

REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, SEPT 30 2016

Dear Students/Parents,

We have completed our first grading period. How quickly the time goes by!

New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Saum Zargar who started last week and our new Attendance Clerk, Mark Machado who started this week. Mark is taking Ann Jackson's place as she has become a secretary at Tamiscal High School. We wish Ann the best at Tamiscal and are so grateful to former assistant principals Sue Chelini and Katy Foster for filling in so superbly while we found a great new assistant principal!

Wondering which administrator is in charge of what on campus? See the Redwood website under Staff/Administration or click on the following link to find a list of our administrators and major responsibilities for each administrator. <http://www.tamdistrict.org/domain/1009>

Site Council

Our Site Council student and parent representatives are in place and have begun meeting. Thanks to parents Christine Elders, Jon Kimball, Dana Linker Steele and Juli Tantum and students Nicole Fuches, Julia Scharf, Elizabeth Ratcliffe and Amanda Trusheim for being our elected student and parent representatives to Site Council. You can find more information about Site Council on the Redwood website under Information/Site Council or at <http://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/6379>.

Student Enrollment

There has been some confusion about how many students we have at Redwood this year. Currently, we have 464 9th graders, 490 10th graders, 445 11th graders and 400 12th graders for a total student population of 1799 students. No shortage of students but smaller than some of the numbers that I've heard parents discussing.

Bike Thefts

Bike thefts continue to be a problem. Though much less severe than in recent years thanks to efforts by our staff and Central Marin Police, we are still seeing some bike thefts. Please reduce the likelihood of your bike being stolen by using a U-lock, not a cable lock, and being sure not to leave your bike at school overnight. Thank you!

International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 5th

Sixteen percent of RHS students walk or bike to school. 62% drive in single family vehicles (not a carpool). RHS's Environmental Action Club is striving to decrease our toxic vehicle congestion with a week-long celebration of active transportation coinciding with International Walk to School Day. Next Monday – Friday, October 3-7, please encourage your student to walk, bike, or skateboard to school – students can enter a raffle drawing for some cool prizes, but more importantly, will join our community effort to reduce traffic and pollution around our schools. If you or your student must drive on October 5th, please allow extra time to drive slowly and be on the lookout for an increased number of younger students commuting by foot or bike.

Please read [this inspiring Marin Voice article](#) about Safe Routes to Schools which sponsors RHS's Environmental Action Club.

Marin City Parent Engagement

The Tamalpais Union High School District invites you to a Marin City Parent Engagement meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hannah Gallery, 170 Donahue Street in Marin City. Please come to meet the administrators at your child's school and share your thoughts on how the schools and district can best serve your child. For more information, please contact Tara Taupier, ttaupier@tamdistrict.org, 415-945-1055.

Have a great weekend and a great start to October!

Thanks,

David