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Dear Ridgewood Families,

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, the administration at Ridgewood High School would like to express how grateful we are for our school community. We are thankful for your students- their intellectual curiosity, their school spirit, and the way they volunteer to help others. We value the diverse perspectives and backgrounds our families bring to our school community, because we all have things we can learn from each other. We hope your Thanksgiving holiday is filled with laughter, love, and memories.

As promised, here is what is happening at Ridgewood High School in the next few weeks:

Dates to Remember:

November 23, 24, 25- NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Cybersecurity Kick-Off Event

Please join us for our Cyber Premiere Night on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 pm! All are welcome! This will be an opportunity to learn about the Cyber course that is starting at RHS next year, as well as the after school Computer Science Program for grades 5-12. Many opportunities will be provided for students through this program including hands-on learning, industry experience, paid internships, and more. This will also be a chance to network with industry professionals, community members, and RHS students and staff. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided! Please RSVP by filling out this google form: <https://forms.gle/QEkHAycfvLMehPVP6>

Before/After School Tutoring- FREE!

RHS offers FREE tutoring for all students. Tutoring is available in the Collaboration Center before school on B Days from 8:00 - 8:40 am and after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm. This is an opportunity for all students to receive extra time and support from a teacher to complete their assignments and make up any missing work prior to the Sunset Deadline. Questions about tutoring can be directed to Katie Davis at [kdavis@ridgenet.org](mailto:kdavis@ridgenet.org)

Course Registration for the 2023-24 School Year

Can you believe that course registration is right around the corner? Here are some upcoming dates to remember for registering for courses for the 2023-24 school year:

- Week of November 7th→ Class meetings during Flextime to review the registration process
- Week of November 14th→ 2nd Annual Elective Fair during Flextime
- December 1st at 6:00 P.M→ 11th grade family informational session regarding registration and

SAT Prep via Zoom (separate email to follow)

- December 5-9 and 12-15→ Class of 2023 Family Meetings to review course selection for the 23-24 school year. Sign-ups with counselors will begin on November 9th. A separate communication will be sent home with sign-up information.
- January 3rd at 2:00 P.M. (In-Person) or 6:00 P.M. (via Zoom)--> 9th and 10th grade family informational session regarding the registration process (separate email to follow)
- January 4-5→ Class of 2024 course selection for the 23-24 school year during Flextime
- January 9-10→ Class of 2025 course selection for the 23-24 school year during Flextime
- January 27th→ Last day for course selection for the 2023-24 school year

For our current freshmen and sophomore families, if you would like to be a part of the scheduling process from January 4-25th, please schedule an appointment with your child's counselor [here](#).

### Scholarships

Attention seniors! With college application season just around the corner, please make sure to schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss your post-secondary plans. The counselors are here to help you with any questions, no matter your post-secondary plans. If you're looking for scholarships, please make sure to check out our scholarship bulletin: <https://www.d234.org/student-life/scholarship-and-job-bulletin/>

### FAFSA Reminder

Attention Seniors! This is a friendly reminder that FAFSA completion is a graduation requirement. If you have not completed the FAFSA, you must get that completed prior to being approved to graduate. If you need any assistance, please schedule an appointment with your counselor. If you need an evening appointment, please contact our ISAC representative, Elizabeth Barrera, at 630-689-7759 or <https://calendly.com/elizabeth-barrera>.

### Competency Courses - Grading Reminders

As a reminder, many of our courses use competency grading to show a student's level of proficiency in skills. This means that these courses show an average level of proficiency, shown by a numeric value, rather than a traditional letter grade, to show student's progress in learning. Teachers will enter letter grades at the end of each semester for a student's transcript. During the semester, please click on the student's FG score in order to see your student's overall percentage in the course out of 100. For more detailed information, please take a look at our [Competency Grading Overview](#).

### Grading Reminders for Deadlines

In an effort to ensure students are college and career ready, it is imperative that all students understand the importance of deadlines. All due dates will be communicated, and students will be given an ample and appropriate amount of time to complete assignments. Students are expected to complete all assignments by the assigned due date.

When looking at Skyward, if students are missing assignments, you will see an "M" (Missing - Still Eligible to Submit) or "DNA" (Did Not Attempt - No Longer Able to Submit) attached to the assignment. Each course has a "Sunset Window" where students are able to submit missing work.

We sent out our revised Deadline and Retake grading procedure on Friday in a communication letter. Here is a [link](#) to that letter.

### Athletics, Activities, and Extracurricular Events:

Ridgewood Rewards are back!! Current Ridgewood students should locate the QR Code sheet at our home athletic and activity events and scan in to earn points for fantastic Ridgewood merchandise! Questions can be directed to Athletic Director, Rob St. John ([rstjohn@ridgenet.org](mailto:rstjohn@ridgenet.org)) or Public Relations Coordinator, Bree Sabin ([bsabin@ridgenet.org](mailto:bsabin@ridgenet.org)). A schedule of all of our home and away athletic contests can be found [Here](#). A full calendar of all of the events happening at Ridgewood can be found [Here](#).

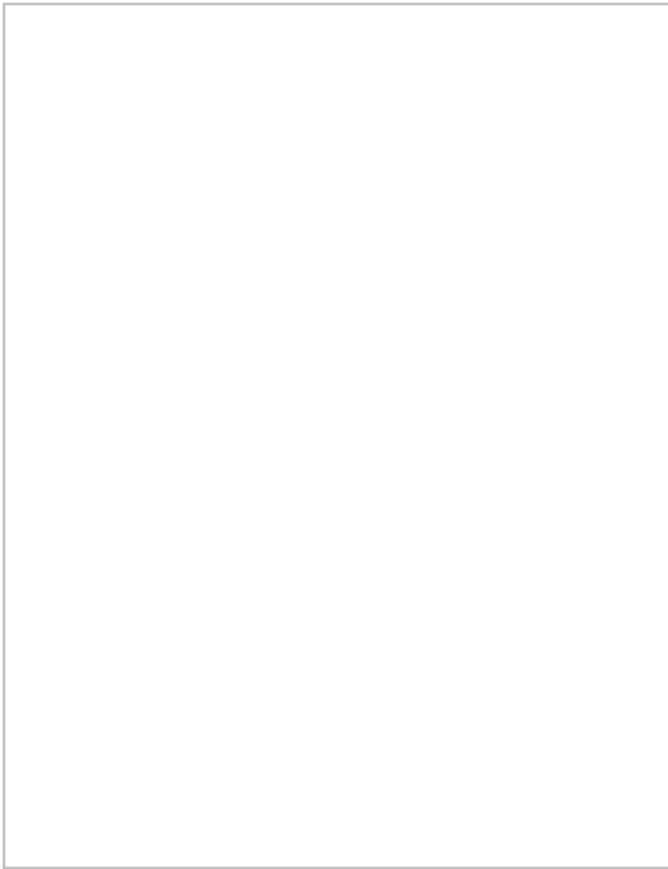
Winter Sports Start Dates and Registration:

Believe it or not, our Winter Sports Season is gearing up to begin in just a few short weeks. Please see below for more details:

<u>SPORT:</u>	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>HEAD COACH</u>
Competitive Dance ( <a href="mailto:abogdal@ridgenet.org">abogdal@ridgenet.org</a> )	October 24, 2022	Amanda Bogdal
Competitive Cheer	October 24, 2022	Emily Arp ( <a href="mailto:earp@ridgenet.org">earp@ridgenet.org</a> )
Girls Basketball ( <a href="mailto:kmeade@ridgenet.org">kmeade@ridgenet.org</a> )	October 31, 2022	Kristi Meade
Boys Basketball ( <a href="mailto:kmroz@ridgenet.org">kmroz@ridgenet.org</a> )	November 7, 2022	Chris Mroz
Boys Wrestling ( <a href="mailto:jmccabe@ridgenet.org">jmccabe@ridgenet.org</a> )	November 7, 2022	Jared McCabe
Girls Wrestling ( <a href="mailto:jmccabe@ridgenet.org">jmccabe@ridgenet.org</a> )	November 7, 2022	Jared McCabe

To register for a Winter Sport, please go to the [Registration Link](#). Additionally, all athletes will need a valid physical on file with the Ridgewood High School Athletic Department prior to participating. You can access the IHSA Physical Form here: [IHSA Athletic Physical](#). Please check our [RHS Athletic Department Website](#) for more information.

SAT Prep is coming in January –free for all juniors:



Ridgewood High School Parents Club:

Please consider joining the Ridgewood High School Parents Club!! The Mission of the RHS Parents' Club is to enhance the high school experience for the students. The RHS Parents' Club is a diverse group of committed adults who volunteer for this non-profit organization to support social activities and provide opportunities for our children to network and learn from each other. For more information check out the [Ridgewood Parents Club Website Link](#).

Year-Long Calendar

The link to the school-wide calendar can be found on the RHS website, under About RHS / Yearly Calendar: [CLICK HERE FOR YEAR-LONG CALENDAR](#).

Happy Thanksgiving!

RHS Administration

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