



REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY STUDENT BULLETIN

February 5, 2021

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL VANDERVEER



Dear RHS students and families,

On Monday, February 1, LWSD families received a message from superintendent Dr. Jon Holmen in which he affirmed our district's commitment to equity, support of our Black students, and "a better pathway forward for all of our students."

Redmond High School's goal is to provide an equitable education in an environment where every student feels safe, welcomed, and valued. February is Black History Month, and RHS is continuing its work to listen, learn, and understand how we can continuously improve in our efforts to create this environment. We acknowledge that the racial inequities in our system impact our Black students profoundly, and we commit to the anti-racist work that will improve the educational experiences of all students at RHS.

The student leaders in the RHS Black Student Union (BSU) have taken the lead on creating Black History Month presentations that will be shared with students during each Friday homeroom in the month of February. Students' approach to creating this content was to focus on the lesser-known figures and events that represent the powerful array of Black history from the past 100 years. These presentations will include the Harlem Renaissance, the impact of the Black Panther Party, historical and modern figures who are both Black and Muslim (in collaboration with the RHS Muslim Student Association), and examining how events like the "war on drugs" have impacted Black communities.

The RHS Equity Team has been working to build our knowledge around issues of race and how they impact both our students' lived experiences and their education. This year, our work has been focused on student voice, community outreach, analyzing data, rethinking curriculum, and professional development. During the spring semester, we will welcome RHS parents and students to our building Equity Team, and we are looking forward to their perspective and their partnership.

Redmond High School's four pillars are Honor, Excellence, Respect, and Diversity. We believe that, to truly live our "One Herd, One Home" motto, we must engage in the work that creates opportunity and inclusion for every student.

Take care and enjoy your weekend,

Jill VanderVeer
Principal, RHS

ALL IN FOR ALL STUDENTS!



Thank you RHS Counselors for all your hard work for Redmond High students!

COURSE CONFIRMATION

2021-2022

New: 21-22 Course Confirmation Window

Students, we will open a course confirmation window for your 21-22 course requests from **2/16 to 2/19 at 4pm**. During this time, you will be able to view your 21-22 schedule requests in Skyward and request edits. Be on the

lookout for an email to your LWSD email account with more info and steps prior to 2/16.

SALES OPENING SOON

Yearbooks!

2020-2021

New: Yearbook sales open February 16 - March 14

To purchase, log onto the LWSD website, go to [Students and Families](#) and click on the blue square that says *Online Payments*. From there, log into your account and shop for the yearbook, add to the shopping cart, and purchase.

This is the second of three sales windows. The third yearbook sales window will open later in spring, dates TBD.

REVISED BELL SCHEDULES



[Revised Bell Schedule for February 8-10](#)

This is a three day week due to *no school* during Mid-Winter break: Thursday, Feb 11 and Friday, Feb 12.

[Revised Bell Schedule for February 16-19](#)

This is a four day week due to *no school* on Presidents Day: Monday, Feb 15.

[Revised Bell Schedule for March 8-11](#)

This is a four day week due to no school on LEAP Day, Friday, March 12.

Bell schedules are also found on the RHS website, under *Students/Families* in the drop down menu under *Daily Schedule*.

RHS KNOWLEDGE BOWL



New: The **RHS Knowledge Bowl** club participated in the *UW Winter Classic Tournament* recently.

Team A (**Trisha Beher, Owen Johnson, Ronak Jaisalmeria, Gordon Wang**) placed 2nd in the varsity division and qualified for nationals.

Team B (**Rusheel Dasari, Eric Wang, Griffin Maes**) placed 3rd in the novice division. Way to go!!

RHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



New: Redmond Science Olympiad Invitational Results

Three teams competed virtually on January 16th at the Bothell Science Olympiad Invitational in 15 different science-related events!

Congratulations to our top 5 placers:

Nisha Shastry / Kriti Sharma/ Neha Venkatesh- 3rd (Experimental Design)

Hannah John /Sanjali Vuriti - 5th (Forensics)

Kriti Sharma / Nisha Shastry - 4th (Gravity Vehicle)

Prithivi Srinivasan / Conan Lu - 3rd (Ornithology)

Conan Lu - 5th (Sounds of Music)

Oumsri Priya / Prithivi Srinivasan - 2nd (Water Quality)

Neha Venkatesh/Kriti Sharma - 3rd (Write It Cad It)

Sanjay Rajesh / Vihan Dalvi - 4th (Digital Structures)

Nanda Junu / Vasudha Narayanan / Tvishi Ahluwalia - 4th (Experimental Design)

Krithi Iyer / Shruthi Badrish- 3rd (Forensics)

Vihan Dalvi / Sanjay Rajesh - 3rd (Water Quality)

Redmond is hosting a virtual B-Division (middle school) Science Olympiad competition on **February 6th**. If you are interested in helping out, click [here](#) to sign up!

SPEECH & DEBATE INVITATIONAL

Speech & Debate

New: Redmond High School hosted its **4th annual Speech and Debate Invitational** last week, with over twenty schools across the state attending.

We'd like to congratulate some RHS students for their awards: **Mandira Ganti**, for placing 4th as a finalist for Original Oratory; **Runjeet Narula**, for placing 5th as a finalist for Informative Speaking; **Jay Dharmadhikari**, for placing 3rd in Congressional Debate; and **Aadit Ambadkar, Kylie Baldwin,** and **Simrun Parulekar** for advancing to finals in Novice Public Forum Debate.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST



New: RHS's first writing competition!

Submit a work of fiction or nonfiction of up to 2,500 words, three poems totaling no more than 4 pages, OR a work of flash fiction of up to 700 words. Illustrations drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged. Again, a student is given only **ONE ENTRY**, and the entry must be the original work of that student. Group entries are not permitted. For more info, [check out this flyer!](#)

All entries should be emailed to s-nshastry@lwsd.org as a PDF by **11:59 pm on 03/12/21**. Contact s-nshastry@lwsd.org with any questions.

CLUB DONATION DRIVE



***New:* Civic Engagement Club is Hosting a Donation Drive!**

From **Monday, February 1st, to Wednesday, February 10th**, the Civic Engagement Club is hosting a donation drive in front of the **Performing Arts Center** at RHS. Donations will go to help the homeless of Share/Wheel's Tent City 3. Swing by to drop off a donation when you come to school for sports conditioning, or make an effort to come out. Anything and everything is appreciated, and you're making an impact in our community!

List of items we're looking for: *In most cases, donations should be new, unopened, or slightly used. The same regulations as any donation center!*

- Sharpies*
- Flashlights*
- Triple A Batteries*
- Camping equipment/Hardware
- Kitchenware/Non-perishable foods
- Office supplies
- Hygiene products
- Clothes
- [click here for a full list of supplies](#)

*Highly requested by Share/Wheel

**Unaccepted items by Share/Wheel will be donated to Goodwill and other donation centers

UPDATES FOR SENIORS

CLASS
of
2021

***Last Call:* Cap & Gown orders due**

Here is the [link to the RHS order page](#).

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.

Cap & Gown Questions? Call National Achiever/Herff Jones at 425-357-1338. Or email support@nationalachiever.com

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

Graduation date

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.

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL



New: Girls Slow-Pitch Softball begins March 1st.

Slow-Pitch is a great chance for you to try out a sport and learn the basics of softball. If you've ever been interested in trying a new sport or trying out a sport for the first time, or even already have a love of softball, you would be a great addition to the team.

All students will need to sign up for Slow-Pitch Softball in [Final Forms](#). This includes an up-to-date physical as well as an indication you will follow all safety protocols.

Anyone interested should contact Coach Lawson (melawson@lwsd.org) for more information.

PLAYGROUNDS, TRACKS, FIELDS



Update: All LWSD playgrounds, tracks and tennis courts are closed to the public during the school day from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm and open for weekend and evening use. School campuses are closed during the school day. As a reminder, large, organized activities are not allowed.

- Play is limited to groups of 5 or fewer
- Face coverings and 6 feet physical distancing are required
- Hands should be washed after play

Please note that some elementary schools have childcare on site until 6:00 pm so play structures may be in use until that time.

Stadiums: fields and ball fields with synthetic turf open beginning 1/4/21. We will update our communities as more of our facilities open to the public.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to slow the transmission of COVID-19. Lake Washington School District (LWSD) has developed a facility re-opening timeline that is in accordance with Washington's Safe Start phased approach. As King County meets requirements to move into each phase, LWSD will reopen our athletic facilities in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Public Health - Seattle and King County.

CULINARY UPDATES



RHS Culinary Club

If you love cooking or just want to make good food for yourself, join the RHS Culinary Club!

Next club meeting will be Feb 18th from 4-5pm on TEAMS ☺

Contact Club president Graham Van Niman at s-GVAN-NIMAN@lwsd.org if you are interested in joining.

LWSD Culinary Competition 2021 - Sweet and Savory Categories

- WHO: Any High School Student in LWSD
- WHAT: Culinary Competition
- WHERE: Remotely
- WHEN: Submissions due February 20, winners announced February 24
- WHY: It's fun! Prizes too!

Contact the RHS Culinary Arts Teacher, Chef Jane Hitchcock, for details. jhitchcock@lwsd.org

LOS TALLERES DE SALUD MENTAL EN ESPAÑOL



Nuevo: Estamos emocionados de compartir que YES, Sistema Escolar USA y Balance In Mind están colaborando para traerte la experiencia de los talleres de Salud Mental en Español.

Fechas del taller:

16 de febrero a las 6:30 pm; Servicios de acceso con consejos/privacidad de Tina Morales & Judith Mercado

Ver folleto [aquí](#)

2 de marzo a las 7:30 pm; Estilo de crianza de Trini Oldja

Ver folleto [aquí](#)

COMMUNITY FORUM



New: A community forum with Youth Eastside Services and Kirkland Police Department.

Parents: this is the next event through *Balance in Mind* (LWSD PTSA SF). This Community Forum is on Teens, Mental Health, Drugs and Safety. Click on the [link for webinar register](#).

Online event: **February 10 at 7:00 pm**

Have questions you would like addressed?

Email balanceinmind@lwsf.org beforehand.

FITNESS PLAN FOR PE CREDIT



Last chance to submit a Fitness Plan! Students who plan on turning in a Fitness Plan for PE Credit will have until 11:59pm February 17th. A friendly reminder of the process:

- Students need to complete the [Appendix E form](#)
- The Fitness Plan is due by 11:59pm on February 17th.
- Students need to submit to turnitin.com. Class IDs and passwords are located on the website.
- The [LWSD PE Credit website](#) has links to the plan, study guide, other materials, and Turnitin.com Class ID and Password.

INFORMATION SESSION

Running Start

Interested in learning more about Running Start for the 2021-22 school year?

Attend our upcoming information session on **Wednesday, February 24 from 12-1pm**. Representatives from Bellevue College, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Cascadia College, and Central Washington University will be available to share information about their Running Start programs and answer questions.

This will be a live Teams event (link found [here](#)) open to all interested students and families.

WEATHER EVENTS & SERVICE OUTAGES



What to expect: Weather events & internet/service Outages

We know that our Pacific Northwest weather can be unpredictable. Please take a few minutes to review the information below so you know what to expect when there is a weather event or power outage during a school day.

Power and internet outages:

If a student/teacher experiences a power or internet outage:

- Contact your teacher or school to report the outage.
- If you lose power or connection during a Microsoft Teams class session and you are unable to connect, you should attempt to connect as soon as a connection is available.
- If your teacher is suddenly absent without notification from a Microsoft Teams class, you should leave the session and re-enter after 15 minutes. If the teacher is still absent from Microsoft Teams you may end class.
- The teacher will follow up with individual students or the class as soon as possible.
- You should take note of asynchronous activities you could do without an internet connection.
- You can also continue to work on previously assigned classwork.

Weather events (snow days)

Snow days during remote learning will work differently than a normal school year. If snow or inclement weather affects a school day, remote instruction will continue and in-person students receiving special services will shift to all remote learning for that day. There will not be late starts due to snow or weather events.

Announcements will be made to staff and families via our SchoolMessenger system (by phone, email, and by text messaging for those signed up), district website posting, and social media postings. We will also use FlashAlert.net, which reports directly to local media and provides text alerts to anyone who signs up.

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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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. Or leave a message by phone at 425-936-1810.

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 o llame al 425-936-1810.

RHS CALENDAR

Coming Up....

- Feb 1-10:** Donation drive sponsored by the Civic Engagement Club
- Feb 8-10:** *Revised Bell Schedule due to Mid-Winter Break on Feb 11-12*
- Feb 11-12:** No school - Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 15:** No school - Presidents Day
- Feb 16-19:** *Revised Bell Schedule due to Presidents Day on Feb 15*
- Feb 17:** Deadline for turning in Fitness Plans
- Feb 20:** LWSO Culinary Competition submissions due
- Feb 24:** Running Start Information Session, 12pm - 1pm on Teams
- Feb 24:** LWSO World Language Proficiency Test at Redmond High
- March 12:** No school; LEAP Day
- March 12:** Creative Writing Club entry deadline
- March 8 - 11:** *Revised Bell Schedule due to LEAP Day on March 12*

TECH HELP AT RHS



For software issues, students should contact ftaccess@lwsd.org or phone 425-936-1322 for the Family Technology Access support line. This line includes automated call back and/or automated VM options as well as language interpretive services during our 7am - 7pm support 7 days a week.

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

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

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



Live Wednesdays

LWSD Career Panels - open to all students and parents!

Live links to each session can be found in the calendar section of the College & Career Center website:

<https://rhs.lwsd.org/counseling/career-center>

Questions? Contact Mrs. Cothran at acothran@lwsd.org.

- 2/10/21 Health @ 1:30
- 2/17/21 Art @ 1:30
- 2/24/21 Psychology/Counseling @ 1:30
- 3/3/21 Food Careers @ 1:30
- 3/10/21 Engineering @ 1:30
- 3/17/21 Business/Consulting @ 1:30
- 3/24/21 Law & Politics @ 1:30
- 3/31/21 First Responders @ 1:30

Local scholarships are starting to open! Check out your [SENIORS: RHS – TEAMS College and Career Center - co2021](#) Scholarship Channel! A few select, local opportunities can be found in the general “Post”, while all others will be listed on the Weekly Scholarship Bulletin, updated on Fridays. As always, please reach out if you have questions! We are here to help!!

[Washington State Opportunity Scholarship](#) – up to \$22,500 yr. – deadline 2/11/2021

[Woodinville Garden Club](#) – 2--\$2,000 – deadline 2/15/2021

Women’s University Club of Seattle Foundation – find on [WashBoard.org](#) – 5--\$2,500 for 4 years (\$10,000 total) – deadline 2/16/2021

[Doug Struthers Memorial Scholarship](#) -- Find on [The Washboard.org](#) – 2--\$5,000 renewable up to 4 years – deadline 3/1/2021

[Washington State PTSA Scholarship Program](#) – 3--\$3,000, 1--\$1,000 – deadline 3/1/2021

[Washington State School Retirees’ Association](#) 8--\$2,500 (WSSRA), 16--\$900 renewable (Handy) – deadline 3/1/2021

[Ewing C. Kelly Scholarship](#) – many \$2,500 – deadline 3/10/2021

New: [LWPTSA Council Scholarships](#) – many – \$1,250 – deadline noon 3/25/2021

[Garrett J. Goodchild Achievement Award](#) – \$2,500 renewable – deadline 3/31/2021

New: Redmond Firefighter Union & Benevolent Fund – Applications on the TEAMS co2021 scholarship channel – 2 @ \$1,000+ -- deadline 4/1/2021

[WIAA Smart Choices College Scholarship](#) – 2—\$5,000, 8—\$1,000 – deadline 4/1/2021

Epeneter Memorial Scholarship – Applications on the TEAMS co2021 scholarship channel – \$2,000 – deadline 4/15/2021

New: Nokomis Club Scholarship – Applications on the TEAMS co2021 scholarship channel – \$1,000 – deadline 4/15/2021

New: AFSCME Redmond Parks & Rec – Applications on the TEAMS co2021 scholarship channel \$500 – deadline 4/23/2021

Current Sophomores & Juniors: WANIC registration is now open!! Questions? Contact Mrs. Cothran at acothran@lwsd.org



RHS QUICK LINKS

Did you miss something important?

Previous newsletters are on the [RHS website](#)

Useful links for RHS students and parents:

[RHS website](#)

[RHS Athletics Final Forms](#)

[RHS College & Career Center](#)

[RHS Library - Mr. Lawson's top books of 2020](#) (student access)

https://youtu.be/LMIBEm_RyvI (parents access)

[RHS Counseling appointments](#)

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