

Branching Out

Monthly Newsletter -- March 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

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

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe Spring. Spring is definitely a time for renewal, inspiration and growth. But it is also a time for many transitions.

Academically, we are entering our final grading period. Teachers are expecting their students to be at their best and parents/guardians are anticipating that their students will finish the school year on a positive note. Students are putting their final touches on their schedules for the fall while getting ready for state tests and final exams. Seniors are making decisions about where they will be next year as they leave the Kent city schools. Administratively, staffing changes are inevitable due to retirements and redistribution of resources.

Outside of the classroom, music and theater programs are in full swing. Our music and theater programs are stellar and so entertaining. We are changing over to our competitive and energized spring sports teams.

The Kent City Schools Parent Mentor Program would like to recognize Kent City Schools' employees and volunteers that have been KeyMakers, those who open doors for students. All nominated individuals will receive a certificate. [Nominate a KeyMaker](#) now through April 12, 2024. The Parent Mentor Program assists parents of children with special needs in securing an appropriate education for their child. Please contact Kent City Schools Parent Mentor, Patty Restaine prestaine@kentschools.net or 330.676.7661 with any questions.

It's important to remember that it is our teachers and staff who work determinedly to make all of these things happen. Let's continue to be grateful for our amazing learning community and embrace and enjoy this great time of year. Wishing you a pleasant and refreshing spring break.

Academic News

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

In the month of February we highlighted the most students in one month and the most in one week so far this year! We held an event, Show the Love, during which time a student earned a cup of hot chocolate if they were nominated by a teacher during the week of February 5th. During this week we had over **200** students recognized for their exemplary behavior of Respect, Integrity, Duty and Excellence! The student received the hot chocolate during their lunch on February 14th. Theodore Roosevelt has building-wide goals, one of which is directly related to PBIS with one of the action steps being, acknowledging students for doing well! We appreciate all of the hard work the students and staff have shown to make this action step an easy one to reach and continue to highlight! Thanks for such a great month and hopefully next month will have even more names!!!

RESPECT – Lawrence Abercrombie, Sarah Al Sherifi, Rehaf Alrabiah, Rowan Baynes, Sarah Boone, Jojo Busch, Amelia Cope, Tyler Ellington, Allah Fife, Aubrey Fink, Cyler Foreman, Teagan Frazier, Masyn Friedman, Allison

Gabelman, Zophia Gallagher, Austin Gant, Aaron Gardner, Devon Giffen, Luke Haney, Kameron Hazelton, Ela Houk, Mikayla Johnson, Tommy Kaschak, Cassy Kotouc, Dean Lenczweski, Cash Liedel, Sophia Lovinski, Kira Meloy, Christian Mineo, Faith Morehead, Jazmeka Pretty, Omari Primm, John Ranucci, Gage Rhodes, Ashlynn Riddick, Gwendolyn Rogers, Kaeyden Stock(x2), Mia Stroh, Josh Swaney, Kaeyden Stock, Stephanie Vazquez

INTEGRITY – Gerald Anderson, Theo Bednar, Issac Benjamin, Maddie Booher, Leona Rose Chambers, Brayden Cole, Tyler Copen(2), Kinsey Crawford, Emily Derry, Lonnie Eicher, Za'Raya Elmore, Masyn Friedman, Lorelei Fryberger, Bek Gafurbekov, Justin Green, Aleanora Haines, Caiden Harris, Trey Johnson, Brianna Johnston, Will Jones, Asher Kerr, Arrianna Ladd, Brady Liske, Nina Loofboro, Amina M'Baye, Marlena MacPherson, Toni Morris, Zachary Mulloy, Michael Obie, Marcus Paroline, Samaya Peeples, Aaliyah Pereda, Madison Price, Owen Puhalla, John Ranucci, Georgia Robeson, Kyle Salazar, Carson Smith, Amir Spratt, Cherish Stokes, Joshua Swaney, Zariyah Taylor, Loki Tucker, Kai Wallace, Bella Weideman, Sabrina Winterich, Izzi Wood, Messiah Wright

DUTY – Kore Allen, Julian Amon, Gregory Ballway, Carmen Berry, Elliot Boltz, Presley Botha, Aubrey Byler, Layla Call, Sincere Churn, Elliot Cole, Aaliyah Collins, Amelia Cope, Robert Craft, Kate Ennemoser, Lauren Frey, Mollie Gabelman, Raina Gmerek, Coco Golden, Evelyn Harris, Hunter Hart, Sienna Heeman, Hannah Hido, Seth Hoover, Leura Inwood, Brianna Johnston, Sophia Kellhofer, Andrew Kerr, Yelyzaveta Koretska, Xavier Lombardo, Kynan Lutz(x2), Embyr Martin, Sydney McKim, Faith Morehead, Jazmeka Pretty, Alexis Priest, Norah Redfern, Illiad Rodgers, Natalie Roeger, Alex Schimpf, Madalyn Slack, Eniya Smith, Paloma Sokso, Jenna Sosebee, Scottie Spears, Cherish Stokes, Jacob Sumey, Jameson Townsend, Kylor Vasquez, Stephanie Vazquez, Maya Walker, Matthew White, Sophie Wiley, Annabelle Yensel(x2), Ethan Young

EXCELLENCE – Fares Abbassi, Callie Adams, Moody Almahmoud, Rehaf Alrabiah(x2), Sarah Al-Sherifi, Hank Amore, Gerald Anderson(x2), Kacee Arus, Emma Arthur, Jaxon Bailey, Alana Barnett, Maddie Baron, Van Beale, Isaac Benjamin(x2), Eva Bergey(x2), Carmela Berry, Camille Beutel, Madison Bevilacqua, Elliot Boltz(x2), Keira Bourdlais(x3) Clara Bowers(x2), AJ Brink, Bella Brink, Kenzie Burgess, Anthony Burrell, Aubrey Byler, Adeline Caudill, Selina Chakraborty, Emma Chang(x2), Lillian Chang, Alexandria Charlton, Sam Chech, Emanuel Churn(x2), Kolton Clark, Ender Clarke, Avery Clifford(x2), Pheonix Cline, Amelia Cope, Jackson Courtheyn, Payton Crocker, Nate Cummings, Peyton Davis, Sophia DellaVecchia, Breanna Deprey(x2), Emily Derry(x2), Abdulrahman Dhmany, Giada Drago(x2), Gavin Edwards(x2), Omar Elbahnasawy(x2), Mario Everette, Megan Fankhauser, Carter Fertig(x2), Addison Fink(x2), Tatiana Fitch(x2), Jason Fonner(x2), Dean Foster, Arabella Fried, Max Froman, Mollie Gabelman, Bek Gafurbekov, Zophia Gallagher, Ava Galley(x2), Austin Gant, Nick Gest, Riley Ghosh, Sonia Gmerek, David Grabbe, Justin Green(x2), Moses Hanson, Trinidad Heath, Sienna Heeman, Hanna Herakovic, Madi Herold, Sophia Heroux, Keira Hilton, Desiree Holliday(x2), Ava Housel, Brielle Hornbeck, Nic Inwood, Brendan Jaronowski, Jason Jeffers, Zaniah Jenkins(x2), Trevon Johnson(x3), Matthew Joltin(x2), Delaney Jones, Taryn Jones, Will Jones, Colt Jurovcik, Rylie Keim, Maggie Kingsley, Kenzie Kirby, Erika Knezevich, Kelsey Koch(x2), Mar'Chaun Lawrence-Gore, Eliza Ziggy Lanier, Taelyn Lear, Cash Liedel, Grant Leslie, Ting Ting Li(x2), Daniel Li, Cash Liedel, Asia Lindsey(x2), Nathan Lindsey, Brady Liske(x2), Katherine Logue(x2), Xavier Lombardo(x2), Bella Lopez, Sophia Lovinski, Eli Logsdon, Sophia Maxwell, Lucia Maltempi(x2), Tony Mangeri, Bushra Matar(x2), Sophia Maxwell, Eli McAllister, Ava McClain, Hallie McKendry, Daynah McNeil, Bow McPeak, Justin Meeks(x2), Kora Mendez, Leah Mercer, Luke Metoki, Elliot Meyer, Layla Milton, Christian Mineo, Adrianna Mineo, Hayden Mitchell(x2), Faith Morehead, Mateo Morelos, Owen Mosca, Allister Moser, Molly Murphy, Chloe Muckus, Zachary Mulloy, Julia Nash, Keira Nash(x2), Lexi Nash, Jenna Nelson(x2), Samuel Nester, Kayleigh Parks(x3), Maura Pedone, Noah Petrovic(x3), Jaiden Portis, Jazmeka Pretty, Madison Price(x2), Izzy Provenzano, Kamai Putnam, Kadin Pyka, Kail Pyka, Kenny Rall, Kenny Rail, Amelia Reardon, Susan Reer, Alec Reischuck, MaKenna Rhodes, Zim Rhodes, Tommy Richards, Ashley Roberts (x2), Nick Roberts, Seth Roberts, Miles Robeson, Ady Salmons, Asher Salamon, Kyle Salazar, Kareem Scales, Alexis Schiavoni, Alex Schimpf, Asher Salmon, Lainey Schuck, Amelie Semmler, Cooper Slater, Jaelon Smith(x3), Maryssa Smith, Tae Smith, Sam Snellenberger, Adam Springer, Natalie St. John, Ethan Stager, Katie Stahle(x2), Ryker Stanley(x2), Maddy Steffl, Ethan Stratton, Abby Sucharzewski, Jacob Sumey, Josh Swaney, Mo Taqi, London Taylor (x2), Lilly Thomas, Ava Tinker, Loki Tucker, Dalaina Upshaw, Lincoln Wade, Reagan Wade, Carly Wages, Andelyn Walton(x2), Riley Waltz(x2), Gia Watts, Sophie Weiss(x2), Sophie Wiley, Lindsay Wills, Jax Wilson, Griffin Wollam, Xander Wood, Harri Wunderle, Gianna Yanelli, Sara Yanelli, Isabell Yehle, Anabelle Yensel(x2), Maria Zaroni(x3), Kevin Zifchak(x2)

Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

Spring Sports Picture Day is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7, 2024**. In addition to Ripcho taking individual and team pictures, Rough Rider All Sports Boosters (RRASB) will be there to take pictures for the Senior Banners. Many thanks to RRASB for purchasing the senior banners for all Roosevelt athletes this year! Here is the picture schedule for March 7:

2:45 PM - Boy's Track
3:00 PM - Girl's Track
3:30 PM - BLAX
3:45 PM - GLAX
4:00 PM - Volleyball
4:15 PM - Tennis
4:30 PM - Softball
4:45 PM - Baseball

It is not too late to join us for the annual RRASB's **Night at the Races**, a fun-filled evening supporting all our Rough Rider student-athletes, on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**. [Get your tickets NOW](#) for one of the best events of the year. Have fun while supporting the Rough Rider All Sports Boosters. All proceeds from this event will be used to assist athletic programs at both Stanton Middle School and TRHS.

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Career & Technical Education (CTE)

by Brian Bachtel

Students joining Kent Career-Technical Education programs for the 2024-25 school year have a special evening event on April 17 at 6:30 pm. This event is for students and parents and will be in the program room. We're so happy you are "starting your career" in the 2024-25 school year in one of our eleven Career-Technical Education programs. Please note that the Kent Engineering Academy will be holding its event on April 29, 2024 in the Theodore Roosevelt Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

Counseling Department

By: Jessica Evanson

Your school counselors have been working with your students on preparing schedules for next school year. In addition to the classroom scheduling lessons, all students are encouraged to schedule a one-on-one meeting with their counselor to review their graduation and post high school plans. Appointments can be made through our [website](#) or in person with Mrs. Qualls in the counseling office.

The **Senior Guidance Assembly #2** was held on February 13, 2024. A [copy of the presentation](#) is available to review.

SchoolLinks is a modern college and career planning platform available to all students and their families at TRHS. Each grade level counseling team introduced students to school links so they can start to explore. Parents also have access to SchoolLinks and can connect to their student's account. [Directions for how to access your account.](#)

College Credit Plus intent forms are due March 22, 2024, and can be found on Final Forms. College Credit Plus (CCP) is an Ohio program where students in grades 7-12 can take college courses during high school (and earn both high school and college credit) for free. This is a wonderful opportunity for students' to earn college credit while in high school. Please review the CCP information on our [CCP Website](#)

Local Scholarships are now available. Please check out our [Local Scholarship Website](#) to see the current scholarships. Check back often. Kent City Schools offers over \$80,000 in local scholarships from our Kent community.

FAFSA Update From NACAC: On January 30, 2024, the Department of Education's [Office of Federal Student Aid](#) (FSA) announced that Institutional Student Information Reports (ISIRs) will start being sent to institutions in "the first half of March," though a specific date was not provided. If this deadline is met, delivery of these reports would still occur six weeks later than previously announced. This will cause further delays in institutional and state aid processing and decision making. On February 13, [FSA announced](#) flexibilities on required deadlines and waived certain verification requirements. Colleges have started to push back their deadlines to confirm their enrollment for potential students. For example, Kent State has changed their deadline to confirm from May 1 to June 1, 2024. We encourage your students to keep up with the applications and their institutions.

Student Activities

by Heidi Jurgling

The TRHS Performing Arts and Drama Guild students are excited to present their annual Winter Musical, *The Addams Family*, on February 29 through March 3. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows will start at 7:00 pm. The Sunday matinee will begin at 3:00 pm. *The Addams Family*, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family– a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before– keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. [Tickets are now available online](#) and can also be purchased at the door for each performance. Adult tickets are \$10 and students/senior citizens are \$7.00. Students can also purchase tickets during their lunch period the week of February 26.

March was officially designated ***Music In Our Schools Month*** in 1985. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children. It is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the benefits that school music brings to students of all ages. Every day, in classrooms throughout our school district, music educators dedicate themselves to reaching all students with life-changing musical experiences. Parents and the wider community see the performances, but they don't often see the learning process that takes place to make the performance happen. The positive impact of music in the lives of our students lasts a lifetime. We encourage you to celebrate music education as an essential part of every student's educational journey.

- **KCSD Band Extravaganza** – Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 7:00 pm
 - [KCSD Band Extravaganza LIVESTREAM LINK](#)
- **SMS & TRHS Orchestra Concert** – Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7:00 pm
 - [Orchestra Concert LIVESTREAM LINK](#)
- **TRHS Band *Music In Our Schools Month* Concert** – Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm
 - [TRHS Band Concert LIVESTREAM LINK](#)
- **KCSD Choral Festival** – Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 pm
 - [KCSD Choral Festival LIVESTREAM LINK](#)
- **TRHS Choir Concert** – Thursday, March 14, 2024, 7:00 pm
 - [TRHS Choir Concert LIVESTREAM LINK](#)

Spring Elections will be coming up after Spring Break. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 who are interested in serving as class officers for the 2024-25 school year should pick up election information in the Activities Office or the Student Council Google classroom in April for details on running for class officer positions. Each class has a class president, class vice president, class treasurer, and class secretary. Additionally students can serve as class representatives in Student Council. [For more information on class officer & representative positions, refer to the ***Elections Information: Class Officer & Representative Descriptions*** handout.](#)



The Rotary Club of Kent is looking for families interested in hosting an international student through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Host families would host a high school student from another country for three to five months during the **2024-25 school year**. The exchange is a remarkable and enriching experience and mutually rewarding program for the student and the host family. If you are interested in applying to be a host family, please contact Dr. Asad Khan (Rotary Club of Kent President) at akhan@kentdisplays.com for more information about the program and the application process.

For the THIRTEENTH time since 1999, you are most cordially invited to join high school Latin teachers Rob Susel and John Phillips for the trip of a lifetime to the breathtaking country of Italy! Imagine standing at the very peak of the Island of Capri, looking out over the beautiful blue Gulf of Naples at the islands of Ischia and Procida. Turn around and look over the remainder of the stunning



landscape of the Island of Capri. And that's just the beginning! Visit the [Italy Trip website](#) or download the [2025 Italy Trip Flier](#) for more details! Interested? [Get on the mailing list today!](#)

Upcoming Events

MARCH		TIME
1-2	Winter Musical	7:00 pm
3	Winter Musical Matinee	3:00 pm
4	Boys Tennis Begins	
5	KCSD Band Extravaganza (<i>in TRHS gym</i>)	7:00 pm
8	Registration Deadline — 4/13 ACT Test	
6	5 th Grade Music Recruitment Concert	9:30 am
7	Spring Sport Picture Day	2:30 pm
7	TRHS & SMS MIOSM Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm
9	SAT Test (<i>not at RHS</i>)	
12	TRHS MIOSM Band Concert	7:00 pm
13	KCSD Choral Festival at TRHS	7:00 pm
14	TRHS MIOSM Choir Concert	7:00 pm
15	END 3 rd GRADING PERIOD	
19	Kent Music Boosters Meeting	7:00 pm
22	REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE on ProgressBook	
21-23	Senior Class Trip to Chicago (registration required)	
25-April 1	SPRING BREAK — NO SCHOOL	

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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

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**School Safety
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Social Media Bulletin

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(U) Social Media Alert for February 2024



(U) The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has reported that “financial sextortion” of teens has become a rapidly escalating threat. Financial sextortion generally involves someone tricking a minor into sending them sexually explicit photos or videos, which they then use to blackmail the teens into sending them money or gift cards to prevent the images from being released to friends and family. According to the Network Contagion Research Institute, sextortion cases in both North America and Australia have rising by 1,000% in the last 18 months.

(U) The statistics show that males aged 14 to 17 have become the most common victim of this crime, as individuals will contact them, and pose as “alluring young girls”, sending the teen boys explicit images of the “girls” and requesting that they send nude or suggestive selfies back in exchange. The blackmailers then threaten to release the content to the teen’s contacts on social media, and their families if their demands are not met.

(U) In January 2024 both Apple and Google Play Stores removed the app “Wizz” from their systems over concerns of sextortion. The app, based out of France, was created to allow children ages 13 and up to connect with other children living near to them and of a similar age. The app is set up similar to the popular dating app “Tinder” and has been downloaded more than 14 million times since 2019. The downside to the app is that there are no parental controls, and some victims reported that they were targeted by sextortion attempts within “minutes” of joining the app.

(U) The FBI recommends parents and guardians take the following steps to ensure their child’s safety: Don’t assume your child is safe online, as the children affected by sextortion have been as young as 8 years-old and have crossed all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Know that all forms of social media, gaming and digital platforms can pose a risk to children. Review internet and social media use and their settings by spot checking your child’s apps, keep their profiles private, and consider banning the use of connected devices in bedrooms.

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