



From the PTSA Presidents

THIS YEAR HAS FLOWN BY!!

In this, our last presidents' letter, we want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the tremendous support you have given us this year. The opportunity to serve Reynolds High School in this role was a real honor. We want to express special thanks to the executive committee members: Lisa & William Dull, Karen & John Morris, Joan Healy and Kathy & Todd Borton who served with us and were so devoted to doing their jobs fairly and professionally. A special thanks to Gina Caudill who proofs this newsletter for us every week and graciously corrects our typos and errors, and never says a word! ☺

The only way we were able to do our job was with the army of fantastic volunteers who all did their part every single time! We never heard anyone say "no", instead people continued to ask "how can I help?" or "what can I do?". What amazing parents, teachers and students we have at RJR. Thank you so very much for all your help, time, energy, creativity and support!

Dr. Paschal is a tremendous supporter of the PTSA and everything we do. On behalf of the parents, teachers and students we want to thank Dr. Paschal for everything he's done for our school. He is a fantastic leader for all the Demons. We wish Dr. Paschal and his lovely wife, Susan, a joyful retirement! You will be greatly missed. Your encouragement and love for our students means so much to us parents, and the respect we all have for you is immense!

The talented RJR students have made this weekly letter so fun to put together. There is always someone to celebrate! Thank you students for making us all proud day after day – keep up the great work and finish this year strong!

All parents, teachers and students, please plan to attend our third and final PTSA general membership meeting for this year on Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:30 p.m. on the front porch of the auditorium. We will install new officers and surprise you with a few things you might not expect. It will be worth your while to attend. We promise you won't be sorry!

We wish the best to all the new officers, especially Lisa and William Dull who will be co-presidents. They bring a wealth of NCPTA knowledge and experience along with a ton of creativity and great ideas for our school. Thank you to Lisa and William for your willingness to serve RJR. You're going to do a beautiful job!

And our parting thought is...Demons are forever the very best in all things great and small! ☺

Yours in gold and black,

Jean Anne and Scott Semke -- PTSA Co-Presidents





Volunteer Spotlight

This week our PTSA volunteer in the spotlight is YOU! It is impossible to list all the things RJR volunteers do, but it all comes together to make a beautiful high school experience for our kids.

Here are some of the things YOU did this year:

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| baked cakes | planted flowers | weeded & watered | painted signs |
| cleaned workrooms | helped with filing | set up for Homecoming | smiled |
| answered phones | made lemonade | hung banners | proctored |
| typed recipes | carried boxes | proofed articles | videotaped |
| worked concessions | wrote checks | balanced books | laughed |
| ordered supplies | checked-in students | labeled various stuff | cleaned up |
| licked envelopes | wrote notes | stapled newsletters | folded papers |
| talked to kids | drove to post office | served food | greeted people |
| put info into a computer | tracked membership | made posters | gave tours |
| got judges for contests | grew as a person | attended meetings | loved |
| made an impact | changed a life | made someone's day | won hearts |
| helped a teacher | loved a student | supported administration | had fun! |

This gives everyone an idea of what YOU did this year! Thank you so much for it all. If you didn't get to volunteer this year, that's ok. A new year is just around the corner! And as you can see, no experience is needed, just a willing spirit. **THANK YOU FOR MAKING RJR A BETTER PLACE!** It's an honor to serve with YOU! You just can't beat a Demon volunteer!

Baccalaureate

The 2012 Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in Ardmore Baptist Church. **Seniors who wish to help plan and/or participate in the service should be attending brief weekly planning meetings after school.** All meetings will be held in Mr. Allen's room (210). If interested students cannot attend these meetings, please contact Jennifer Walldorf at walldorf5@aol.com.

Parents who would like to help with the Baccalaureate preparations should contact Kim Macon at rmacon@triad.rr.com.

Thanks for your support!





Proctors Needed

EOCs are coming and we need PROCTORS once again. We will be administering the year-long Algebra I EOC on Friday, May 25 (yes, it's during Class Day) and need about five or six proctors. We will need 10 or more each day after that.

The time is the same for all: 8:30 a.m. (report to Guidance) to 1 p.m.

The dates are:

Friday, May 25

Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 1

Monday, June 4 - Thursday, June 7

Anyone who is 18 years old or older and has graduated from high school can be a proctor. If you have family members who need service hours, this is a great way to get them.

If you can help, please contact Mary Bergstone at mgbergstone@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or at (336)703-4146 ext. 5284.

Travel

Interested in travelling to France and Italy in the summer of 2013? If so, contact Ms. Matisko at vematisko@wsfcs.k12.nc.us for more information.

How about Spain?

There will be information sessions on May 24th in the RJR media center from 5 to 7 p.m. (every 30 minutes so parents and students can come and go as their schedules allow).

These trips are not affiliated with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

National Spanish Honor Society inductions will take place May 24th in the media center at 4 p.m.





2nd Semester Exam Schedule

Tuesday, May 29

AM: 1A Exam

PM: 4A Class

Wednesday, May 30

AM: 4A Exam

PM: 2A Class

Thursday, May 31

AM: 2A Exam

PM: 3A Class

Friday, June 1

AM: 3A Exam

PM: 1B Class

Monday, June 4

AM: 1B Exam (EOC and CTE Make-ups)

PM: 4B Class

Tuesday, June 5

AM: 4B Exam (EOC and CTE Make-ups)

PM: 2B Class

Wednesday, June 6

AM: 2B Exam (EOC and CTE Make-ups)

PM: 3B Class

Thursday, June 7

AM: 3B Exam (EOC and CTE Make-ups)

PM: Make-ups for all students

If a student's class is NOT an EOC or CTE course, then the A day time has regular class. All block teachers made exams and make-ups will be given during the B day portions of the exam period.





Demon Shop

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK YOU CAN SPRING on over to the Demon Shop for short-sleeve T-shirts and more! **Demon wear makes a GREAT gift for rising freshmen!** We also have plenty copies of the RJR cookbook, "Amid the Pines" for only \$12. The Demon Shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:00 to 2:00. If you need to purchase Demon items "after hours", please contact Lisa Rowell at LSRowell@aol.com. **The Demon Shop will close for the year on May 25th.**

Coming up...

A Year-End Celebration You don't want to miss!

PTSA General Membership Meeting and Celebration
Followed by
RJR Band Concert

Wednesday, May 23rd
5:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Voter Registration

Someone will be here for voter registration at lunchtime in the cafeteria during all three lunches on May 24th and 31st. Students will have the opportunity to complete their registration to vote during this time.

Also, if any parent would like to help out at the registration table, it would be most appreciated!





Student of the Week

Congratulations to R.J. Reynolds Student of the Week **Luis Javier Cisneros**. Luis is being recognized by Ms. Meinberg for his recent academic achievement made possible by his hard work in his math class. Congratulations and thanks for making RJR great, Luis!

Help Wanted

Pam Fish, RJR parent and volunteer graphic artist extraordinaire, is "graduating" this year. She has been the creative design and production talent behind our Legacy Campaign materials and our PTSA summer newsletter for several years. We already have volunteers busily working on the content for both publications, but need help with design, layout format and overall presentation. Note that a student with publishing software experience could help with the newsletter publication over the summer and earn service hours in the process. If you can help or know someone who can, please contact Lisa Dull at 723-9758 or thedulls@triad.rr.com ASAP.

Orchestra

RJR Spring 2012 Dates

Tuesday, May 22: Full orchestra rehearsal – 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23: Small ensemble needed for 6-7 p.m. reception in auditorium.

Thursday, May 24: ORCHESTRA CONCERT – BE THERE AT 6:30, SHOW STARTS AT 7 p.m.

Friday, May 25: Class Day - Need orchestra on stage from 8-10 a.m.

Saturday, June 9: Graduation - Orchestra meets at RJR at 6 p.m., plays for graduation at coliseum annex at 7:30 p.m for 8:30 ceremony.

July 9-13: Summer Strings All-County Audition Prep. Workshop





Band

Everyone is invited to our Spring Concert, "A Musical Journey Around the World", immediately after the final PTSA meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Come out for a fun musical tour of styles.

Our final Jazz Band performance of the year will be Sunday, May 20th from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. at the corner of 6th and Trade. We would love to see you there!

ATTENTION ALL RISING FRESHMEN!!!
IF YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR BAND FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR, YOU MUST CONTACT MR. JAMES VIA EMAIL AND TELL HIM WHAT INSTRUMENT YOU PLAY. This is vital to get you in the correct class.
derrickjames@gmail.com

2012 Marching Season is fast approaching! We have something very exciting in the works, but you'll have to wait until the game to see.

2012 Marching Band Dates -Please mark your calendars!

- New Marchers Band Camp:
Aug 13th - 14th, 1:00 - 5:30
- Percussion Camp:
August 14th - 16th, 1:00 - 5:30
- Full Band Rehearsal:
Aug 15th - 16th, 3:00 - 8:30 (Bring your own dinner)
- First Game vs. Parkland - Aug. 17th, Report time: 5:00
- Full Band Camp:
Aug 20th - 23rd, 4 - 8:30 (Bring your own dinner)
- Second Game vs. Glenn - Aug 24th, Report Time: 5:00
- Hanging Rock State Park Trip (End-of-Camp Picnic):
Aug 25th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A full 2012 schedule of events and rehearsals can be found on our website: www.RJRBands.com.





Seniors

Dear Senior Parent or Guardian and Student,

This has been a wonderful year at Reynolds with new and old faces alike. As we begin to move near the end of the year, we feel that it is important to share the following information so that you can prepare in advance for upcoming events including graduation.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

Senior caps and gowns will be distributed in an afternoon homeroom on May 18, 2012. **Any student debt and/or \$35 class dues MUST be paid to Ms. Gordon, Ms. Farrar or Ms. Boles in the main office by May 14, 2012.** Class dues help to defray the cost of the senior picnic, Class Day, graduation, cap and gown rentals, diploma covers, tassels and the printing of the diplomas. Students who fail to pay their dues and debts by May 14th will not receive their caps and gowns on the 18th. Money will not be accepted between the 14th and the 21st.

CLASS DAY

Class Day is scheduled for May 25, 2012 in the Reynolds Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. This event will be for seniors to showcase their years at Reynolds and their talents for family, friends and faculty. In addition, this is a time when we present the senior class to the faculty, administration and student body. Awards and scholarships will be announced followed by the student program. Parents are welcome and seats will be available in the back of the senior section on the floor. Dress for seniors on Class Day is as follows:

Young Ladies: Spring dresses, dress slacks, pantsuits, dress shoes

NOTE: For safety reasons, it is recommended that all dress shoes should have a covered heel or a strap at the heel.

NOTE: Shoulders and mid-section must be covered. No sleeveless dresses or tops.

Young Men: Coats, shirts with collars, tie, dress pants, socks and dress shoes. No boots or tennis/athletic shoes of any kind are permitted.

If you need assistance of any kind in securing the proper attire, please see Mrs. Gordon in the main office by May 18, 2012. Failure to follow this dress code will result in a student being pulled from the line-up.

Following the program, seniors are invited to a picnic at Bolton Park. **Only RJR seniors may attend the picnic.** Anyone else, including children and family members, will be turned away. The cost of the picnic is included in senior dues. Any senior not in attendance at the picnic will be expected to report to afternoon classes.

GRADUATION PRACTICE

Graduation practice is Friday, June 8, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Any student who is late to or absent from practice will **not** be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises. No exceptions will be given.



Seniors, cont.

GRADUATION

Graduation will be held in the Lawrence Joel Coliseum on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. Seniors are to report at 7:30 p.m. **No graduate will be added to the line-up after 8:00 p.m.** Admission is at the main entrance only; tickets are not required, but choose your attendees wisely so that we can maintain a dignified celebration. Caps and gowns are distributed to seniors prior to June 9 in a senior class homeroom. Dress for graduation is as follows:

Young Ladies: Comfortable dresses, dark slacks, neutral colored dress shoes (black, brown, tan, gold, silver)

Note: For safety reasons, it is recommended that all shoes should have a covered heel or strap at the heel.

Young Men: White shirts with ties, dark dress slacks, dark dress shoes and socks. No boots or tennis/athletic shoes of any kind are permitted.

Any problem with a cap or gown must be reported to Mrs. Gordon by May 30. Failure to follow the dress code will result in a student being pulled from the line-up.

Please remind your senior to take care of any debts prior to May 14, 2012. **Failing to pay any debts will result in a student's inability to participate in graduation exercises.**

Please take pictures of your senior in his or her cap and gown **prior** to the exercises. Seniors will turn in the gown immediately after the exercises.

Please note: The main office will hold the caps and gowns of **any** senior who has been notified that a senior failure card has been completed. Caps and gowns will be released to seniors only after receiving **written proof from counselors** that all academic deficiencies have been satisfied and the student will satisfactorily complete the course(s). Notes from counselors may be brought to Ms. Gordon, Ms. Farrar or Ms. Boles in the main office.

Coliseum and Fire Marshal Regulations:

- No family members or friends are allowed on the Coliseum floor. It is for graduates and working faculty only.
- No seats may be reserved for late arrivals. Seating is first come, first served.
- Prohibited items include the following:
 - outside food or drinks
 - helium balloons
 - noise makers
 - air horns
 - oversized bags
 - weapons of any sort, regardless of permits

At any time, you may check for senior information by visiting <http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/47978>.

Please know that the entire faculty and staff are working diligently to provide a secure, orderly and enjoyable academic exercise for your senior. If you have any questions, please contact us at 703-4145.

Sincerely,

RJR Administration and Graduation Staff





New Stadium

R. J. REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL
ALL SPORTS STADIUM ARTIST RENDERING



A group of parents is working tirelessly on having a stadium built for RJ Reynolds High School at Hanes Park. Your support is needed!

The group has partnered with the Winston-Salem Foundation while completing its own non-profit status.

Development of a website is in the works.

If you cannot donate financially, your donations of time or resources are just as important and helpful.

The group is looking for people who have all types of skills and experiences including writing grants, working on websites and contacting RJR alums who have moved away from Winston-Salem.

If you would like to donate, you can contact the Winston-Salem Foundation and refer to the RJR Home Field Advantage account.





PTSA Board Anyone?

Are you willing to serve on the
PTSA Board or a PTSA Committee?

We are in the process of filling positions for next year and have openings for existing positions as well as several new opportunities. Contact Lisa Dull at 723-9758 or thedulls@triad.rr.com.

Don't be bashful!

The PTSA benefits and therefore RJR benefits from a variety of abilities and perspectives.

We need YOU!

Driver's Education

Summer Information

- You must now register for Driver's Ed online at:

www.ncdrivingschool.com

or call: 1(800)375-6550

- Registration will open for **July classes** on June 18th and will close on July 2nd
- July classes run from July 9th – July 19th
- Registration will open for **August classes** on July 9th and will close for on July 23rd
- August classes run from July 30th – August 9th
- Class times run from: 8:00 – 11:45 a.m.
or
12:30 – 4:15 p.m.





Upcoming Dates



Happy Birthday Staff Members from the PTSA!

Nikki Glover - 23rd
Jeff George - 28th

Graduation will be on Saturday, June 9th at
8:30 p.m. in the LJVM Coliseum.



Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May
21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Benton Convention
Center.





Demon Athletics

May 21 All-Sports Banquet, Benton Conv. Center, 6:00

Volleyball

A mandatory meeting for all girls interested in trying out for volleyball will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd in room 105 at 4 p.m. The make-up meeting will be Thursday, May 24th at 8 a.m. This includes all incoming 9th graders and transfer students. If you cannot make it to one of these, please contact Coach Tuttle at ektuttle@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

Track

Congratulations to Fatima Funderburk (100m) and Chandler Borton (800m and 1,600m) for qualifying at the regional track meet to compete in the 4-A State Championship Meet! **Congratulations to Anna Caudill** who set a new RJR triple jump record at the regional meet. She surpassed the record set by Joanna Wright in 2003 (35 feet, ½ inch) by jumping 35 feet, 2 ½ inches! Way to go, Demons!

State Doubles Champions- Chad Hoskins and Paul Yamane



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