the kids they love as part of the Equip Our Kids Back to School Campaign. Note the second tip is a super simple key ingredient, a new perspective on a foundational skill. But you may just discover that if you coach your child on this one, it can make all the difference in dealing with very normal new school year butterflies.

Remember that back to school time is not a day but truly a season. Our children may use their best self management skills on day one, but by day two or three they may be exhausted, hangry and emotionally fried by the end of a school day. Practice these tips with them this weekend before the pressure is on. Try them together a few times! And they'll be ready to face all the newness that the start of school brings with hope and excitement.

Here's to a healthy, safe and happy school year filled with the joy of learning for the whole family (confident parents too!)



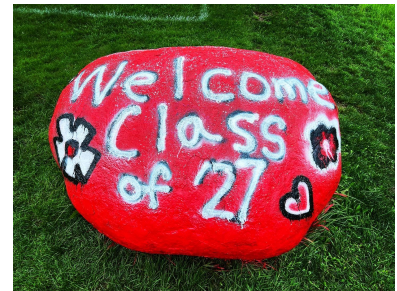
Student Activities

by Heidi Jurging

Theodore Roosevelt High School's *Student Council* and *Booster Club* student organizations are proud to present the 2023 Homecoming Festivities. Roosevelt students and their families, alumni, and community members are invited to participate. **For specific details, please read through the [2023 Homecoming Information](#)**, which covers dates, times, ticket prices, and more!



At the opening of the school year, the Freshmen Connections Program hosted their annual Freshman Kickoff orientation event for the **Class of 2027** with a carnival theme "Enjoy the Ride". The event was well-attended and featured various activities including small group discussions, classroom tours, icebreakers, and learning the class cheer for pep assemblies, all led by 50 student mentors in grades 10, 11, and 12. The mentors also assisted freshmen on the first day of school as they became acclimated to the high school schedule and building layout.



The Sophomore Class students and advisors host their main class fundraiser this year -- the Concessions Stand for volleyball and basketball games. **The money earned goes toward the Junior/Senior Prom their junior year and various events their senior year.** The Sophomore Class Advisors (Miss Weckerly & Mrs. Penglase with the support of Mrs. Jurging for concessions) are willing to guide and work the concession stand as long as we have the support from our students and parents. We need **at least 3-4 parents and 8-12 students** who are willing to commit to be in the rotation of games. Sophomore **students and parents interested in committing to running the concession stand for girls volleyball this fall should sign up on the [Volleyball Sign-Up genius link](#)**. We will share a link for basketball games once we get closer to the season.



Picture Day is **Thursday, September 21**, at Theodore Roosevelt High School. All students will get their picture taken during their English classes. Students taking English elsewhere may stop in the auditorium during their lunch period to have their picture taken.

PICTURE DAY ORDERS: Save time and preorder your photographs online by clicking "**Order Online**" (online ordering code is: **pd1661theo**). You can also download the **Ripcho Picture ORDER FORM**, print it out, and

return it to the school on Picture Day, enclosed in an envelope with your payment. **NOTE - Parents who have multiple children will need to place a separate prepay order per child.** For our Frequently asked questions page: <http://www.ripchostudio.com/faq>
For immediate questions please call the Ripcho Customer Service Department at (216) 631-0664 Ext 28 or Toll Free (800) 686-7427 Ext. 28.

Freshmen students will have the opportunity to run for class officer or Student Council class representative in our Fall Elections this month. The positions of class president, class vice president, class secretary, and class treasurer are for the 2023-24 school year. If your student is interested in running, have them pick up an election packet in the Activities Office.



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER		TIME
4	LABOR DAY — NO SCHOOL	
5-15	FALL ELECTIONS — Information Available for Freshman & Sophomore Secretary/Treasurer Class Officer Candidates in the Activities Office	
6-8	Homecoming Ticket Sales (<i>Lunch Periods</i>)	10:20 am
8	Registration Deadline for 10/7 SAT	
8	Homecoming Parade	5:00 pm
8	Homecoming Fair (<i>Stanton Basketball Courts</i>)	4:30-7:00 pm
9	ACT Test (<i>not at TRHS</i>)	
9	Homecoming Dance	8:00-11:00 pm
10	TRHS ChoralWorks at Art in the Park	12:00 pm
12	Kent Music Boosters Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Marching Band at SMFHS Band Show	7:00 pm
19	BOE Meeting at DePeyster	6:00 pm
21	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY	7:30 am
22	Registration Deadline — 10/28 ACT Test	
27	Sophomore/Junior Class Parent Guidance Info Night	7:00 pm
28	Career & Employment Fair (<i>Lunch Periods</i>)	

Resources

Refer to the following resources to plan for a successful and involved year. All resources are available on the [TRHS Website](#).

- [Bell Schedules](#)
- [Calendars & TRHS Schedule of Events 2023-24](#)
- [Student Activities, Advisor, & Coach List 2023-24](#)
- [Student Government 2023-24](#)
- [TRHS Student & Parent Handbook 2023-24](#)
- School Instagram accounts:
 - TRHS Counseling Department -- @trhs.counseling
 - TRHS Student Activities -- @trhs.studentactivities
 - TRHS Library & Media Center -- @trhslib
 - TRHS Career Technical Education Programs -- @kentschoolscte
 - Kent City School District -- @kentschools
 - Rough Rider All Sports Boosters -- @roughriderskent

READ MORE on the [TRHS WEBSITE](#)

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