

The Garnet Review

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Rye High School Families,

Throughout the first semester, I spoke to dozens of students about their experiences at Rye High School during a series of student focus groups. The students I spoke to overwhelmingly loved the Garnet experience, but there was one area of potential growth that consistently surfaced during those conversations: student voice. I am thankful that our students advocated for increased student voice. Having students who feel heard and who feel that their input matters goes a long way towards building a sense of belonging in any school community.

In an attempt to amplify student voice, I'm excited to announce the restructuring of our student government for the 2025-2026 school year. In addition to the four elected grade-level officers who have historically met weekly with their grade's faculty advisor, we will elect four student body officers who will meet regularly with school administrators and student government faculty advisors, convene with the school's 16 grade-level officers, provide input on school-decision making, plan schoolwide events, and find ways to generate school spirit. Current 10th or 11th graders in good academic standing can complete an application to campaign. Speeches and elections are taking place on March 28. Be on the lookout for applications the week of March 3!

Ramadan Mubarak,

Andrew Hara

Reminders and Important Information

- ◆ **Grease:** The Parsons Street Players will be performing 'Grease' on Friday, February 28, at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the RHS Performing Arts Center. Adult tickets are \$15. Student tickets are \$10. Optional donation for seniors.
- ◆ **Junior Prom Tickets:** The deadline to purchase 2025 Junior Prom tickets is Friday, March 7. An email went out to all 11th grade students and families on February 24 with an invitation letter and instructions on how to pay and submit necessary forms.
- ◆ **9th Grade Dance:** The Class of 2028 is hosting a 9th grade dance on Friday, March 21, from 7 pm - 10 pm in the RHS gym. Tickets will go on sale the week of March 10th. The cost is \$30 per student.
- ◆ **Senior Events:** Seniors, please make sure these dates are on your calendars! The Senior Arts Awards Dinner is on April 24 (by invite only). Senior Clap-Out is on May 16 (during school). Senior Prom is on May 30. Senior Recognition Night is on June 9 (NOTE DATE CHANGE). Senior Graduation is on June 20.

Upcoming Dates

February 28: First Night of Ramadan

February 28 - March 1: RHS Musical - 2/28 @ 7pm, 3/1 @ 2pm and 7pm - PAC

March 14: Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students

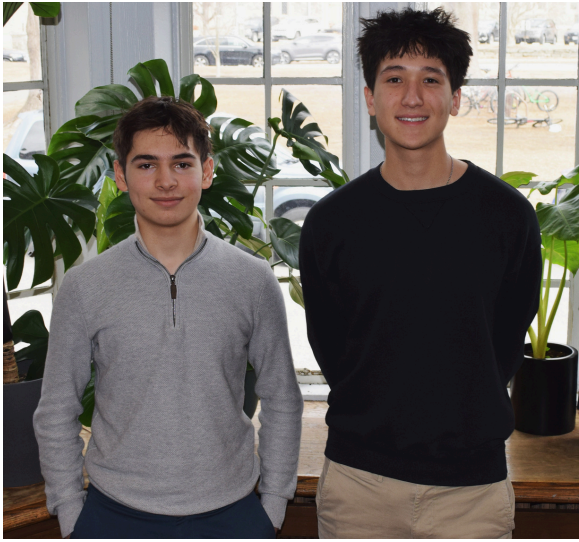
March 20, 25, 27: Mock Interviews, 6pm - Media Center

March 21: 9th Grade Dance - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm HS Gym

March 28: Student Body Officer Elections

March 31: Eid-al-Fitr

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates



Congratulations to RHS 12th graders Kiran Gounden-Kobes (pictured left) and Andrew Chun (pictured right) for being selected as candidates for the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The Scholars Program was established in 1964 and recognizes the accomplishments of distinguished graduating seniors. Kiran and Andrew will now apply to be among 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars selected for the honor. It has been several years since Rye High School has had a Presidential Scholars Program candidate, and this year we are honored to have two!

Both students will be recognized for their feat at RCSD's March 11 Board of Education Meeting. Congratulations to both students and best of luck in being selected!

Winter National Letter of Intent Signing Day



We hosted our winter National Letter of Intent signing day on February 11. Four more student-athletes from the Class of 2025 were celebrated for signing letters of intent. This brought this year's Class of 2025 total to 24 signed offers!

Congratulations to (pictured from left to right in the picture above) Jake Kessner, Ben Peron, Maggie Gallagher, and Myla Bisceglia as well as their families, friends, and coaches who've supported them in their journey!

Women in STEM Club Spreads their Love for Science

On Valentine's Day, students from the STEM Club set up a heat embossing card-making station. Using a special embossing ink, glitter was "set" by using a heating tool, which caused the glitter particles to adhere to the inked areas, creating a raised, glossy, and shimmering effect.

High schoolers weren't the only beneficiaries of the club's V-Day activity. A group of middle schoolers made their way over to the high school to make cards for their friends.



RHS Speech and Debate Team Shines in Stanford Invitational

The RHS Speech and Debate Team had an outstanding performance at the 2025 Stanford Invitational on February 10 and 11. Seven students from the Speech and Debate Club were among over 3,400 students from 364 schools across the nation who took part in the prestigious competition. RHS students participated in the following performance events:

- Dramatic Interpretation - Varsity: Liv McNamara and Aidan Pikat | Novice: Aiyana Dsouza
- Informative Speaking - Varsity: Nico Allard | Novice: Greydon Cast
- Original Oratory - Varsity: Adam Lahoumah | Novice: Charlotte Brown

Two RHS students, Nico Allard and Charlotte Brown, were finalists in their respective events!



We Love Our RHS Parent Organization!



A huge thank you to the RHS Parent Organization for always bringing spirit, positivity, and love to our school community. This past month, they set up a table of Valentine's Day cookies for students and sponsored our first quarterly class competition prize--a Walters Hot Dogs truck--awarded to the Class of 2027 for winning the Quarter 2 class competition sponsored by the RHS Student Government!



Thank you for reading!

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