

Branching Out

Theodore Roosevelt High School
Monthly Newsletter -- August 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

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

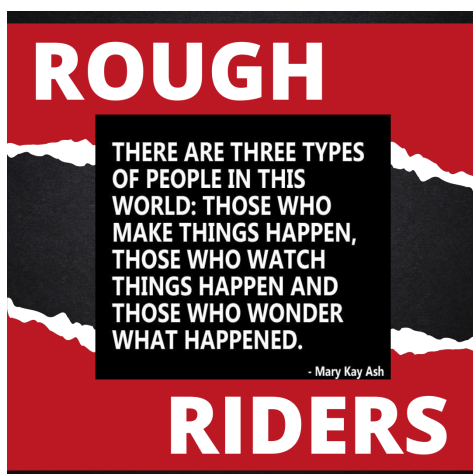
It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great school year at Theodore Roosevelt High School. We hope you have enjoyed a pleasurable and relaxing summer. It is always exciting to have students back in our classrooms and hallways with their eagerness and enthusiasm.

Our community is blessed to have a wonderful staff that enjoy building relationships with our new and returning students. We are dedicated to creating an environment where all of our students will reach their full potential in an equitable and inclusive setting.

Our school community has established a [Mission, Vision, and The Rough Rider Way](#). This document serves as a guide as to why we exist, what our school must strive for to continue to be successful, and how we must conduct ourselves to best serve students. We are excited about the 12 new staff members joining our team. Prior to interviewing, we shared with them our Mission, Vision, and Rough Rider Way. Each of our new staff members clearly understand the foundational principles of Roosevelt High School. Fortunately, our Kent community is caring and committed to serving students. This enables students to thrive in the atmosphere we have carefully planned for them here at Roosevelt.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make this another great year at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Thank you for your support and dedication.

Respectfully,
Dennis Love



Opening of School Information

by TRHS Administration

Welcome back, Rough Riders! As you prepare for the opening of school, 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](#)

Welcome, Class of 2027! On **Tuesday, August 15**, Freshmen students are encouraged to attend the **Freshman Kick-off** orientation event at Theodore Roosevelt High School. Parents can drop off their students for check in from 8:00-8:30 am at the main cafeteria entrance. Students will learn about the Rough Rider Way elements while also getting the chance to walk through their schedules and meet their teachers. Additionally, they will participate in various activities led by student mentors. The event ends at 12:00 pm at which time parents should plan to pick up their students.

Welcome, New Staff! We are excited to welcome 12 new staff members to Roosevelt! We also have 3 people in new positions this year. Congratulations to everyone, and welcome to the TRHS team!

NEW STAFF

- Jessie Barr - Tennis Coach
- Katie Beck - Drama Director
- Chris Dunfee - Wrestling Coach
- Richard Graves - Business & Sports Management
- Laura Hammer - Science
- Kardell Jackson - Intervention Specialist & Football Coach
- Kyle Kutinsky - Forestry & Landscape Management
- Kaylie Murray - Tutor/Study Hall
- Chris Nauer - Counselor
- Rachel Severn - Attendance Administrative Assistant
- Ethan Stallman - Cosmetology
- Lindsay Zenker - Assistant Principal



NEW POSITIONS

- Curtis Black - CTE Success Coordinator
- Julia Ferrando - Science
- Rachel Kenna - Intervention Specialist

People You Should Know for 2023-2024

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM		
Principal	Dennis Love	330-676-8719
Assistant Principal (Grades 10 & 12)	Mary Lynn Bush	330-676-8717
Assistant Principal (Grades 9 & 11)	Lindsay Zenker	330-676-8710
Director of Career Technical Education	Brian Bachtel	330-676-8742
School Counseling Department Chair	Jessica Evanson	330-676-8725
Athletic Director	Ben Dunlap	330-676-8773
Student Activities Coordinator	Heidi Jurgung	330-676-8772
SCHOOL COUNSELORS		
Class of 2024 - Seniors	Jessica Evanson	330-676-8725
Class of 2025 - Juniors	Chris Nauer	330-676-8726
Class of 2026 - Sophomores	Laura DePerro	330-676-8727
Class of 2027 - Freshmen	Jen Sepi	330-676-8724
OFFICE PERSONNEL		
Activities/Athletics Administrative Assistant	Paula Fisher	330-676-8771
Assistant Principals' Administrative Assistant	Stacey Owen	330-676-8716
Attendance Administrative Assistant	Rachel Severn	330-676-8702
Career Technical Education Administrative Assistant	Janet Creamer	330-676-8741
Cashier	Kathleen D'Sidocky	330-676-8703
Counseling Administrative Assistant	Pamela Qualls	330-676-8721
Counseling Technician & Testing Coordinator	Joan D'Aurelio	330-676-8728
Counseling Data Coordinator	Sharon Weiss	330-676-8729
Library Administrative Assistant	Rebecca Hejduk	330-676-8730
Principal's Administrative Assistant	Nicole Harris	330-676-8711
SUPPORT PERSONNEL		
Aramark Food Service Director	Barbara Retzer	330-676-8644
Auditorium Manager	R'reyonna Parker	330-676-8780
Cafeteria Manager	Bernadette Goodwin	330-676-8707
Head Custodian	Monty Hoffman	330-676-8708
Librarian & Media Specialist	Jennifer Flaherty	330-676-8730
Pool Manager	Corey Spicer	330-676-8762
Resource Officer	Officer Dominic Poe	330-676-8769
School Clinic Staff	Samantha Spurlock (<i>District Nurse</i>)	330-676-8617
	Raegan Williamson (<i>TRHS Clinic</i>)	330-676-8705
School Psychologist	Jason Hedges	330-676-8743
Student Assistance Program & C.A.R.E Coordinator	Jacque Peoples Dukes	330-676-8704

Academic News

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

Announcing the launch of PBIS at Theodore Roosevelt High School -- Roosevelt's overall goal for our students is to achieve both academic and behavioral success. Our **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** team made up of teachers, intervention specialists, support staff, counselors and administration (and soon adding parents and students) is working to establish and maintain a safe school environment that maximizes the academic achievement and behavioral competence of our students. The PBIS approach enhances the school's ability to educate all students by developing a research-based, school wide/classroom discipline system. The focus is on teaching and reinforcing appropriate behaviors throughout the day. The reinforcement of positive behavior should outweigh reactions to negative behavior 4:1.

Follow the matrix to "R.I.D.E." the Rough Rider Way!

Respect
Inclusion
Diversity
Equity
Responsibility
Service

The PBIS team meeting is a PLC based approach that includes problem solving, data analysis, planning and evaluation. The team has developed a matrix, flow chart, reward system, and lessons for the whole school community to be an integral part of the framework. These are research based techniques designed to support the things we do in the classroom, school and co-curricular environments with structure and reinforcement.

	Respect	Integrity	Duty	Excellence
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep phones put away (unless directed by teacher) Be kind Communicate appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use passes honestly, request passes when truly needed Complete your own work Use technology Appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Practice self control Maintain personal space and boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time and prepared Give your best effort Learn from your mistakes and keep trying
Hallway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language and volume Take care of property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be where you are supposed to be Utilize passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See something, say something Keep exterior doors locked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk with purpose Keep hallways clean and clear
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language and volume Be cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in cafeteria Use tables and chairs appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain personal space & boundaries Order food delivery only during your lunch period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself and others Be kind and welcoming
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language and volume Be kind and cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Ride on your assigned bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain personal space and boundaries Catch after-school bus at TRHS only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself and others
Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show good sportsmanship Be cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use gym at appropriate times Take care of equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep food and drink out of gym Follow activity rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock up your belongings Clean up after yourself and others
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate maturity Be kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use facilities for appropriate reasons Use closest restroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupy 1 person per stall Maintain sanitation and personal hygiene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Take care of supplies and school property
Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language, tone, and volume Be cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit with permission Protect the privacy of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain personal space and boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report promptly when requested Be willing to help
Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have empathy for others' situations Be cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize pink clinic passes Protect privacy of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in hallway until given permission to enter 	
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language and volume Be cooperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care of and return materials Be in library at appropriate times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain personal space & boundaries Use technology appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself and others
Parking Lot Arrival & Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive courteously and cautiously Park in designated areas only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for parking Stay in cafeteria until 7:15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check in/check out at attendance desk for late arrival or early dismissal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself and others Be on time to school Have documentation for appointments

"See something, Say something" & Follow safety protocols during drills and emergencies.

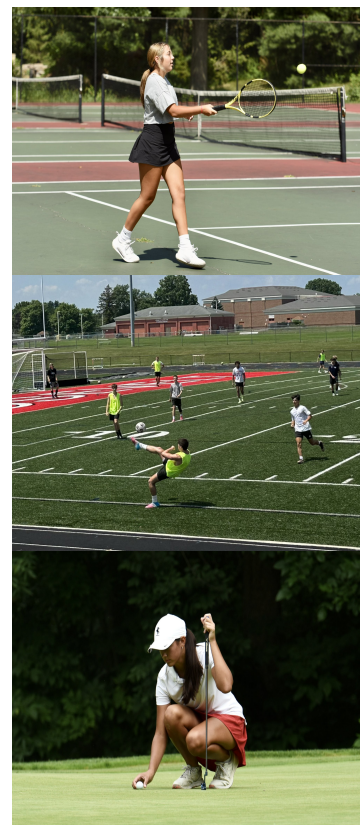
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Athletics

by Ben Dunlap

It has been so great to see our Roosevelt student-athletes back in action with practices having begun July 31. Our Rough Rider teams have worked extremely hard in the weightroom and summer workouts. The energy on campus at the various practices is very evident. Follow Rough Rider Athletics on Twitter [@rriderathletics](https://twitter.com/rriderathletics) and at <https://roughriderathletics.net/> for schedule of events, online ticket purchasing, and our [Theodore Roosevelt Athletics Handbook](#).

Rough Rider All Sports Boosters is a fully volunteer-run non-profit organization with the mission to support the sports at both Theodore Roosevelt High School and Stanton Middle School while also serving the Kent community by improving the access to and excellence of our athletic programs. They also strive to promote and highlight the accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and programs. Families and community members are invited to be a part of their organization. Please see information below on how to get involved either as a patron, volunteer, or sponsor.



**CHECK IN
LIKE US @
& TAG US**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter QR codes

**ROUGH RIDERS
ALL SPORTS
BOOSTERS**

Rough Riders All Sports Boosters (RRASB) is a fully volunteer run non-profit organization with the mission to support all 47 sports at TRHS and SMS as well as serving the Kent community by improving the access to and the excellence of our athletic programs. We also strive to promote and highlight the considerable accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and programs.

GO RIDERS! #RIDERPRIDE

2023-24 BOARD MEMBERS
Josh Schoenberger – President – joshrrasb@gmail.com
Jonathan Haines – Co-VP & Acting Treasurer – jonathanrrasb@gmail.com
Jen Smith – Co-VP – jeniferrrasb@gmail.com
Sara Beatty – Secretary – sararrasb@gmail.com

2023-24 SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR
Robin Golden – robinrrasb@gmail.com

2023-24 COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT LIAISONS & PR
Kelly Foreman – kellyrrasb@gmail.com
Alyson Haines – alysonrrasb@gmail.com

**Sponsorship
OPPORTUNITIES**

Please scan this QR code to become a sponsor and help create an amazing year for each and every Rough Rider Athlete through your generous contribution!

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**Membership
OPPORTUNITIES**

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
ROUGH RIDERS ALL SPORTS BOOSTERS!
JOIN TONIGHT
& RECEIVE A FREE
MEMBERSHIP
CAR MAGNET

SCAN THE QR CODE AND
SEE HOW MEMBERSHIP
HAS ITS BENEFITS.

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LET'S GO
RIDERS!

saye the date

Monday, September 11, 2023
First Meeting – 7pm – TRHS Library

Saturday, September 16, 2023
Rockin' Night Fundraising Concert
feat. Punching Oswald – \$25 admission
7:30 pm – Fairways at Twin Lakes

Saturday, March 9, 2024
AT THE **Races**
Details to come

Volunteers!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WE NEED YOUR HELP

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[RRASB MEMBERSHIP LINK](#)
[RRASB SPONSORSHIP LINK](#)
[RRASB VOLUNTEER LINK](#)

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

by Brian Bachtel

Kent Theodore Roosevelt high school Career Technical Education programs begin on August 16. The first official day of Career-Technical programs for Six District Educational Compact Career-Technical Education programs is [August 21](#). You are responsible to attend classes at your home school starting on their opening day. Please email Janet Creamer, administrative assistant at jcreamer@kentschools.net or Brian Bachtel, director of Career-Technical Education at bbachtel@kentschools.net if you have any questions or contact the Theodore Roosevelt Career-Technical Education office at (330) 676-8740 for personal service.

Counseling Department

By: Jessica Evanson

TRHS Counseling Department would like to welcome our newest counselor [Mr. Chris Nauer](#). Mr. Nauer is coming to us from Cuyahoga Falls High School where he worked with students 9-12 as a School Counselor. Mr. Nauer will be working with our class of 2025 students and families. Welcome Mr. Nauer!

Welcome back! Schedules will be available to view on Progressbook starting on 8/8/23. Directions for schedule changes and view schedules can be found on the [schedule change and distribution page](#). A **College Application Workshop** will be held on August 8, 9 at 10am and 1pm for any seniors who are interested in starting their college applications. Please sign up on [schoolinks](#) and meet in the media center. Freshman parents, please attend our **Freshman Parent Meeting** on Monday, August 14, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium to learn more about your student's TRHS experience. On August 23, senior parents are invited to join us for our **Senior Parent Information Meeting**, beginning at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. This is a great time to learn more about what to expect for your senior year.

The Counseling Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 2:45 pm. Every effort is made to return phone calls within 24-48 business hours. We may not always be able to do this during busy times, but we'll do our best. In particular, please be patient during the first 5 days of each semester. You may also contact us using e-mail. Please remember that each counselor is responsible for approximately 200+ students, so setting up appointments prior to stopping into school is helpful and strongly recommended. All counselors have [live calendars](#) that allow you to make [in person or virtual appointments](#). If you need immediate assistance please contact Mrs. Qualls at 330-676-8720

Student Activities

by Heidi Jurging



Poster for First Day of School. The title "BELL SCHEDULE FOR AUG. 16, 2023" is circled in red. The background features a wooden plank texture with a red and black chevron pattern and a red circle with four dots.

	4 th PERIOD LUNCH	5 th PERIOD LUNCH	6 th PERIOD LUNCH
1 st	7:30 - 8:46 (30 minutes Homeroom + 47 minutes class)		
2 nd	8:50 - 9:37 (47 minutes)		
3 rd	9:41 - 10:32 (morning announcements) (47 minutes + 4 minutes for announcements)		
4 th	10:36 - 11:06 LUNCH (47 minutes)	10:36 - 11:23 (47 minutes)	10:36 - 11:23 (47 minutes)
5 th	11:10 - 11:57 (47 minutes)	11:27 - 11:57 LUNCH (47 minutes)	11:27 - 12:14 (47 minutes)
6 th	12:01 - 12:48 (47 minutes)	12:01 - 12:48 (47 minutes)	12:18 - 12:48 LUNCH (47 minutes)
7 th	12:52 - 1:39 (47 minutes)		
8 th	1:43 - 2:29 (46 minutes)		

With a new school year comes new opportunities for students to get involved in school activities. We encourage students to explore the many clubs and activities available to them. Involvement in our co-curricular activities enhances character, academic achievement, the school community, and ultimately the students' lives. Check out the [Student Activities, Advisor, & Coach List 2023-24](#) and their descriptions in the [TRHS Student & Parent Handbook 2023-24](#) for more information. Follow [@trhs.studentactivities](#) on Instagram for updates on various activities throughout the school year. Additionally, be sure to check out the [TRHS Website](#) often for important information.

The first week of school is starting off with great excitement for the rivalry football game against the Ravenna Ravens on the second day of school, Thursday, August 17. 🏈 To cheer on our team, cheerleaders, and band, we will be having our **Fall Sports & Ravenna Pep Assembly** that afternoon so there will be a revised bell schedule for the school day. The TRHS Cheerleaders are selling the annual Kent vs. Ravenna t-shirts for \$10 on August 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16, from 3-5 pm at the stadium concession stand (weather permitting). Any questions should be directed to a cheerleader or email trhskentcheer@gmail.com.

Seniors will be taking their large group class picture early this year on Thursday, August 17, at 7:30 am (on the second day of school, the same day as the Fall Sports & Ravenna Pep Assembly). Those students and families interested in ordering the panoramic photo should complete the [Senior Class Group Photo ORDER FORM](#) and bring it in with payment to the photo shoot. Orders will also be accepted after the photo (due date to be determined).

Poster for Fall Sports & Ravenna Pep Assembly. The title "BELL SCHEDULE FOR AUG. 17, 2023" is circled in red. The background features a wooden plank texture with a red and black chevron pattern and a red circle with four dots.


	4 th Period Lunch	5 th Period Lunch	6 th Period Lunch
1 st	7:30 - 8:14 (44 minutes)		
2 nd	8:18 - 9:02 (44 minutes)		
3 rd	9:06 - 9:54 (morning announcements) (44 minutes + 4 minutes for announcements)		
4 th	9:58 - 10:28 LUNCH (40 minutes)	9:58 - 10:42 45 CLASS (40 minutes)	9:58 - 10:42 45 CLASS (40 minutes)
5 th	10:32 - 11:16 40 CLASS (40 minutes)	10:46 - 11:16 LUNCH (40 minutes)	10:46 - 11:30 47 CLASS (40 minutes)
6 th	11:20 - 12:04 78 CLASS (40 minutes)	11:20 - 12:04 78 CLASS (40 minutes)	11:34 - 12:04 LUNCH (40 minutes)
7 th	12:08 - 12:52 (44 minutes)		
8 th	12:56 - 1:40 (44 minutes)		
9 th	1:50-2:29 (40 minutes)		

Hi Riders!

YOUR CHEERLEADERS ARE NOW SELLING THE KENT VS. RAVENNA T-SHIRTS!

FOR HOW MUCH, YOU MAY ASK? Only \$10

Any ?'s can be answered by anyone on or affiliated with the team! GO RIDERS!!!



THE EVERYDAY BELL SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUG. 18, 2023

	If you have 4 th Period Lunch		If you have 6 th Period Lunch		If you have 8 th Period Lunch	
1°	7:30 – 8:21 (51 minutes)					
2°	8:25 – 9:16 (51 minutes)					
3°	9:20 – 10:15 (51 minutes class + 4 minutes announcement)					
4°	10:19 – 10:49 LUNCH	10:19 – 11:10 4/5 CLASS (51 minutes)		10:19 – 11:10 4/5 CLASS (51 minutes)		
5°	10:53 – 11:44 5/6 CLASS (51 minutes)	11:14 – 11:44 LUNCH		11:14 – 12:05 6/7 CLASS (51 minutes)		
6°						
7°	11:48 – 12:39 7/8 CLASS (51 minutes)	11:48 – 12:39 7/8 CLASS (51 minutes)		12:09 – 12:39 LUNCH		
8°						
9°	12:43 – 1:34 (51 minutes)					
10°	1:38 – 2:29 (51 minutes)					

Upcoming Events

AUGUST		TIME
14	Freshman Parent Information Night	7:00 pm
15	Freshman Kickoff Orientation Event (for students)	8:30 am
16	First Day of School for ALL Students	7:30 am
17	Senior Class Large Group Photo	7:30 am
17	Fall Sports & Ravenna Pep Assembly (for students)	1:50 pm
17	Ravenna Football Game (at Ravenna HS)	7:00 pm
23	Senior Class Parent Info Night	6:00 pm
23	CTE Open House	6:30 pm
23	Open House for Parents	7:00 pm
30	Fall Play Auditions	2:45 pm
SEPTEMBER		TIME
4	LABOR DAY -- NO SCHOOL	
8	Homecoming Parade	5:00 pm
8	Homecoming Fair	5:30-7:00 pm
8	Homecoming Football Game	7:00 pm
9	Homecoming Dance	7:30 pm

READ MORE on the [TRHS WEBSITE](http://www.trhs.org)

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