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Spartan Connection Parent Newsletter 12/6/2024

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Important Dates

Friday & Saturday, December 6-7th:
Drama Club Presents "The Breakfast Club" (6-10 pm)
Saturday, December 7th:
Oxnard Xmas Parade feat. Ballet Folklorico/Cheer (10-11 am) Christmas Tree Lane, Oxnard
Monday-Friday (12/9-12/13):
The 12 Days to Holiday Break ASB Activities
Wednesday, December 11th:
ELAC Meeting (6-7 pm)
Thursday, December 12th:

 **Spartan Spark:
Light Up December
with Exciting
Events! ✨**

Hello Spartans! Here's your guide to all the amazing activities happening at Rio Mesa High School. 🏫 ✨

College Bound Day @ Lunch
Winter Dance Show (5:30 & 7:30 pm)
Friday, December 13th:
Collaboration Schedule

Principal's Message

Dear Spartans,

As we approach the end of the semester, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to Rio Mesa High School. Your dedication and active involvement in our school's governance and planning processes, including the School Site Council, LCAP meetings, and Parent Faculty Organization (PFO), truly inspire me.

To our **staff members**, thank you for your tireless efforts to ensure every decision we make reflects the best interests of our students. Your insights and expertise are the cornerstone of our continued success. To our **parents and guardians**, your participation demonstrates the strength of our Spartan community. Whether it's sharing your perspectives during meetings, volunteering your time, or supporting initiatives, your voices play a critical role in shaping the future of our school.

Together, we are making a difference. The collaborative efforts between our students, staff, and families are key to fostering a thriving environment where all Spartans can succeed.

As we continue to grow and build upon our shared vision for Rio Mesa, I encourage everyone to stay engaged and connected. Your involvement matters, and I am grateful to have such an incredible team of supporters working together to make our school a beacon of excellence.

Thank you for all you do to empower and uplift our students. Let's finish the year strong and look forward to an even brighter future ahead!

Seniors: Have You Submitted Your College Applications?

If you've successfully submitted your applications to CSU, UC, or private universities, you're invited to **College Bound Day** hosted by EAOP!

 **When:** Next Thursday

 **Where:** Cafeteria at lunch

 **Why:** Celebrate your hard work and dedication to the college application process. See you there, Class of 2024!



The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme with a graduation cap icon. It includes the EAOP logo (UC Santa Barbara Early Academic Outreach Program) and a QR code. The text reads: 'HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS? YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO ATTEND OUR: COLLEGE BOUND DAY'. Below this, it says 'Please notify Ms. Juarez about all your college application submissions. This includes your Common App, CSU, and UC applications!'. At the bottom, there are three boxes: 'Thursday Dec 12 2024', 'Lunch 12:30PM', and 'Cafeteria'. A yellow button at the bottom says 'SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT'.

Drama Club Presents: *The Breakfast Club*

Spartans, looking for plans tonight? Don't miss the Drama Club's opening night of their production of *The Breakfast Club*!

 **When:**

- **Tonight at 6:30 PM**

With gratitude,
Gary Peterson

Mr. Peterson leading his staff "fireside chats" today. Thanks for the delicious food & chance to give feedback!

Mr. Melhorn & his students put on "Santa's Workshop" for our students w/ extensive needs class today! Who knew Santa plays the bongos?

Mr. Dunst's students taking the Youth Truth Survey. We love hearing what our Spartans think about their RMHS experience and how to make it better!



- **Tomorrow:** Two shows at **4:00 PM** and **6:30 PM**
📍 **Where:** Cafeteria
🎫 **Tickets:**
 - \$5 for students
 - \$10 for adultsPurchase tickets from any Drama Club cabinet member or cast member. Let's show our support!

✨ 12 Days Till Holiday Break Activities

The countdown to the holidays is on! Join us for these festive events:

🎄 Holiday Spirit Week

- **Today at Lunch:** Seniors hosted *Letters to Santa* in the quad. 📝🎅
- **Monday, December 9th:** Sophomores are hosting *Polar Express Hot Chocolate* during nutrition in the quad. ☕🚂
- **Tuesday, December 10th:** Pajama Day! 🧺👉
- **Wednesday, December 11th:** Bring a Stuffed Animal Day 🧸🐾
- **Thursday, December 12th:** Dress Like a Candy Cane! ❤️
- **Friday, December 13th:** Decorating Christmas Cookies 🍪❄️



Our students enjoying ASB's Holiday Spirit Week activities!

Our students getting into the ho-ho-holiday spirit w/ our own Mr. Melhorn aka Santa :)



Youth Truth Survey: We Need Your Voice!

Spartan students and staff, don't forget to complete the **Youth Truth Survey!** Your feedback is essential for making important school decisions. Let's make our voices heard!

Links are below:

[Parents!](#)

[Staff!](#)

[Students!](#)

Rio Mesa High School Parents

Tell us how we are doing



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Cuéntanos cómo lo estamos haciendo

Winter Dance Show

Get ready for an unforgettable night of dance!

 **When:** Wednesday, December 13th

- **Showtimes:** 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM

 **Where:** Gym

 **Tickets:**

- \$5 presale (available during lunch until December 13th)
- \$7 at the door



Winter Sports Are Heating Up!

Spartans, it's time to cheer on our athletes! Check out the athletics IG for schedules and updates on basketball, girls' water polo, soccer, and wrestling. Let's show our school spirit! 🏆🎉





Boys Volleyball Interest Meeting

Thinking of joining boys volleyball? Come to the interest meeting:

 **When:** Tuesday, December 10th

 **Where:** P-1 at lunch

Caring Closet Shoe Drive: Give the Gift of Comfort!

The Rio Mesa High School Caring Closet is on a mission to make a difference, and we need your help! From now until **January 28th**, we are collecting **new or gently used shoes** to support individuals and families in need.

How You Can Help

1 **Donate Shoes:** Clean out your closets and bring in shoes of all sizes and styles. Every pair counts!

2 **Spread the Word:** Share this initiative with friends, family, and

neighbors.

 Drop-Off Location:

Donations can be delivered to the Caring Closet, located in Room 75

Why It Matters

A simple pair of shoes can make a huge impact, providing warmth, protection, and dignity to someone in need. By participating, you're not just donating footwear—you're offering hope and care to our community.

Let's come together, Spartans, to make this shoe drive a resounding success. Whether it's sneakers, sandals, or boots, every pair can change a life.

For questions or more information, contact [insert contact person/office].

Thank you for your generosity!

 **Step into action and make a difference today!**



See you at these events, Spartans! Let's finish the semester strong and make these moments unforgettable. 💪🌲

Best regards,

**Rio Mesa High School
Administration**



Thank you for reading!

Spartan Community, we want to hear from you! What exciting topics or helpful info would you love to see in our next newsletter? Drop your ideas in the comments below!

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