
RHS Newsletter - January 6, 2016



Happy 2016!

I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation and has returned rested and ready to greet our El Nino winter head on. Hopefully, the rains will replenish our reservoirs!

The new semester brings the opportunity for refreshed attitudes and new beginnings and all of us hope each of you has a wonderful semester. A couple quick notes to help make the semester as good as it can be are below. Have a great spring semester!

Attendance - Please remember that attendance is one of the top predictors of student success. Students cannot be successful if they are not in class. Whether an absence is excused or not, missed class time means missed instruction that negatively impacts student learning. Please remember to schedule appointments, vacations, etc. outside school hours. Missing school right before or after vacations or repeatedly for appointments that can be scheduled outside school hours has significant impact on student learning. We thank you in advance for helping us maximize student learning by making sure students are in class every period, every day. Our attendance policies are covered in detail in our Parent-Student Handbook on the following webpage:

<http://goo.gl/Ci4kS4>

Bicycles - I know bicycle riding is reduced during the rainy season but I wanted to thank all of our bicycle riders for conserving energy and pollution, reducing our parking challenges and exercising to stay healthy. Please be sure to lock your bicycles securely when parking bicycles on campus. We have been the target of bicycle theft and while we monitor our bike racks as much as possible, we cannot monitor them every minute and want to make sure bikes are securely locked. Also, please be sure to obey all traffic signals and signs. Drivers often have a hard time seeing bicyclists and we want all our bicycling students to be safe.

Career Conversations Start Monday!

Career Conversations begin next week. Each Spring, the PTSA sponsors Career Conversations in the College & Career Center. This is a lunchtime speaker series open to all students that features Redwood parents presenting and answering questions about their careers. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to share their career experiences with students. We have a wide range of deep talent with a record 33 sessions that have been organized for this year. The full schedule plus short bios and descriptions of the conversations for all speakers can be found on this link to the College & Career Center page re Career Conversations: <http://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/6775>.

A Giant thanks to the PTSA and Hilda Soo, Paula Vantrease and Greg Davison for coordinating our Career Conversations each spring!

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