

November 20, 2020

## THANKSGIVING VACATION NOVEMBER 26-27

Happy  
Thanksgiving!

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL VANDERVEER



Dear RHS Students & Families,

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, I wanted to take a moment to express how grateful our RHS staff is to work with your students every day.

As I have visited classes during remote learning this fall, I have observed teachers and students building warm and supportive connections, students engaging in rich discussion and creative projects, and teachers using best practices to adapt curriculum to the remote environment. However, remote learning still presents challenges, and I appreciate the feedback that you have shared about how it has been working for you and your family. We are continually assessing and making adjustments to our instruction to better support students.

On behalf of the RHS staff, we wish you a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

## RHS YEARBOOKS

# Yearbook 2020-21

**Next week:** Yearbook sales will begin on **November 23** and close on **December 18**.

Parents or students may purchase yearbooks on the school website where they pay fees. To do this select the "yearbook" option. Yearbooks are \$65.

This is the first of three sales windows. The next two windows will be open in winter and spring 2021.

## FREE INTERNET FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES



**New:** Reliable connectivity to the internet is critical for student success during remote teaching and learning. The state recognizes this need and has partnered with Zippy Fiber, Comcast/Xfinity and Presidio to create [Washington's K-12 Internet Access Program](#), which gives eligible families free internet access so students can connect to online learning from home.

This internet access opportunity will potentially provide families with faster and more reliable connectivity than hotspots, which will better support our students. Eligible families can receive free internet access through June 30, 2021.

LWSD has developed the following [webpage for families to check eligibility](#), choose a provider in their area, request an access code and sign-up for service.

## PSAT FOR 11th GRADERS



**PSAT/NMSQT Opportunity for 11th Graders**

***Sign Up by December 2***

Pending health and safety conditions, the Lake Washington School District plans to offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 to current 11th graders

that [sign up](#) by December 2.

The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The purpose of the PSAT is to familiarize students with the kinds of questions, style of directions, and physical environment of an SAT exam, and provides students with a projected SAT score range, personalized feedback, and a study plan. Eleventh grade students who take the PSAT/NMSQT are also automatically screened for the [National Merit®Scholarship Program](#); an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.

Any 11th graders that would like to take the PSAT in January should complete the [sign up form](#) by December 2. The cost is \$17. Payment will be taken closer to the actual exam.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### How to report an Absence

#### **Reporting an Absence:**

School attendance has always been important. Research has shown a correlation between student attendance and student graduation.

If your child is unable to attend school on either a synchronous or asynchronous day, please contact the school to report the absence. Each school has an "Attendance Line" phone number or email address for families to use to report the absence as excused. You can reach our school at [rhsattend@lwsd.org](mailto:rhsattend@lwsd.org). Or leave a message by phone at 425-936-1810.

[To see complete attendance information, click here.](#)

#### **Informar de una ausencia:**

La asistencia a la escuela siempre ha sido importante. Las investigaciones han demostrado una correlación entre la asistencia de los estudiantes y la graduación de los estudiantes.

Si su hijo no puede asistir a la escuela en un día sincrónico o asincrónico, comuníquese con la escuela para reportar la ausencia. Cada escuela tiene un número de teléfono o una dirección de correo electrónico de "Línea de Asistencia" para que las familias la usen para reportar la ausencia como excusada. Puede comunicarse con nuestra escuela en [rhsattend@lwsd.org](mailto:rhsattend@lwsd.org) o llame al 425-936-1810.

[Para ver la información completa de asistencia, haga clic aquí.](#)

## UPDATES FOR SENIORS

# CLASS *of* 2021

## **Senior photos are due February 1st!**

### **Please take a photo of your senior to be used as their yearbook portrait.**

Photos should clearly show the student's face and not include any other people. Students must follow dress code and no words should be added to the image. The photo must be in portrait format. Please keep in mind that the image will be fairly small so it should be a close up of the student. Please check image size before uploading. Our program will not allow large scale photos, 5"x7" photos are preferable with a resolution between 75 PPI and 300 PPI.

**To submit a photo**, please use the link below. Select the image you want to share and fill in the student's information such as name, grade, and email. If guidelines are not followed, we will use the seniors school ID photo in the yearbook. If students have not taken a school ID photo and their senior photo does not meet the requirements listed above, they will not be pictured in the yearbook.

[Click here to submit photo](#)

**Graduation date:** LWSD has announced our Class of 2021 Graduation information. Redmond High School's graduation is scheduled for **Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:00pm at the UW Alaska Airlines Arena**. Please note that this is still subject to change depending on safety/pandemic parameters this spring.

**Cap & Gown:** Be sure and fill out the information on the contact card. Once you submit your contact card, you will be directed to the National Achiever/Herff Jones ordering website to order your cap and gown.

**Order deadline: January 31, 2021**

[Contact card for ordering cap & gown](#)

*Questions?* Call National Achiever/Herff Jones at 425-357-1338.

Or email [support@nationalachiever.com](mailto:support@nationalachiever.com)

If students cannot afford their gowns please reach out to Mrs. Zambrowsky-Huls for assistance through *RHS Help*.

**Seniors:** See the list of upcoming **college application deadlines** in the *College & Career Center* section of this newsletter.

## **WORLD LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY**



### **New: After school programs for Spanish, Russian and Romanian Heritage Speakers**

OSPI in collaboration with the World Affairs Council is funding an exciting program for heritage speakers of Spanish, Russian, and Romanian (students 14 years old+). These *free*, virtual after school programs aim to connect students with other heritage speakers of their language around the state, engaging in interesting learning and projects, and improving their language and intercultural proficiency. Students can earn the Global Competency Certificate and will be offered the Seal of Biliteracy Testing at no cost, for which they can earn up to 4 high school credits, depending on their proficiency (the same testing we offer in-district, but students test through the program).

#### **More information for students and families can be found [here](#):**

If students are interested in applying for the program, they should email [intledwa@gmail.com](mailto:intledwa@gmail.com) as soon as possible, as recruitment for the program is underway and will run through November. (*You can also write them in Romanian, Russian, or Spanish.*) The Spanish program in particular is already filling up.

Questions? Theresa Vasquez  
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## **LIBRARY SERVICES AT RHS**



**Check it out:** If you're wondering what library services are available to students during remote learning, feel free to watch the informational video (created by library staff) listed below.

[Click here for the parent link](#)

[Click here for the student link](#)

## **RHS CLUB NEWS**

# Speech & Debate

**Congratulations:** At the Interlake Invitational, RHS student **Neha Mahesh** was the champion for Novice Public Forum debate, and RHS student **Jay Dharmadhikari** won 1st place in Congressional debate. At the Seattle Academy tournament, RHS student **Conan Lu** received a bid for the national Tournament of Champions in Congressional debate. Finally, at the Bear Creek Invitational, RHS student **Raunak Narula** was a finalist for Impromptu speaking.

## RHS CALENDAR

### Coming Up....

- Nov 23:** First day of yearbook sales, through December 18
- Nov 25:** Half day for students
- Nov 26 -27:** Thanksgiving Vacation / No school
- Dec 2:** Sign-up deadline for PSAT / NMSQT
- Dec 18:** Last day of yearbook sales (sales reopen in spring)
- Dec 21 - Jan 1:** Winter Break / No school
- Jan 4:** First school day of 2021
- Jan 18:** MLK Jr. Day / No school
- Jan 22:** Last day of 1st Semester
- Jan 26:** PSAT / NMSQT for 11th graders
- Jan 31:** Seniors - Cap & Gown orders due
- Feb 1:** Seniors - Photos due for the yearbook

## TECH HELP AT RHS



When having software issues, students should still contact [ftaccess@lwsd.org](mailto:ftaccess@lwsd.org) or phone 425-936-1322 for the Family Technology Access support line.

Two recent and crucial service improvements for families include offering an **automated call back and/or automated VM to ticket options** to the Family Technology Access line as well as **language interpretive services** during our 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. hours of support 7 days a week.

**However, for hardware issues,** Redmond High offers in-person tech help. To access this service, use the driveway east of the main entrance, labeled *Deliveries and Staff Only*. Park your car next to the sign for the library, and wearing a mask, walk up to the back door of the library.

Note: this is an outdoor service, so *come dressed for the weather*.  
We are open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**If students forget their computer password** – go to the RHS Library Teams page or email the library at [Library-RHS@lwsd.org](mailto:Library-RHS@lwsd.org)

**If students forget their Skyward password** – go to Skyward and click on “Forgot Password”

**For help with parent access to district tools** – Email [parentquestions@lwsd.org](mailto:parentquestions@lwsd.org)

## COUNSELING NEWS



***Want to make an appointment?*** RHS counselors want to let you know that **our appointment book is now up and running**. Need to talk to your counselor? Book a virtual appointment with your counselor! The process is all online and very simple.

- Go to our website, [RHS Counseling Center](#)
- Click on the BOOK HERE link at the top of the page, right hand side
- Find your counselor, fill in the questions, make an appointment that is convenient for you.

All meetings will be conducted through Microsoft Teams. Once you make an appointment, you will get an email invite for the meeting with the appropriate link to the Teams meeting. Questions? Reach out to your counselor.

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## COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



**Seniors** – Here are some **upcoming application deadlines:**

***These are just a few – visit individual institution admission webpages for more information on the school of your choice!***

**Arizona State:** January 15, 2021

**Central Washington:** March 1, 2021

**Digipen:** Fall 2021 priority deadline February 1, General application deadline April 1

**Eastern Washington:** February 1, 2021 priority deadline, September 1, 2021 final deadline

**Gonzaga:** December 1, 2020

**Oregon State:** February 1, 2021

**Pacific Lutheran:** January 15, 2021

**Seattle Pacific:** January 15, 2021

**Seattle University:** January 15, 2021

**University of Arizona:** May 3, 2021

**University of British Columbia:** January 15, 2021

**University of California – Berkeley:** November 30, 2020

**UCLA:** November 30, 2020

**University of Colorado – Boulder:** January 15, 2021

**University of Oregon:** January 15, 2021

**University of Puget Sound:** January 15, 2021

**USC:** December 1, 2020 for merit scholarship consideration, January 15, 2021 regular deadline

**University of Washington – Seattle:** deadline has passed

**University of Washington – Bothell:** January 15, 2021

**Washington State:** January 31, 2021

**Western Washington:** Early action December 1, 2020, regular decision, January 31, 2021

**Whitman:** January 15, 2021

**Whitworth:** March 1, 2021



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