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Dear RCSD Community Member,

On Friday, June 21, we hosted Rye High School's 93rd graduation ceremony. For those who don't know, the tradition in recent times has been to hold the ceremony outdoors in Nugent Stadium. In my time here, we have not had to move graduation inside to the High School gym due to weather, but that is the perennial back-up plan.

Graduation was formerly held on a Saturday, but several years ago we moved the ceremony to evening to try to beat the heat that late June now brings. With that heat often comes late afternoon thunderstorms, so that's the current bogey we are dodging. Last year, we got lucky because it poured at 4 p.m., cooling things off nicely for graduation at 6:30 p.m. The jumbotron and speakers were untarped and the seniors' chairs needed a brief mop-up, but that was it.

This year was somewhat more exciting as all of New England was baking under a heat dome on the appointed day. As always, our incredible business office and facilities team snapped into action and ordered up 80 enormous fans with misters. They rented a huge tent to cover the visitors' bleachers. They placed big buckets of bottled water on ice throughout the stadium and on the field. Despite it being 95 that day, we were graced with a little cloud cover by the time graduation rolled around, and the fans, misters, tents, and waters made it all manageable, even pleasant. Our luck held once more: Mother Nature donated a few sprinkles toward the very end of the ceremony, but the thunderstorms passed us by to the north.

Our seniors graduating this year were the last class to have their High School years touched by COVID. This class graduated from RMS with a drive-by graduation and began their freshman year in Google classrooms, rather than the storied hallways of Rye High School. Still, they rebounded beautifully and came out an incredibly well-adjusted and well-rounded class. We wish them all the best as they take the next step on their journeys.

Have a restful, rejuvenating summer, and we'll see you in September!

Sincerely,

Eric Byrne, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



NYSSMA Rye Recognition of Excellence Recipients

NYSSMA Rye Recognition of Excellence Recipients The District recognized the 70 students who participated in NYSSMA solo festivals this year. Music students from grades 1-11 and their families and teachers gathered in the RMS Multipurpose Room on May 21 to watch the students receive Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards and shake hands with RCSD administrators and Board of Education members. Congratulations to the students, their music teachers, and their families!

Students of Andrew Pease:

Arthur (Archie) Durkin - 4th grade - Alto Sax

Students of Matthew Strang:

Jamie Farrell - 4th grade - Baritone/Euphonium

Kathryn (Katie) Gulia - 4th grade - Flute

Amelia (Milly) Moreland - 4th grade - Flute

Angelica Song - 4th grade - Flute

Vivian Theirl - 4th grade - Flute

James Thomas - 5th grade - Bb Clarinet

Hinano Ueda - 5th grade - Flute

Ethan Bubeck - 5th grade - Piano

Zusen Wang - 5th grade - Flute

Students of Rita Pisano:

Aaron Glezer - 5th grade - Piano

Elliot Glezer - 5th grade - Piano

Maxon (Max) Hau - 3rd grade - Piano

Xavier Hau - 5th grade - Piano

Owen Johnson - 5th grade - Piano

Students of Marshall Toppo:

Karlotta Bjornson - 2nd grade - Piano

Cora Conolly - 5th grade - Piano

John (Johnny) Conolly - 3rd grade - Piano

James (Mackey) Reuter - 5th grade - Piano

Eleanor (Nell) Reuter - 1st grade - Piano

Rafferty (Rafe) Reuter - 3rd grade - Piano

Students of Vera Tymochko:

Dylan Cheung - 4th grade - Piano

Kevin Cheung - 5th grade - Piano

Students of Lizbeth Burrow at RMS:

Brando Abbate - 6th grade - Violin

Dario Abbate - 8th grade - Violin

Alyssa Anastasian - 6th grade - Viola

Andrei Anastasian - 8th grade - Cello

Morgan Anderson - 7th grade - Violin

Sebastian Auerbach - 8th grade - Piano

William Auerbach - 8th grade - Piano

Madeline Ball - 7th grade - Violin

Connor Flanagan - 6th grade - Cello

Emily Hau - 7th grade - Cello & Piano

Tito Diego Huyhua - 8th grade - Viola

Anna Johnson - 6th grade - Piano

Margaret Kilroy - 7th grade - Violin

Timothy Morell - 8th grade - Violin & Piano

Xavier Morell - 7th grade - Piano (*Xavier received a perfect score*)

Hannah Nelson - 6th grade - Violin

Luke Padovano - 8th grade - Jazz Guitar & Cello (*Luke received a perfect score for Cello*)

Zara Tavitian - 7th grade - Cello

Madeleine Waddington - 8th grade - Cello & Piano

Victoria Woolfolk - 6th grade - Piano

Caliana Yang - 8th grade - Violin (*Caliana received a perfect score*)

Students of Lizbeth Burrow at RHS:

Alice Enokida - 11th grade - Violin

William Field - 9th grade - Violin

Alexander Gordon - 11th grade - Violin

Lucas Gordon - 10th grade - Violin

Jack Graseck - 11th grade - Violin

Philip Karajannis - 9th grade - Violin

Alexandra Merrell - 10th grade - Piano

Jonathan Rotondo - 9th grade - Cello

Tayga Vural - 9th grade - Cello

NYSSMA Rye Recognition of Excellence Recipients (cont'd)

Students of Tyler Schwirian:

Liam Browne - 6th grade - Bb Clarinet (*Liam received a perfect score*)

Sophiah Collins - 8th grade - Trumpet

Jack DiBernardo - 6th grade - Tuba/Sousaphone

Elliot Fenton - 8th grade - Bb Clarinet

Micah Golub - 6th grade - Alto Sax

Arman Hovsepian - 7th grade - Alto Sax

Rice Johnson - 8th grade - Piano

Benjamin (Ben) Martin - 7th grade - Trombone

Elise Mehfar - 7th grade - Bass Clarinet

Students of Tyler Schwirian (continued):

Andrew Moreland - 7th grade - French Horn

Calvin Rollano - 8th grade - Alto Sax

Ames Song - 6th grade - Trombone

Sahil Velamoor - 8th grade - Bass Clarinet

Students of Dan Brown:

Andrew Chun - 11th grade - Jazz Tenor Sax

Nicholas Neubardt - 9th grade - Bass Clarinet

Cole Pagen - 9th grade - Tuba/ Sousaphone

Hugo Sacristan Lagunas - 10th grade - Alto Sax



Thank You, Retiring PTO, PO, and RAISE Co-Presidents!



Left to right: Karyl Thigpen, Daniela Kehoe, Laura Fry, and Valerie Lapham

At the June 18 Board of Education meeting, the District and Board of Education said a heartfelt “thank you” to the Parent Organization, Parent Teacher Organization, and RAISE (Rye All-Inclusive Special Education) co-heads who are completing their terms of service. They provide a key communication link between the schools and parents and raise funds for generous gifts to the District that benefit students and teachers. They partner with school principals, District administrators, and Dr. Byrne, organize parent volunteers, and generally keep the lines of information and communication flowing. The retiring heads are:

Ellen Saya, Rye High School

Daniela Kehoe, Rye Middle School

Laura Fry, Midland School

Valerie Lapham, Midland School

Crissy Duggan, Milton School

Karyl Thigpen, Osborn School

Kayla Bird, RAISE

Please join us in thanking them for their service!

Hats Off to the Rye High School Class of 2024



Congratulations to the Rye High School Class of 2024! For a complete list of graduating seniors and the graduation program, click [here](#).

To see the graduates' colleges, universities, and military academies, click [here](#).

Best of luck, and remember, you will always be a Garnet!

You're A Grand Old Flag: Flag Day at The Osborn



Commendations

- Rising Rye High School freshman **Charlotte Brown** was the recipient of the 2024 Rye Rotary Award, an award given to the student who best exemplifies citizenship and has a special impact on the community at RMS
- Rising senior **Rocklan Boisseau** competed at the New Balance Nationals on June 23. He next competes at the 2024 American JavFest in July
- Two members of the boys varsity lacrosse team were named All-American:
 - Rising senior **Chris Iuliano**
 - Rising senior **Tyler McDermott**
- Four members of the girls varsity lacrosse team were named All-American:
 - Rising senior **Caroline Doyle** and graduated senior **Mali White** were named Academic All-American
 - Rising senior **Mary Sack** and graduated senior **Lilly Whaling** were named All-American
- Graduated senior **Mali White** was named to the lacrosse Golden Dozen. The Golden Dozen is recognition given for play on the field, classroom performance, and community service
- Graduated senior **Lilly Whaling** was named the Lions Club Athlete of the Year at a June 12 lunch honoring the scholar athletes from each month of the 2023-2024 school year
 - The girls varsity lacrosse coach **Michelle Mason** was named Conference Two Coach of the Year

Looking Ahead



Tuesday, July 11

Board of Education Reorganization Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Wainwright House

Starting July 1 through August 31

Central Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5

Fourth of July
Offices closed

Wednesday, August 28, and Thursday, August 29

Superintendent's Conference Days

Monday, September 2

Labor Day
Schools and offices closed

Tuesday, September 3

Opening day of school for students