

Branching Out

Theodore Roosevelt High School Monthly Newsletter
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**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,

Minutes into the staff opening meeting for the 2022/23 school year, we reflected on the following quote, **"Equity can never become a reality in education if it's viewed as charity instead of professional obligation."** -- **Dr. Anthony Muhammad**. We may all interpret this quote slightly differently but at Roosevelt, we are very clear in our intent to ensure all of our students are able to reach their full potential.

As we celebrate **National Black History Month**, I want to remind our school community that we want our Black and Brown students to feel that they are valued and to recognize that we are acutely aware of the need to create an equitable and inclusive environment. As we strive to continually improve, we want to be sure to create a high school where students and staff of color feel respected, safe, and have the opportunity to thrive. We are committed to collecting data and evidence to better meet the needs of our diverse community of learning. We will continue to have anti-racism training and to be transparent with our educational goals and action plans. We have solicited and continue to welcome feedback from the Roosevelt Learning Community. We all have the challenge

of making our world a better place. I am proud of how the Roosevelt Learning Community continues to learn and grow as we strive to all become the best versions of ourselves.

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Academic Achievement

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

As we shared in January, our staff is hard at work collaborating to ensure ALL of our students have equitable access to aligned learning standards, across all courses. Our building implemented a shared [Professional Growth Goal](#) this year to ensure we are taking clear action steps to measure and attain our goal.

Our Professional Learning Community and staff meeting time will be focused on:

- Collaborating to implement the instructional practices of [Teacher Clarity Playbook](#).
- Revising and adjusting our curriculum maps to include the [key components](#) of Teacher Clarity so our students know what they will learn and how they will demonstrate they have mastered the standards.

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

Our Boys Swimming and Diving team recently won the Suburban League tournament championship that was held at the University of Akron. We would like to congratulate our coaches and student-athletes on their accomplishments both at the tournament and during this winter season.

Our Girl's Basketball team recently hosted their annual Hattie Larlham Night. We honored five "honorary starters" and Hattie residents in a night that was memorable for all.

A couple of important dates are coming up:

- **Wednesday February 15, 2023**, is our mandatory **OHSAA Spring Sport Parent & Athlete Pre-Season Meeting** at 7:00 pm in the Roosevelt auditorium.
- **Saturday March 4, 2023** is the Rough Rider All Sports Boosters **Night at the Races** beginning at 5pm.



Career & Technical Education

by Brian Bachtel

Kent Theodore Roosevelt High School Career-Technical Conversation for **all interested 10th & 9th grade students and parents will be held on February 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a time for students and parents to tour TRHS CTE programs, talk to teachers and get a firsthand look at everything Theodore Roosevelt has to offer. Please go directly to the program room(s):

- Athletic Health Care & Fitness -- Rm. 151
- Business & Sports Management -- Rm. 184
- Computer-Aided Design & Engineering Technologies -- Rm. 150
- Construction Technologies -- Rm. 178
- Cosmetology -- Rm. 168
- Electronics, Robotics, and Programming -- Rm. 157
- Engineering Academy -- Rm. 155
- Forestry & Landscape Management -- Rm. 176
- Health Careers Technology -- Rm. 158
- Marketing -- Rm. 167

More information is available at www.rhscte.net or www.sixdistrict.com

The final step to join a program is to complete a CTE application at <https://sixdistrict.enrolltrack.com/StudentPortal/#>



Counseling Department

by Jessica Evanson



On January 20, junior students attended the **Portage County Youth Leadership Summit**. Students were presented with data about the county and were tasked to come up with action plans for the high school.

On February 28, Juniors will be taking the ACT and the 9th graders will be taking the PLAN test, other students will have an

asynchronous learning day.

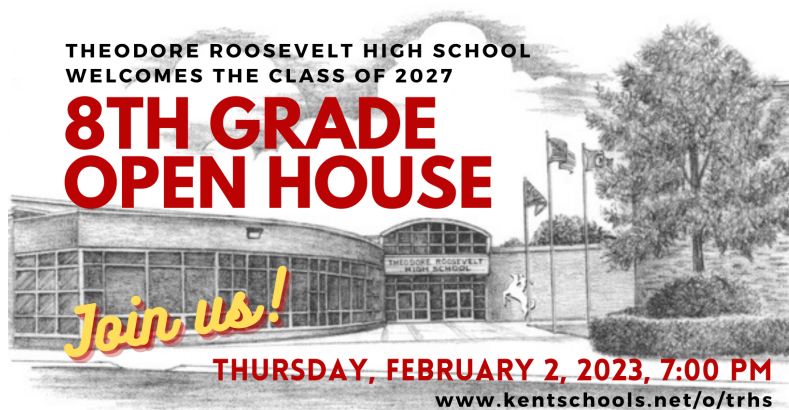
Scheduling is underway. Discuss with your students their classes for the next school year. Parents have access to the [Schoollinks](#) platform. This platform is how you can see what courses your student has requested for next school year, college and career matching features, and a scholarship search. Please log on to your schoollinks account today and see all it has to offer. [Directions for how to access your account.](#)

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.

Student Activities News

by Heidi Jurgin

On **Thursday, February 2, 2023**, (alternate date if inclement weather will be Thursday, February 9), TRHS Administration and Counseling Department will be hosting the annual **8th Grade Open House**, welcoming the Class of 2027 to Theodore Roosevelt High School. Following a brief program in the auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m., 8th 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.



Students in our performing arts programs are diligently rehearsing in preparation for this year's musical. ***The Fantasticks***, which premiered off-Broadway in 1960, ran for 42 years and was the longest-running musical of all time. We invite you to join us for our production of this evocative show described by Music Theatre International as "a timeless fable of love ... nostalgic and universal." Performances are **March 2, 3, and 4, at 7:00 PM**, and **March 5, at 3:00 PM**. Tickets may be purchased online through [Hometown tickets](#).

Recycling is back! Students in the Environmental Club have brought back the recycling program during the school day. Each Friday, classes send down their recycling during the announcements to the recycling bin.

On January 12th, Theodore Roosevelt High School hosted our first ever **Unified Sports Basketball Game** event. Games were played in both the old and new gym that were packed with students cheering on teams from Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge, Woodridge and our very own Rough Riders. Unified Sports is an inclusive program that lets students with disabilities participate in athletic events with partner athletes. Everyone that was able to participate on this day really enjoyed their time. Special shout out to RHS's pep band for setting the momentum and the RHS girl's and boy's basketball teams for helping out with the clock and reffing the games. Thank you to our freshman mentors for being greeters and tour guides. We look forward to hosting future Unified Sporting events here at TRHS!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 1: Choir Auditions for the 2023-24 School Year** -- 2:40 p.m.
- **February 2: CTE's** (Career Technical Education) **Conversation with Parents** for 9th & 10th Grade Parents and Students -- 6:30 p.m.
- **February 2: TRHS 8th Grade Open House** at Roosevelt 7pm.
- **February 4: Winter Dance** for Roosevelt and CTE students
- **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 Mtg.** -- 7:00 p.m.
- **February 16: EARLY RELEASE DAY for Students** -- 12:15 pm
- **February 17: NO SCHOOL for Students** -- Professional Development for Staff
- **February 20: NO SCHOOL** -- Presidents' Day
- **February 25: Princess Prom** for girls in grades K-5 (hosted by the Marketing Program)

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