

Branching Out

Theodore Roosevelt High School
Monthly Newsletter -- April 2023



**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

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for an amazing spring semester. We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful spring break and are ready to work hard in this last quarter of the school year. Let's take advantage of these last two months of school and continue to grow and learn from each other.

The last quarter is also an exciting time for our seniors and their families. The [TRHS Senior Letter](#) details regarding many of the end-of-year senior events and celebrations.

Academic News

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

Equity and Inclusion at Theodore Roosevelt High School: Our District Equity and Inclusion Taskforce hosted our first Kent Community Update Night. All of our buildings highlighted the amazing work that has been done to ensure equitable access to high quality learning and opportunities for ALL of our students, across our district.

In addition to our expo table, TRHS prepared [this presentation](#) (also featured on a bookmark to the right) so we have an opportunity to share our great work with all of our TRHS families.

Highlights of Women's History Month -- The Roosevelt Staff has been highlighting Women's History Month throughout the month of March.

- **RIDERS TAKING ACTION:** Students designed and sold t-shirts to promote women's history month.
- **NINTH GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES** are writing letters to strong women with a card that includes the quote "***Here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.***"
- **WOMEN'S STUDIES AND LITERATURE:** Students created a display of Literary Reductions to recommend books by female writers.
- **TWELFTH GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES** are reading two female authors for our International Literature Unit. Students are reading *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros and *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez.



Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

Roosevelt gives a big thank you to Ohio State Assistant Coach Tony Alford for coming home and speaking to our football team about what it means to be a Rough Rider. This is what Team, Community, Character, and Commitment is all about. Once a Rough Rider, always a Rough Rider!



Congratulations to our 91 Suburban League Scholar-Athletes during the winter sports season. They account for 55% of our athletes during the winter season. These students all had at least a 3.5 GPA or better. These student-athletes will be honored at our individualized end-of-the-season sports banquets.

Career & Technical Education

by Brian Bachtel

Students accepted into the Kent Theodore Roosevelt High School Career Technical Education programs for the 2023-24 school year should attend, with their parent/guardian, the [Kent TRHS Welcome to the Program Evening Event](#) on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. (Note: Engineering Academy-Celebrate Success and welcome to the program is on May 8, at 6:30 pm at Stow-Munroe Falls High School Auditorium)

CONGRATULATIONS! To the following CTE Programs on their recent competitions:

- [Business & Sports Management students compete at the BPA conference in Columbus, Ohio](#)
- [Health Careers Technologies students complete at the HOSa conference in Columbus, Ohio](#)
- [Kent Theodore Roosevelt HS Marketing Management students competed at the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference in Columbus, Ohio](#)
- [Kent Theodore Roosevelt HS Teaching Professions group participate in Columbus, Ohio at the Educator's Rising conference](#)

Counseling Department

by Jessica Evanson

The 3rd grading period ended on March 17 and report cards will be posted on Progress Book by the end of March 24th. 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.

On February 28th, 9th grade students took the **PreAct 8/9**. Scores were mailed home in the middle of March. If you did not receive your student's scores please contact 330-676-8728

[ACT/SAT Testing](#) - Deadline for the June 10, 2023 ACT is May 5th. The ACT encourages the use and practice of superscoring, and ACT will be calculating students' superscores across ACT test events. Watch this video for answers to frequently asked questions about superscoring from [ACT researcher Krista Mattern](#).

Spring Testing Dates

Ohio State Testing will begin April 12 at TRHS. Students are mandated to take state tests at Theodore Roosevelt High School in the following enrolled courses: Algebra I, Geometry, English 10, American History, Government, and Biology. These state tests count for graduation requirements as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education. We are currently preparing our students to be successful on their state test or tests through the courses they are taking. Test content is built into the classroom curriculum.

How will I know if I need to take a state test?

Students will receive an email sent to their Kent City Schools account that informs them when, where, and which test they are taking prior to testing.

What should students do prior to the state tests?

- Bring your Kent City Schools chromebook, fully charged, to school.
- Bring your own calculator for testing.
- Check your Kent City Schools email for testing location and be at school on time.

What happens if I don't have to take a state test?

Students who are not testing will report to their classes as normal. All students will be on a regular school schedule.

AP Tests are May 1-12, 2023 ([AP Exam Schedule](#))

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.

Parents of **Seniors**, fee invoices were mailed home. Please note that all school fees will need to be paid by May 8 in order for your student to receive their diploma at graduation. Payments can be made in person, or by mail to TRHS or you can pay online at mypaymentsplus.com. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. D'Sidocky at 330-676-8703 or via email at kdsidocky@kentschools.net

The Kent City school district is moving towards becoming a **Purple Heart** district. This means that we are working to actively connect with our military families and military connected students. To establish this connection each building has a military liaison and I am that person for Roosevelt. My role is to connect with families to see if there is any support that they may need and if there are any upcoming deployments or other military related life events so that I can share this with their student's classroom teacher(s).

April is the month of a military child. To honor the sacrifices that our military connected TRHS students and families make, we'll be working to celebrate them throughout the month. Purple Star liaisons are promoting a "wear purple" day (consistent with the State sponsored wear purple day) as a show of unity and support for these students and their families that will occur on **April 21st**. Purple references the joint environment of the military, encompassing all service branches, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veterans.

Please see attached flier for more details about the district wide "wear purple" day: [Wear Purple Day-Flyer](#).

Student Activities

by Heidi Jurgling

The **TRHS Academic Challenge Team** has been competing against many Northeast Ohio Schools. Their current competition record is 16-2 against other Ohio Academic Challenge (OAC) teams and they will be heading to regionals in April due to their success! Their biggest accomplishment along the way was winning the prestigious Copley Invitational, the longest running event in the state, by going 7-0 and bringing back a trophy for our new TRHS trophy cases. Junior Captain Ethan Young has been instrumental in studying and leading this great group that has a bright future not only in Regionals this year but also next year as well as many will be back next season, The Regionals take place on April 15th.



The Junior Class of 2024 has been hard at work planning the 2023 Junior-Senior Prom, A Night of Mystery, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Todaro's Party Center in Akron. **Any junior or senior student** (Roosevelt & CTE students) may attend prom. **A student is permitted ONE GUEST or DATE (also known as a +1) for the dance.** If that guest/date is NOT a Roosevelt/CTE student, then a Student Guest Form (available in the Activities Office) must be completed prior to purchasing tickets. This form should not be used to invite additional friends from another school or graduates if you are already going to the dance with a Roosevelt student as a date (your +1). **If the student is not a Roosevelt/CTE student, please PURCHASE BOTH TICKETS AT THE SAME TIME as a pair of tickets.** Likewise, you must arrive together for check in. More details are included on the [Prom 2023 Information](#) [handout](#).

Chess Club hosted lunchtime chess games to engage students in the game and strategy of chess. They provided several chess boards and instruction sheets to help students who have never played learn the game. The event was very popular and club members hope to make the lunchtime activity a regular event.



The **Rotary Interact Club** sold bracelets as part of the [Pulsera Project](#), which is a nonprofit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Central American artists with students in more than 3,400 U.S. schools through the sale of colorful hand-woven bracelets, or "pulseras" in Spanish.



Spring Elections for class officers and Student Council class representatives will be coming up after Spring Break. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 who are interested in serving as class officers or representatives for the 2023-24 school year should pick up election information in the Activities Office or the Student Council Google classroom in April for details on running. 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.



Student Council hosted their quarterly Class Officer Rough Rider Forum in mid March, featuring keynote speaker, Kent City Schools board member Tiera Moore. She shared with students the many important responsibilities involved with leading other students, including how to engage their peers and encourage more involvement in student organizations at Roosevelt.



Upcoming Events

- **March 27-31: NO SCHOOL for Students** -- Spring Break
- April 3 -- Classes Resume
- April 7 -- Good Friday -- NO SCHOOL
- **State Testing Dates:**
 - April 12 -- ELA II - Day 1
 - April 13 -- ELA II - Day 2
 - April 17 -- Algebra 1 & Geometry - Day 1
 - April 18 -- Algebra 1 & Geometry - Day 2
 - April 19 -- US History & US Government - Day 1
 - April 20 -- US History & US Government - Day 2
 - April 24 -- Biology - Day 1
 - April 25 -- Biology - Day 2
- April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. -- TRHS Career-Technical Programs -- Welcome Receptions
- April 20, 21, & 22 -- Spring One-Acts
- April 21 -- Wear Purple Day to Support Purple Heart
- April 21 -- KCSD Hall of Fame Junior-Senior Assembly
- April 22 -- KCSD Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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