

Branching Out

Theodore Roosevelt High School Monthly Newsletter



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



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

We are excited to welcome 2023 with a renewed commitment to excellence in education. It is important we take time to reflect on what we have learned from previous experiences to help us be the best version of ourselves. During these past few years all of us have been challenged. We have had to be resilient during some difficult times. We do not doubt that this will only strengthen the Rough Riders and will allow our learning community to thrive in 2023.

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Academic Achievement

by Dennis Love, Mary Lynn Bush, Brian Bachtel, and Daniela Stuckey.

We have much to celebrate on the academic front this school year. Our staff has been hard at work collaborating to ensure ALL of our students will have equitable access to aligned learning standards, across all courses.

Some of the work we've done over the past couple of years includes:

- Aligning our instruction and building processes with [Ohio's Continuous Improvement Model](#).
- Implementing Professional Learning Communities/Teacher Based Teams to update and align our curriculum maps across content areas, develop common assessments, and analyze student data in order to inform, adjust and improve instruction.
- In 2019, our district was awarded [Ohio's Comprehensive Literacy State Grant](#). At the high school, the grant has supported our on-going professional development in adolescent literacy. We've been fortunate to have the grant to support our secondary literacy coaches as well as a district Family Engagement Coordinator and Continuous Improvement/Instructional Coach.
- The research shows that students who read, write and discuss everyday in every course have higher levels of academic success. Our expectation at Roosevelt continues to be the implementation of [Write to Learn Strategies](#) across all of courses everyday.
- Starting this month, our staff will also begin working in collaboration to implement the instructional practices of [Teacher Clarity Playbook](#).
- We are seeing gains academically and we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where all students have access to high quality learning opportunities. Please reach out if there is anything you'd like to see in action or if there is more you'd like us to share.

Athletic News

by Ben Dunlap

Both our basketball teams held the First Adam Hamilton Memorial and Military Appreciation games on December 9 and 10.

The Hockey team hosted the Karynn Barlow Memorial Holiday Tournament December 15-18. During break our basketball teams also hosted Kent Youth Basketball Nights where



we honored our young student athletes in grades 3-6.



Career & Technical Education

by Brian Bachtel

The application process for students interested in one of the [Six District Compact CTE Programs](#) will be available on January 26, 2023. All 10th grade students will have an opportunity to visit all of the Six District Programs in person throughout the months of January and February.

Counseling Department

by Jessica Evanson

Welcome back!

Counselors will be talking with students currently in grades 9-11 during English classes starting January 23. They will be discussing course registration for next school year. Students will have until February 1st to enter their course requests on [Schoollinks.com](#). Counselors will then return to English courses starting February 1st to review requests with each individual student. Feel free to explore our [course offerings](#) and see what TRHS has to offer.

On [January 25, at 7:00 pm](#), we will be hosting our annual CCP meeting virtually. It is recommended that all families interested in learning about the CCP program and process attend.

Local scholarships available to the Class of 2023 will be available on our [website](#) during the month of February.

The 2nd grading period ended on December 22 and report cards will be posted on Progress Book by the end of January 13th. 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 and create the best possible learning environment for all our students to meet their full potential. Visit the [TRHS Counseling website](#) or contact info and more.

Student Activities News

by Heidi Jurging

The Class of 2024 hosted the annual **Junior Silent Auction** on December 2, 3, 4, raising a total of \$9,147.87. Thank you to all local businesses, families, and staff who contributed donated items. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Class of 2024, including the junior/senior prom and any senior year class activities.

The Senior Class enjoyed a **Senior Holiday Breakfast** hosted by class co-advisors, Kelly Foreman & Crystal Roberts, along with teacher Pam Harr. Other teacher volunteers helped make fresh waffles, pancakes, and breakfast platters to serve to the students. Parents and staff donated many items for the breakfast including many prizes given out during the breakfast. Thank you to all who contributed in making this a morning to remember for our seniors.



The **Roosevelt Music Department** showcased their talents in several concerts during the holiday season, including the Madrigal Dinner, the Jazz Holiday lunchtime concert for students, and various community performances.



UPCOMING DATES:

- **January 13:** Report Cards Available on Progress Book ([directions on how to view](#))
- **January 16:** NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 23:** Scheduling Process for 2023-24 School Year begins in English Classes
- **January 22:** **CTE** (Career Technical Education) **Program Orientation** for 10th Grade & Interested 9th Grade Students 7:30 a.m.
- **January 25:** **VIRTUAL College Credit Plus Meeting** -- 7:00 p.m.
- **January 31:** **Choir Auditions for the 2023-24 School Year** -- 2:40 p.m.
- **February 1:** **Choir Auditions for the 2023-24 School Year** -- 2:40 p.m.
- **February 2:** Roosevelt **CTE (Career Technical Education) Visitations 2nd and 3rd periods** for 10th and 9th grade students. Career Technical Applications open at www.sixdistrict.com
- **February 2:** **CTE's** (Career Technical Education) **Conversation with Parents** for 10th Grade Parents and Students -- 6:30 p.m.
- **February 2:** **TRHS 8th Grade Open House** at Roosevelt -- 7:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
- **February 6:** **Rough Rider All-Sports Boosters Meeting** -- 6:30 pm
- **February 7:** **Senior Assembly** -- 8:24 a.m. (2nd Period)

- **February 15: *OHSAA Spring Sport Parent & Athlete Pre-Season Meeting*** -- 7:00 p.m.
- **February 16: *EARLY RELEASE DAY for Students*** -- 12:15 pm

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