



RHS Newsletter

January 16th - 20th



Week at a Glance:

Monday - MLK, Jr Day - No School

Tuesday - JV and Varsity Boys Soccer plays at ASH at 5:30 and 7 pm. Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball plays at Pineville at 5 and 6:30 pm.

Wednesday - All levels of Girls Basketball play at Minden at 5 and 6 pm.

Thursday - Varsity Girls play at West Ouachita at 5:30 pm.

Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball plays at Alexandria at 5:30 and 7. **REPORT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY!!**

Saturday - Indoor Track at LSU, Varsity Girls and Boys will play vs. Grant at RHS at 10 and 11:45 am. Boys and Girls Powerlifting at East Ouachita Middle.

Academic News & Announcements:

This is the first week of the 3rd 9 weeks and the 2nd semester. Please help your child get on the right track at the new beginning. Each teacher has a google classroom that should have a weekly agenda. You can look through each class with your child to see what will be due and what quizzes or tests they may have this week.

Our very own science teacher and Powerlifting Coach Sara Wages lifted in the Powerlifting America Bench Nationals in Reno, NV this weekend. She finished all three attempts and medaled in the Masters 1 weight class!! She

qualified for the IPF World Bench Press Meet in May in Sun City, South Africa! We are so proud of you, Mrs. Wages!!

Freshman Melissa Le competed in the Miss Louisiana Volunteer Pageant last week placing in the top 5!

Callie Stegall was named a Princess for the Krewe of Pomona 2023 in their inaugural year!

Night to Shine (a prom and night for celebrating those with special needs) will take place on Friday, February 10th from 6 - 9 pm at the Louisiana Tech Student Center. Currently, there are very few volunteers signed-up and many, many more are needed. There is a meeting scheduled for anyone who would like to volunteer for this worthy cause on Monday, January 23rd, at 6 pm in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Spring Testing Schedule:

SESSION 1: April 18-20: 8:00-10:00 ELA1/ELA2/US History

SESSION 2: April 25-27: 8:00-10:00 Algebra/Geometry

SESSION 3: May 9-11: 8:00-10:00 Biology

Makeup testing will be throughout the window as students come back to school.

A new uniform store has opened so students can get uniform t-shirts and sweatshirts. The link is on the RHS website and provided below.

The store closes on Jan. 27. Items will be passed out at RHS after Feb. 13.

https://stores.inksoft.com/Ruston_High_School_22-23_Round_4/shop/home

The 2023 Hispanic Scholarship Program Application is now open and closes on February 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. This program offers scholarships to eligible applicants. To apply, one must be of Hispanic heritage, must be a US citizen, must submit the FAFSA, and must have at least a 3.0 gpa. See Mrs. White for more information.

Attention, Senior Girls! If you have ever participated in softball through the Ruston Girls Softball Association, you may apply for a scholarship sponsored by RGSA. Applications are available in Mrs. White's office. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2023.

Throughout the month of January, FBLA's American Enterprise team will be hosting a Design Contest where students are challenged to create a business log. To enter, students must join the AEP google classroom. There will be printed packets available in the office with the code. Winners will win the opportunity to have their logos posted in the American Enterprise Project report as well as the chatterbox and other media. You can submit your design in the AEP Google Classroom. Further details about the contest will be posted in google classroom. If there are any questions, contact Mrs. Lewis at room 322.

Attention Juniors & Seniors:

Prom 2023 will be April 15th at the Ruston Library Event Center. Tickets will go on sale at the end of March. Prom is a formal and special night for RHS students. We hope to maintain the integrity and formality of this night by implementing simple dress code expectations. Prom Dress Code can be picked up in the office. If you have questions concerning your dress, it is your responsibility to seek prior approval from our administration.

Prom Dress Code Prom Contract can be picked up in the office on March 6, 2023.

Each year, the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts hosts a Scholarship Art & Songwriting Contest to celebrate the creativity of Louisiana's high school juniors and seniors. The Foundation awards a total of \$25,000 in college scholarships. No GPA is required to enter, and winners are not required to major in Art or Music in the future. Please see Mrs. White in Guidance for more information.

Seniors:

Parker Alexander Attorney at Law is committed to improving safety in our community. Their 2023 scholarship program for Northeast Louisiana students will award two scholarships: a grand prize of \$2,500 and a second prize of \$500. Applicants must submit an original essay with a proposal to improve safety and/or reduce traffic accidents in Northeast Louisiana. Applications should also include a short statement as to

individual scholarship need and the student's planned course of study in college. Applications are due May 1, 2023. See Mrs. White for more details.

The Ark-La-Tex Chapter of AFCEA International awards scholarships to a number of high school seniors who plan to pursue a college education in a STEM Field: Science , Technology, Engineering and Math. These scholarships are usually \$2000. To apply, a student must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a combined 3.0 GPA for all math and science classes. See Mrs. White for more information.

If you have not completed the FAFSA it is time for you and your parent or guardian to do so. Completion of the FAFSA is a state graduation requirement.

Cap and gown pictures are January 24 & 25 during your English class. Please ask your English teacher which day your class will take photos.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PICTURE DAY:

- **BRING \$10 FOR SITTING FEE** - Senior Cap & Gown pictures will be taken at school for a \$10.00 sitting fee and for an additional \$10.00 Portraits Plus will take a senior outdoor picture (one outfit).
- **WEAR CLOTHING SPECIFIED FOR THE PHOTO** - Male students should wear or bring a white button down shirt and tie for pictures and female students should wear a shirt that will not show at the neck of the gown. We suggest a v-neck shirt or a shirt that does not show close to your neck that does not have a collar.
- **FACIAL PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR PHOTO** - Since it is against our dress code to have facial piercings, they will not be allowed for cap and gown photos.

Students will come to the auditorium during their English class. Cap and gown will be provided by Portraits Plus. All pictures will be available for purchase through Portraits Plus. Each senior must turn in, to the yearbook, one picture with the cap on and one picture with the cap off. These will be used for the yearbook and the newspaper. When these are posted online we will make an announcement. Students may turn in the picture numbers of the ones they want used to Mrs. Deana Revels.

If any seniors have not placed their order for their cap & gowns, please do so as soon as possible. Access the link below or review the frequently asked questions. If you still have questions contact Mrs. Ashlee Bell.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- You **only** need the cap and gown unit for graduation. You may order other items if you want them.
- The cap and gown unit (list price \$70.00) **includes** the cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover.
- All items in Cap and Gown unit will be delivered to RHS. They will be distributed after Spring Break.
- Need help ordering? Watch a video tutorial at <https://tinyurl.com/ordermygradkit>



CAP AND GOWN

ORDER BY DEC 15!

SCAN THIS QR CODE OR
VISIT THIS LINK TO ORDER



<https://tinyurl.com/bearcatgrad>

Athletics:

- Our #1 ranked Boys Basketball team beat West Monroe on Tuesday night 65 - 41! Great Job, Cats!!
- Our Lady Cat Basketball team defeated West Monroe 55 - 35 Tuesday night! On Friday night, our Lady Cats also defeated Ouachita 46 - 41! Great week of basketball, Lady Bearcats!
- Varsity Boys Soccer defeated Tioga 4 - 0 on Thursday afternoon! On Saturday, the Boys also defeated North DeSoto 3 - 1!! Way to Go, Bearcats!

- Girls Varsity Soccer defeated Franklin Parish 1 - 0 on Tuesday afternoon! On Saturday, the Lady Cats also defeated North DeSoto 2 - 0! Great Week of Soccer Lady Bearcats!!
- Our Powerlifting Team competed on Saturday, January 7th, at the Dr Billy Jack Talton Hall of Fame Invitational Meet at West Monroe High School. Placing in the top 5 in their weight class were: Madison Jacks - 1st, Syriana Mack - 1st, Natalie Brooks - 2nd, Taylor Durrett - 4th, Emma Pylant - 4th, Mason Shumaker - 4th, Xander Edwards - 4th. Great Job, Bearcats!
- The competition cheer squad has opened a GoFundMe to help with their costs to compete at Nationals in a few months! With our football season lasting longer than normal and several trips to a playoff game and to the dome (which we are all so thankful for), their funds are lower than normal for this point in the year. If you would like to donate to this group, this is the link:
<https://gofund.me/2beb076f>
- The Track Team has a shop which will be open January 5th - 19th. The link to purchase some items to support our track teams is
<https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/rhstr23>

Clubs & Organizations:

- RHS Band Fundraiser for door hangers can be purchased at this link:
<https://blessyourartstudio.square.site/s/shop?fbclid=IwAR3RkvmVVsu-W2hITNdQXCBMIMnEe7oBpEpHfShmJUOJ6YQpjoB6Dri93rw>
You create your own and they are really cute!
- The following RHS band students auditioned and have been selected to participate in the District One Band Directors Association Honor Band. Members are: Caden Breeding, Cory Brown, Kate Gray, Hannah Kang, Midquer Lopez, James Peterson, MaKenna Pollard, Alexis Thompson, and Matthew Yates. They will play in a final concert on January 28th in Howard Auditorium.
- FACS is collecting cleaning supplies for the Ronald McDonald House in Monroe. All supplies need to be turned into Mrs. Hammons for this service project. Examples include Clorox wipes, 409, Windex, etc. You can still bring these supplies on Tuesday, January 17th. They will be attending a field trip to the Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday.