

The Garnet Review

RHS Principal's Monthly Newsletter
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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Rye High School Community,

This past month has provided me with some fantastic firsts as Rye High School's new principal. I hosted my first Back to School Night, enjoyed my first Parsons Street Players theater production, and, of course, soaked in my first Rye vs. Harrison football game! All three events highlighted Rye's strong sense of community which makes me feel fortunate each day to be here.

This month's edition of *The Garnet Review* captures some of the activities outside of the classroom that make our school special. As we continuously strive to enhance the school experience for our students, I am committed to striking the right balance of academic rigor in the classroom and uplifting experiences outside of the classroom to ensure the preservation of students' social emotional wellbeing.

The arts, athletics, and community service are excellent ways for students to participate in activities that are, quite simply, good for the soul.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hara

Reminders and Important Information

💎 **Community Service Fair:** Check out Page 3 for a detailed description of the October 29th Community Service Fair. This is a fantastic way for students to sign up for volunteering opportunities!

💎 **Program Offerings & Diploma Designation Info Sessions:** Learn more on Nov. 13th and 21st about our academic program offerings including The Academy, International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and Diploma Programme, and AP Capstone Diploma Program. Our program coordinators will be sharing an overview of these courses and offerings.

💎 **Save the Date:** The RMS/RHS Social is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2025, from 7-11 pm at the Apawamis Club. Come out to support our schools!

Upcoming Dates

October 29: Community Service Fair

October 31: Halloween

November 1: No School - Diwali

November 5: No Classes for Students - Superintendent's Conference Day/Election Day

November 9: Q1 Marking Period Ends

November 11: No School - Veteran's Day

November 13: Program Offerings and Diploma Designation Info Session #1 - 6 pm (MS MPR)

November 14: Counselor Meeting with 11th Grade Parents - 6pm (PAC)

November 21: Program Offerings and Diploma Designation Info Session #2 - 6 pm (MS MPR)

Parsons Street Players Perform *Clue!*



Photo Courtesy of Grey Cat Productions

What a show! The cast and crew of *Clue!* put on a captivating series of performances filled with mystery, laughter, and unexpected twists.

Congratulations to the Parsons Street Players who put in countless hours of preparation leading up to the show. It was inspiring to see their teamwork and creativity bring the production to life.

Thank you to Director John O'Donnell and Stage and Lighting Designer Jeff Loddo for their work with the students. I encourage the school community to continue supporting the arts. The arts allow so many students to not only find their niche but also find themselves.



Pictures from RHS Fall Spirit Week, the Fall Pep Rally, and the Rye vs. Harrison Football Game



Community Service Fair

On Tuesday, October 29th, at least 15 local non-profit organizations will be setting up booths in the school hallways during community lunch, so that students can visit to learn more about their mission, impact on the community, and, of course, to sign up to volunteer.

We encourage all RHS students to attend the fair and speak to representatives from the various organizations. At Back to School Night last month and in an email to students and families this month, I communicated updated community service requirements for graduation, which can be found below. Even if students have already met their required hours, we hope they will check out the fantastic work these organizations are doing. **It is my plan to recognize students at graduation who go above and beyond the required community service hours.**

Organizations Attending the October 29th Community Service Fair

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Westchester and Putnam
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Don Bosco Community Center
- 5 Steps to Five
- Friends of Karen
- Friends of the Rye Nature Center
- Giving Tree Global "Bread of Life"
- HOPE Community Services, Inc.
- Meals on Main Street
- Part of the Solution
- RAISE
- The Rye Historical Society
- Rye Recreation
- Rye Youth Council
- The Sharing Shelf
- Soul Ryeders

60 Hours	60 Hours	10 Hours + Grade Level Project	40 Hours
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Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028

*The Class of 2028 community service requirement has been modified from the originally communicated requirement

Looking ahead...

The Class of 2029 will be required to complete 60 hours of community service



Thank you for reading!

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