

# Branching Out

Monthly Newsletter -- January 2024  
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

As we start the New Year of 2024 and a new semester, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to our students, staff, and community members who make up the Roosevelt family. I would also like to offer a sincere thanks to all who have demonstrated their commitment to our collective purpose of helping our students reach their full potential in an equitable and inclusive environment. I hope students are relaxed, recharged, and ready for a new beginning in this second semester. The new year is a fresh start with new opportunities and we begin this year with a renewed sense of energy, enthusiasm, and a pursuit for excellence in education.

## Academic News

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

Roosevelt's teachers have been working together to formulate a building [professional growth plan](#) (PGP). Essentially, we have been revising our curriculum maps, creating unit plans, and developing common assessments. Over the last year and a half, the teachers have done amazing work in these areas. We have been aligning our work with the [Ohio Continuous Improvement Model](#). We feel strongly that we are in step 4 in the Ohio improvement process as it relates to our PGP as we are currently implementing and monitoring our curriculum maps, unit plans, and common assessments. We feel confident the action steps we are taking will positively impact student outcomes.

Congratulations to Ethan Young, Roosevelt's November Rotary Student of the Month. Ethan is extremely involved in our school as the senior class vice president, founder of the chess club, captain of the academic challenge team, captain of the cross country team, and captain of the tennis team. Ethan was selected as our representative to Buckeye Boys State and was also selected to represent Ohio at the National Level.

Congratulations to Ella Hassler, Roosevelt's December Rotary Student of the Month. Ella is an outstanding president of the student council. She is a creative and kind leader. Ella is involved in leading many activities at Roosevelt High School. She is also a member of the soccer and track teams.

At the end of the 1st semester, the PBIS team celebrated the 174 students with 99% or better attendance rate since the beginning of the year, 131 of those students have perfect attendance. For the Spring Semester, the PBIS Team is going to be highlighting more students, focusing on



### 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**

Academics, Behavior, attendance and overall improvement. We long to do something at the end of each quarter to thank all of the students for their hard efforts. Here is the list of students that were recognized for demonstrating the specific RIDE qualities for the month of December.

**RESPECT** – Aiden Allen (x2), Emma Brown, Drew Daniels, Brayden Dieffenbach (x2), Daylen Harris, David Hoover, Dash Knoyer, Jermaine Little, Xavier Lombaro, Ryker Stanley

**INTEGRITY** – Kylen Blake, Selina Chakraborty, Jaden Dennison, Gavin Corbett, Isabella Lopez, Alexander Schimpf, Savannah Vinton

**DUTY** – Presley Botha, Kinsey Crawford, Kinsy Crawford, Lonnie Eicher, Max Jackson, Trevon Johnson, Sam McKinney, Ella Morrow, Hannah (Theo) Scarlett, Carson Smith, Cherish Stokes, Landon Walker, Abby Wohlwend

**EXCELLENCE** – Eva Bergey, Madison Bevilacqua, Maddy Booher, Keira Bourdlais, Sloane Crookston, Drew Daniels, Brayden Dieffenbach, Brendan Douglas, Brian Dugan, Devon Giffen, Kaidence Giles, Isabella Goldshmidt, Ella Hassler, Natalie Jurovcik, Dash Knoyer, Dash Knoyer, Braden Latacki, Ashlyn Leavery, Asia Lindsey, Nathan Malek, Anthony Mangeri, Eli McAllister, Fadia Naqash, Jenna Nelson, Christian Scales, Kareem Scales, Michael Shannon, Riley Waltz

**ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:** Now that we are nearing the middle of the school year, please be reminded of the attendance policy in the [TRHS Student & Parent Handbook 2023-24 \(BOE Approved\)](#). As stated in the handbook, specifically pertaining to medical absences, "absences will be considered Medically Excused when a doctor's note is provided for illnesses and doctor's appointments. This will only apply to the dates as specified in the note." This means that doctor's notes are needed whenever a student has to miss school for an appointment (primary physician, dentist, orthodontist, counseling, hospital, etc.). Additionally, if a student misses school because of illness, a doctor's note is also preferred. All medical notes should be turned in to the Attendance Office, faxed to (330)-676-8733, or emailed to [rsevern@kentschools.net](mailto:rsevern@kentschools.net).

On **Friday, January 12**, School Resource Officer Poe will be hosting **A.L.I.C.E. Safety Training Class Assemblies** for all students (*and for any staff, coaches, or advisors who have not had ALICE training*). Please note the following schedule for the class assemblies:

- SOPHOMORES - 2nd Period
- SENIORS - 3rd Period
- FRESHMEN - 9th Period
- JUNIORS - 10th Period

Students should report directly to the auditorium for their class's assigned period. The training will last for the entire period.





# Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

Congratulations to Rough Rider senior **Amir Spratt** for being honored at the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association All State Banquet in Columbus. Qualifications for this honor include ranking in the top 1% of Ohio high school soccer players and maintaining a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.



In early December, Rough Rider sophomore **Hannah Hido** played at the National League Soccer Championship Playoffs in Orlando. Her team advanced to the next round this spring!

Congratulations to Rough Rider divers **Ella Houk** and **Parker D'Sidocky** who were invited to compete in the prestigious NED REEB MEMORIAL MEET at the OSU McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion at the beginning of December. Qualifying divers from around the state competed at the event. Ella placed 11th out of 31 divers.



**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](#)

**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  
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**

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Sara Beatty - Secretary - sararrasb@gmail.com

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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 RIDERS!**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR Volunteers!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**



# Career & Technical Education (CTE)

by Brian Bachtel

January and early February is a busy time for our Career & Technical Education programs. There are several events showcasing the various programs and opportunities available to sophomore students as they prepare for their junior-year coursework and potential career pathways. All sophomores will attend the Six District Educational Compact Career Program Showcase on January 10 and tour Kent Career Programs on January 17. Students will have an opportunity to select a Career program(s) to visit to get a more in-depth look at the advantages of joining a Career program. In addition, Parents and students can attend a special evening event at TRHS on February 8 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. to learn about Kent Career Programs and have questions answered. The final step is to apply to a Career program by going to [www.sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/](http://www.sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/) and submitting an application by February 20.

## Schedule of Programs to Join a Career Technical Education Program

- January 10 -- Six-district Educational Compact CTE Showcase for All 10th Grade Students @ KSU -- 8:45 am
- January 17 -- Roosevelt 10th Grade Students Tour Kent Career Technical Education Programs (9th & 10th Periods) -- 1:45 pm
- January 22 -- Kent CTE Visits & Six-district Educational Compact CTE [Applications Open](http://www.sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/) ([www.sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/](http://www.sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/))
- February 8 -- CTE Conversation with Parents & Students -- 6:30-8:00 pm



**FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN  
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS**

**CTE**

**CONVERSATION  
WITH STUDENTS &  
PARENTS**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
6:30-8:00 PM IN PROGRAM CLASSROOMS**

**Join Us**



***You are invited: Parents, Boards of Education,  
Community Members & Business Partners***



## SIX DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMPACT **Career Program SHOWCASE**

CTE programs prepare our students to be career and college-ready and include:

- ✓ Academic, technical and professional skill development
- ✓ College credits
- ✓ Internship, pre-apprenticeship and job shadowing opportunities
- ✓ Authentic, engaging, rigorous, hands-on curriculum

*These two-year CTE programs are available for students to begin in 10th or 11th grade. All 10th graders will be participating in the Career Program Showcase during the school day on January 10.*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY**  
**10**  
**2024**

**4:30-6:00 P.M.**  
**Kent State University**  
**Student Center**

Free parking is available at the KSU Visitor Lot after 4 p.m.: 1087-1167 E. Summit St., Kent, OH 44243

Tour exhibits of the 29 CTE programs available to students at Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Kent Roosevelt, Stow-Munroe Falls, Tallmadge, and Woodridge High Schools. **Open house style; come at your convenience**

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Career-Technical Education (CTE)  
**is not the “vocational” education of the past!**

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# Counseling Department

By: Jessica Evanson

Happy New Year! First Semester Grades and report cards will be posted on Progress Book by the end of January 12. Directions on how to view report cards can be found [here](#). 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 all here to help create the best possible learning environment for all our students to meet their full potential.

Before requesting a schedule change for second semester please review the [Course Change](#) policy. We strongly encourage students and parents to discuss any schedule changes with teachers prior to requesting a schedule change.

Scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in January. Discuss with your students their classes for the next school year. Parents have access to the [Schoollinks](#) platform. This platform is how you can see what courses your student has requested for next school year, college and career matching features, and a scholarship search. Please log on to your schoollinks account today and see all it has to offer. [Directions for how to access your parent account](#). The course catalog offerings can be found in our [TRHS course catalog](#). Eighth grade students will be visiting TRHS on February 6th, to learn more about courses and opportunities unique to Rough Riders. Parents are invited to visit during the 8th grade open house on February 8th to learn more about TRHS courses and curriculum.

TRHS annual College Credit Plus Meeting will be held virtually on January 24, 2024 at 7pm. College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. Please visit our [CCP page](#) to learn more.

## GRADUATION DATE FINALIZED!

Theodore Roosevelt High School is excited to announce the commencement ceremony for the *Class of 2024* will be on **Saturday, May 18, 2024, 5:00 pm, at the Kent State MAC Center.**





# Student Activities

by Heidi Jurgling

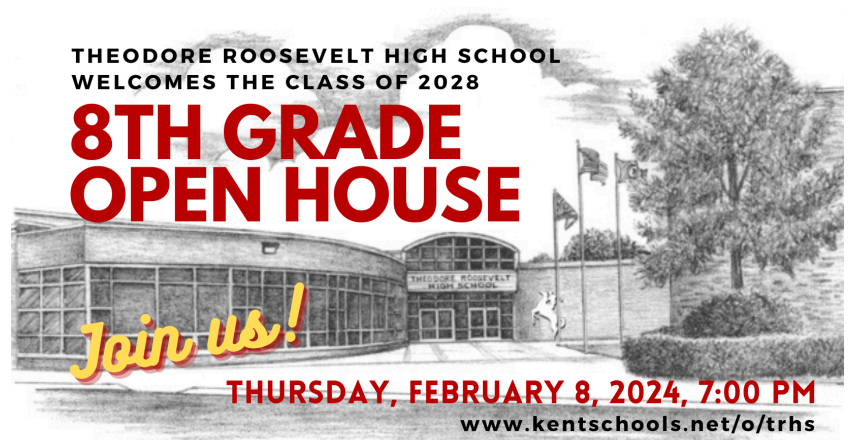
Happy New Year, Rough Riders! While there aren't a lot of events in January, this is a great time to get involved in new ways. This month is a starting point for many upcoming events as students begin planning for the Winter Pep Assembly, the Winter Formal, the Winter Musical, and even the Junior/Senior Prom. Students interested in getting involved can stop in the Activities Office for more information.

On **Thursday, February 8, 2024**

(alternate date if inclement weather will be Monday, February 12), TRHS Administration and Counseling Department will be hosting the annual **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House**, welcoming the Class of 2028 to Theodore Roosevelt High School. Following a brief program in the auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m., 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families are invited to tour the building and meet with

representatives from departments, athletic teams and student organizations in the gymnasium. Building tours, conducted by Roosevelt students, will depart every 10 minutes from the back door of the library starting at 7:30 p.m. The evening provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many course offerings, special programs, sports and clubs available to students attending Roosevelt High School. Additional information can be found on the Roosevelt website.

Each year the Junior Class hosts the Junior/Senior Prom under the guidance of Prom advisor Mrs. Christina Dreher-Rodesheim. All Junior students interested in getting involved can be a part of the Prom planning committee. Prom Works starts this month with meetings on Tuesdays (through February 6) in room 133 from 6:00-9:00 pm. The focus for the month will be picking the theme and brainstorming for decorations.





Kent City School District  
Kent Rider Pride

# Equity & Inclusion Task Force

COMMUNITY NIGHT



**Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 6:30PM**  
**Theodore Roosevelt High School**

**All family and community members are  
welcome to join us to:**



Meet teachers, administrators and parents district wide who are dedicated to ensuring equity and inclusion of all students



Learn about the purpose and objectives of the Equity & Inclusion Task Force



Hear updates from the Task Force about activities throughout the district

- There will be a craft station for younger children, so families can take part in this important event.

# Upcoming Events

JANUARY		TIME
5	Registration Deadline — 2/10 ACT Test	
8	CLASSES RESUME	
8	SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS	
9	Prom Works Start ( <i>Tuesdays through 2/6; Room 133</i> )	6:00 pm
9	Kent Music Boosters Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Six-district Educational Compact CTE Showcase for All 10th Grade Students -- @ KSU	8:45 pm
12	REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE on ProgressBook	
15	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY — NO SCHOOL	
17	Roosevelt 10th Grade Students Tour Kent Career Technical Education Programs ( <i>9th &amp; 10th Periods</i> )	1:45 pm
18	Equity & Inclusion Community Meeting	TBD
22	Kent CTE Visits & Six-district Educational Compact CTE <a href="#">Applications Open</a>	
24	College Credit Plus Meeting ( <i>virtual</i> )	7:00 pm
30-31	Choir Auditions for 2024-2025	2:40 pm

FEBRUARY		TIME
8	CTE Conversation with Parents & Students	6:30 pm
8	8th Grade Open House	7:00 pm

## 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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