

Branching Out

Monthly Newsletter -- November 2023
Theodore Roosevelt High School



**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,

As fall is in full swing, I hope you are making time to enjoy the wonderful traditions of this season. Ideally, we will all be able to appreciate and be grateful for many things in our lives. I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone in our Roosevelt family. I am thankful to be a part of a community that values the learning process. We consistently seek to improve our instruction, our behaviors and our social emotional support of each other. Your dedication, hard work and creative spirit enables our students, our school and our community to grow and prosper.

Supporting one another is a critical component of the Roosevelt Learning Community. Violent events in our own country and throughout the world can be traumatizing for so many of our students and families. It is vitally important for us to treat each other with kindness and respect and to listen actively to each other. We need to recognize that some individuals may need professional assistance and it is our responsibility to direct those individuals to the proper resources.

- [Children & Depression](#)
- [Portage County Community Resource Guide](#)

Many of our students will be able to vote in the upcoming election. We encourage all of those students to vote and let their voice be heard. The [attached link](#) will provide you with some information concerning voting.

Let's enjoy this fall as we continue to communicate and cooperate with each other.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We would like to invite you to attend our **Fall Teacher Conferences**.

- Monday, November 6 -- 5:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 21 -- 8:00-3:30 pm

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING: Theodore Roosevelt High School will continue to use [Meet the Teacher](#), which is an online parent teacher scheduler. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and then receive an email confirming your appointments. **Appointment scheduling begins on Tuesday, October 3, 2023**, and will remain open through November 21. We encourage you to come visit with teachers in person, but you can request a virtual conference by leaving a message for teachers when you schedule (*there will be a message box where you can specify that you would like a virtual meeting*). You may also request an interpreter by messaging the teacher in the message box. Please **visit [Meet the Teacher](#) to book your appointments**. A short guide on how to add appointments is available if needed - in both [English](#) & [Spanish](#).

You will need the following information to login and schedule:

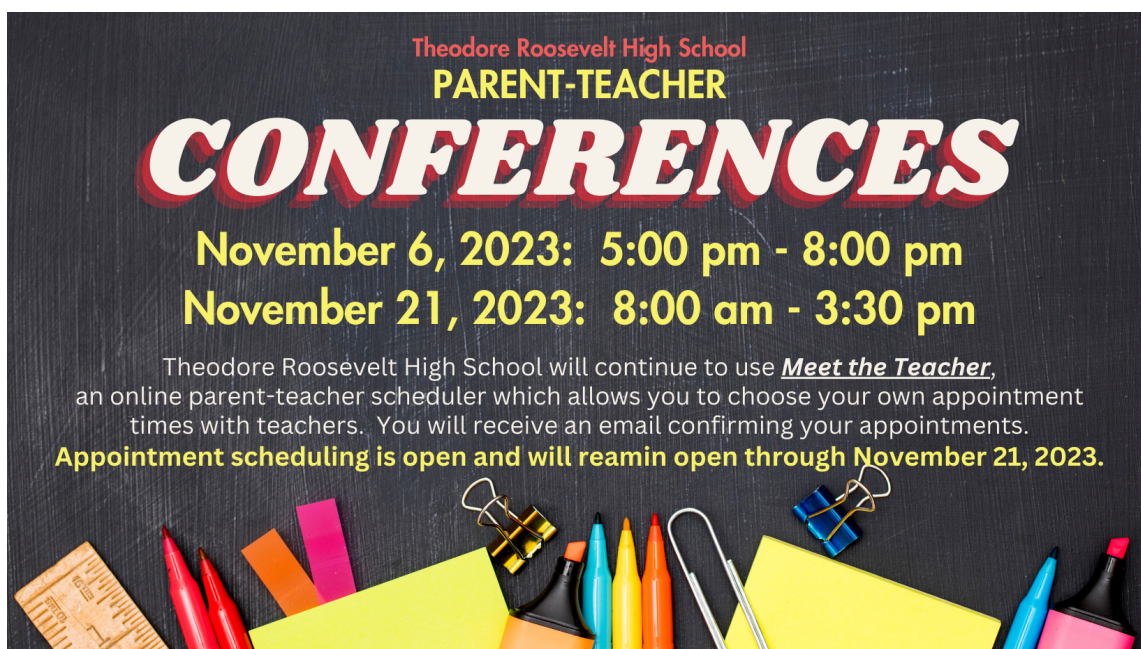
- Your Name & Email address
- Your Student's First Name
- Your Student's Last Name
- Your Student's Date of Birth

Should you require help with this system, contact either of the following people:

Nicole Harris (330-676-8711) - nharris@kentschools.net

Pam Qualls (330-676-8721) - pqualls@kentschools.net

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office at 330-676-8711 and we will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.



Academic News

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

PBIS Highlights:

Students' names are being pulled from the list of students nominated and are being recognized on the new video morning announcements and receiving a small prize.

Students recognized in October for:

RESPECT –

Rehaf Alrabiah, Madison Bevilacqua, Andy Curtin, Peyton Davis, Lonnie Eicher, Za'Raya Elmore, Asher Kerr, Simon Khan, Jackson Puhalla, Gwen Rogers, Blake Russel, Natalie St. John, Aiden Thornton, Loki Tucker, Abby Wohlwend, Anya Young

INTEGRITY –

Ayden Biles, Sincere Churn, Devon Giffen, Caiden Harris, Zoe Heim, Gavin Hockin, Arrianna Ladd, J'on Mccloude, Boe McPeak, Maddie Price, Omari Primm, Andrew Sinchak, Jacob Sumey, Jude Szijarto, Loki Tucker

DUTY –

Sarah Al-Sherifi, Apollo Allen, Skylar Coles, Parker D'Sidocky, Lonnie Eicher, Tyrel Ellington, Zophia Gallagher, Mya Garred, Caiden Harris, Anthony Helton, Caden Howard, Sophia Kellhofer, James Lewis, Liting Li, Caroline Mahon, Caroline Mahon, Hallie McKendry, Camryn McLaughlin, Zach Mulloy, John Parmer, MaKenna Rhodes, Isan Roberts, Jacob Sumey, Ari Wilson

EXCELLENCE –

Lawrence Abercrombie, Ekram Abu-Khaled(x2), Tiffanie Amos, Vito Asaro, Jaxon Bailey(x3), Orion Baldwin (x2), Breanna Banks, Madison Barker, Alana Barnett (x2), Chase Bell (x3), Maryn Beverly, Madison Bevilacqua, Zo Bivens (x3), Kylen Blake, Cerentiy Boone, Amanda Brind(x2), Brooke Bryant(x2), Anthony Burrell, Layla Cal(x2), Adeline Caudill, Alexandria Charlton, Brayden Cole(2x), Addison Curtis Natalie Crisp, Brian Dugan, Oliver Faluhelyi, Trey Flannery, Aiden Fox, Alex Geist, Devon Giffen, Justin Green, Brandon Hall, David Hamilton, Ethan Hammonds, Caiden Harris(x2), Caden Howard, Ar'Monnie Jackson, Jamie James, Grace Johnson, Mysha Koretsky, Prince Kumah-Abiwu, Ting Li, Anastasija Lindsey, Katherine Logue, Amina M'Baye (x2), Ava Marvin, Jon Mccloude (x2), Zia McCloud, Sam McKinney, Maisy Montgomery, Dylan Moore, Fadia Naqash, Alexa Oakes, Michael Obie, Cherish Palmer, Marcus Paroline, Lesly Patterson, Leala Polley, Lucas Poluga, Kadin Pyka, Sadie Queen. Thomas Richards, Ashley Roberts, Addysen Sarah, Alex SChimpf, Naomi Shackelford, Mike Shannon, Ambriel Simms, Natalie St. John, Mia Stroh, Dhruv Swaroop, Neveah Tackett, Stasia Taylor, Asia Taylor, Elisha Thornton, Loki Tucker, DeMario Tucker (x2), Brenna Vodila (x2), Brooklynn Wade, Darshawn Washington, Gia Watts, Griffin Wiard, TJ Williams, Xander Wood, Jaiden Woolridge, Sadie Yeagley, Aidan Zarges



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

Congratulations to **Maddie Baron**, Roosevelt's October Rotary Student of the Month. As senior class president, she is currently working on planning a senior trip to Chicago. Maddie has excelled in the classroom and in co-curricular activities. Just this fall, Maddie was in band, running cross country, serving on the leadership retreat planning committee, and playing on the soccer team. Additionally, she worked with her fellow class officers to plan a 5K class fundraiser.

This year our building is working on shared professional growth goals. One of our goals is that Professional Learning Communities will develop curriculum maps & unit plans, analyze common assessments data, and develop high quality student data sources. During our professional development day Roosevelt teachers primarily collaborated on curriculum mapping and unit planning. We are using the Teacher Clarity Playbook to guide this work.

Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

Roosevelt was represented at the OHSAA Boys and Girls State Golf Tournament by Junior **Liam Curtis** and Senior **Maddie Kost**. Liam finished 7th in the State earning All-Ohio honors, capping off a tremendous season including being named Player of the Year in the Suburban League and Maddie finished 27th and also was named to the Suburban League 1st team. Congratulations to both Liam and Maddie!



2023 TRHS Winter Sport Picture Day Schedule

- **Thursday November 7, 2023 at 5:50pm – Ice Hockey at KSU Ice Arena**
- **Wednesday , November 15, 2023 at Roosevelt Gymnasium**
 - 2:45 PM - Boys Basketball – 9/JV/V
 - 3:15 PM - Girls Basketball –9/JV/V
 - 3:45 PM - Girls and Boys Bowling
 - 4:00 PM - Cheer– JV/V
 - 4:15 PM - Swimming and Diving (Individuals in the gym)
 - 4:30 PM - Swimming and Diving (Team pic in the pool)
- **Wrestling – TBA**

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.

Rough Rider All Sports Boosters Information Links:

[RRASB MEMBERSHIP LINK](#)

[RRASB SPONSORSHIP LINK](#)

[RRASB VOLUNTEER LINK](#)

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
Jonathan Haines – Co-VP & Acting Treasurer – jonathansrrasb@gmail.com
Jen Smith – Co-VP – jenferrrasb@gmail.com
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
Alyson Haines – alysonrrasb@gmail.com

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.

save 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
Details to come

Volunteers!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

by Brian Bachtel

Kent Theodore Roosevelt HS Career-Technical Education programs will not be in session on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (Election Day)**. The Kent TRHS CTE staff will be working on developing curriculum maps & unit plans, analyzing common assessment data, and developing high-quality student data sources. Kent students should attend their non-CTE schedule. Students must have a parent/guardian call them off for program time only or students will need to utilize the Kent TRHS library as a study hall area. Six District Educational Compact students will be listed as not absent. Please note that Cuyahoga Falls, Stow-Munroe Falls, and Woodridge Schools are not in session.

Counseling Department

By: Jessica Evanson

Student fee invoices were recently mailed. Fee invoices may be paid electronically using www.mypaymentsplus.com or in person (cash, check, or card) with our building cashier, Mrs. D'Sidocky in the Activities Office, room 106.

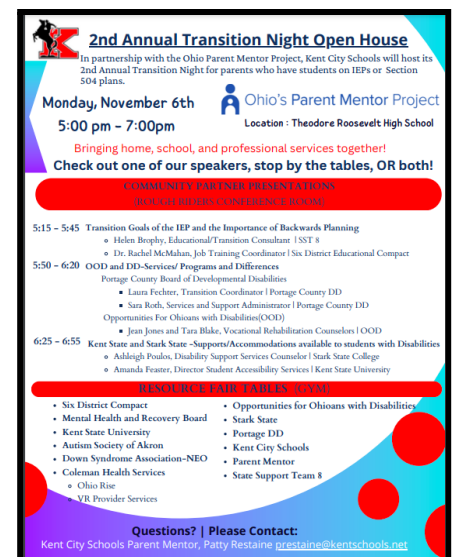
The deadline for **AP Test Registration** for the May tests is **November 9, 2023**. The cost of each exam is \$103, which needs to be paid through [MyPaymentsPlus](http://MyPaymentsPlus.com). Students on the free/reduced lunch program may take the test at no charge, as determined by the College Board and the State of Ohio (these students still need to go into MPP and go through the ordering screen). If an exam is ordered but not taken or ordered past the November 9 deadline, there is a \$40 penalty fee that your family will be charged, per the College Board making the price \$143 per test. **Please email Mrs. D'Sidocky (kdsidocky@kentschools.net) & Ms. Sepi (jsepi@kentschools.net) if you order a late test past the November 9, deadline.** Students should make sure that you are enrolled in your AP classroom, that is how Ms. Sepi knows to order you a test.

Kent City Schools has a continued partnership with [Neighborhood Bridges](http://NeighborhoodBridges.org). Neighborhood Bridges works to create a gateway for kindness. This community resource will seek to serve students and families in need within the Kent City school system. Please check their website on ways to help our community. If you have a need or request for your student, please contact your student's counselor.

The **FIRST GRADING PERIOD** ended on **Friday, Oct. 20, 2023** and report cards are posted on ProgressBook (refer to the [directions on how to view report cards](#)). We are very hopeful that our students do well and are rewarded for their efforts. If you are a student who is struggling or have a student that is struggling, please contact your teacher, counselor, or administrator. We are here to help and create the best possible learning environment for all our students to meet their full potential.

In partnership with the Ohio Parent Mentor Project, Kent City Schools will host its **2nd Annual Transition Night** for parents who have students on IEPs or Section 504 plans. November 6, from 5-7 pm at TRHS.

On November 7, from 12:00-12:30 pm Louise Feciuch, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator, will be hosting a virtual **Holiday Support Lunch and Learn** event. You can **register for this event at [Holiday Support Lunch and Learn](#)**.



2nd Annual Transition Night Open House
In partnership with the Ohio Parent Mentor Project, Kent City Schools will host its 2nd Annual Transition Night for parents who have students on IEPs or Section 504 plans.

Monday, November 6th
5:00 pm – 7:00pm
Location: Theodore Roosevelt High School

Bringing home, school, and professional services together!
Check out one of our speakers, stop by the tables, OR both!

COMMUNITY EARLY PRESENTATIONS
(BOTH ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN PERSON)

5:15 – 5:45 Transition Goals of the IEP and the Importance of Backward Planning
• Helen Brophy, Educational/Transition Consultant | SST 8
• Dr. Rachel McMahon, Job Training Coordinator | Six District Educational Compact

5:50 – 6:20 OOD and DD-Services/ Programs and Differences
Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities
• Laura Fischer, Transition Coordinator | Portage County DD
• Sara Roth, Services and Support Administrator | Portage County DD
Opportunities For Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
• Jean Jones and Tara Blake, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors | OOD

6:25 – 6:55 Kent State and Stark State -Supports/Accommodations available to students with Disabilities
• Ashleigh Poulos, Disability Support Services Counselor | Stark State College
• Amanda Feaster, Director Student Accessibility Services | Kent State University

RESOURCE FAIR TABLES (VIRT)

- Six District Compact
- Mental Health and Recovery Board
- Kent State University
- Autism Society of Akron
- Down Syndrome Association-NEO
- Coleman Health Services
- Ohio Rise
- VR Provider Services
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Stark State
- Portage DD
- Kent City Schools
- Parent Mentor
- State Support Team 8

Questions? | Please Contact:
Kent City Schools Parent Mentor, Patty Restaine parentain@kentschools.net



Holiday Support

Lunch & Learn

Virtual Event - Please join us from the comfort of your home or office!

Family & Community Services, will present on the topic of **Holiday Support for Families**. Please join us as Heather Laliberte, Director of Grants and Marketing will discuss holiday sign ups and support for families during the holiday season.

Student Activities

by Heidi Jurging

The last weekend of October, 98 students attended the 38th Annual TRHS Leadership Retreat at Camp Wanake in Beach City, OH. The theme for the retreat was *Uncover Your Leadership: Let it ROAR!* Students heard from three keynote speakers, local business owner **Kellie Dziemianzuk**, teacher **Sarah Kaplan**, and Wick Poetry Center Director **David Hassler**. Student delegates also participated in four small group workshops led by several community leaders and staff members. Another key component of the retreat was a



Community Leader & Student Delegate discussion on leadership during which several community leaders gave insight on leadership in life beyond high school. Congratulations to advisors **Christina Dreher-Rodesheim** & **Heidi Jurging** and the student planning committee members: **Emma Arthur, Maddie Baron, Raina Gmerek, Nevaeh Hersman, Maya Hunter, Benny Levandowski, Jermaine Little, Sophia Lovinski, Zia McCloude, Gabby melin, Gwen Rogers, Amir Spratt, Abby Wohlwend, and Anabelle Yensel.**

LoveLight, Inc. will be hosting a multicultural holiday festival on Saturday, November 4, at Theodore Roosevelt High School. More details can be found on the [Multicultural Holiday Festival Flier](#).

On November 9, National Honors Society will be inducting 62 students at the annual NHS Induction Ceremony beginning at 7:00 pm. The NHS student officers, **Kayla McKim, Fadia Naqash, Delaney Sefchick, and Elizabeth Burroughs** will present the induction ceremony, which will also include a keynote address given by KCSD Superintendent **Tom Larkin**. Throughout the year, NHS members meet monthly and work on various service projects.

Saturday, November 11 is a day of many happenings. The TRHS Career Technical Education (CTE) programs Cosmetology and Business Marketing will host the annual **TRHS Craft Show** in the cafeteria from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Health Career Technologies program will sell concessions during the event and those proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In addition to the crafts and concessions, the Leadership



Retreat Planning Committee will host a **Rummage Sale Fundraiser** in the library while also collecting canned donations as part of the annual **TRHS Canned Food Drive Collection** for Kent Social Services (additional date for dropping off donations is Saturday, November 18, from 9-11 am). People are invited to bring in canned donations to contribute to this annual collection during the Craft Show.

The TRHS Drama Guild will be hosting their fall production, **Radium Girls**, later this month under the direction of new drama director, **Katie Beck**. In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, **Radium Girls** traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, **Radium Girls** offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. **Performances are November 16-18 at 7:00 PM in the Richards Roberts Auditorium.** Tickets for reserved seating is \$10, general admission is \$8, and student and senior citizen admission is \$8. [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE.](#)



The Kent City Health Department, hosted by Kent City Schools, is offering an informational program for families called **“Frank Discussions”**, creating a space to hear, learn, and discuss difficult topics. The event is being held at Stanton Middle School on November 20, from 6:00-7:00 pm.

The **Junior Class Virtual Silent Auction Fundraiser**, sponsored by the Class of 2025, is being held Thursday, November 30, through Sunday, December 3. **We invite you to participate** in this awesome fundraising event. Proceeds from the event will go towards a Junior/Senior Prom in the Spring and other upcoming class events!

- **DONATIONS:** The Class of 2025 is still accepting donations of any kind—baskets, store credit, or monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. **Complete the [2023 Silent Auction Donation Google form](#)** if you want to donate to this year's auction. **DONATION DROP-OFF -- all donations should be dropped off at Roosevelt no later than Friday, November 10, 2023, during the school day in the Activities Office at Roosevelt.**
- **ONLINE AUCTION BIDDING:** To participate, click on the **[AUCTION LINK](#)** between November 30 (6:00 pm) and December 3 (8:00 pm) to start viewing and bidding on the many items donated!



Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER		TIME
3	Boys' Basketball & Bowling Begins	
3	Registration Deadline — 12/9 ACT Test	
3	Registration Deadline — 12/2 SAT Test	
4	TRHS Choirs Cabaret Performance	7:00 pm
3	Bowling Begins	
4	SAT Test (<i>not at TRHS</i>)	
6	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (<i>Evening</i>)	5:00 pm
9	AP Testing Registration DUE	
9	Club Photo Day	7:30 am
9	NHS Meeting/NHS Induction Rehearsal	2:35 pm
9	NHS Induction & Reception	7:00 pm
10	Freshman Retreat	7:30 am
10	TRHS Brass Choir at Veterans' Day Performance	2:00 pm

11	TRHS Craft Show & Rummage Sale (<i>bring your canned Goods to donate for Canned Food Drive</i>)	9:00 am
14	BOE Meeting at Walls Elementary	6:00 pm
14	Kent Music Boosters Meeting	7:00 pm
15	Winter Sport Picture Day	2:45 pm
16-18	Fall Play	7:00 pm
17	Wrestling Begins	
17	Vocal Ensembles/Orch. at Akron Holiday Tree Festival	11:00 am
20-21	NO SCHOOL for Students	
21	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (<i>All Day</i>)	8:00 am
22-24	THANKSGIVING BREAK — NO SCHOOL	
30	Senior Class Large Group Photo (<i>Aux. Gym</i>) (<i>beginning of 3rd Period</i>)	9:20 am
30	School Picture RETAKES (<i>during lunch periods</i>)	10:30 am
30	Virtual Silent Auction Junior Class Fundraiser (<i>through December 3</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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