RHS PTSA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

...Diane Call

Days are becoming shorter and nights particularly cooler. It is the end of summer, and we look to a celebration of fall...football games, pumpkins and corn mazes, maybe sitting in a hot tub when the air isn’t hot, too. It is a busy time with school – new classes, new activities.

Volunteers, too, are concentrating on the busy-ness of the new school year. PTSA is working to get membership forms out to all of you, and to promote our mission. The Senior Party group is forming, Reflections Art Program entry forms are in the library, state PTA Legislative Assembly is occurring this first weekend of October, and Nancy Uziemblo has been pulling information from many sources around the school and community to include in this first newsletter of the 2009-2010 school year.

We’re looking for a couple folks to help with several particular aspects of the PTSA business; see the ‘Help Wanted’ article in this issue. There are several ways you could choose to help fund the PTSA’s activities – also in this newsletter. And... it’s going to be a great year.

Take a look through this newsletter, get lots of information, and maybe you’ll discover a perfect opportunity for YOU to contribute to the Richland High School community. We wish you all a great October – enjoy!

UPCOMING RHS PTSA MEETINGS:

- General Membership meeting
  October 12, 7 p.m., RHS library

- Senior party meeting
  October 5, 6:30 p.m. RHS Cafeteria

- Richland PTA Council Meeting
  October 26, 7 p.m.
  Jason Lee Elementary School

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2009-2010

“Beauty is.....”

Any student can participate in the PTSA-sponsored Reflections Program, with the theme “Beauty is.....”, for a chance to win prizes at the school, council, state and national levels.

Express yourself in one or more of the following categories: Literature, Musical Competition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance/Choreography, and Film/Video Production.

Entry forms and rules can be obtained in the RHS library, or found online at http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html

RHS submittal deadline is Thursday, October 29, 2009. Entries should be turned in at the RHS library. All students will be honored at a reception on November 23, with certificates for all entrants, and cash prizes to the top winners.

Questions? Please contact Diane Call at 531-4095 or buffcall@verizon.net
RHS PTSA

The Richland High PTSA is looking for a few good people for the following tasks:

* Get Albertsons Community Partners and eScrip information to our school community, particularly through regular newsletter articles (short, varied specific topics) and several meeting presentations (very short)
* Lead us in taking advantage of opportunities to keep PTSA membership in front of parents, staff and students (sell more memberships by ‘being there’)
* Come alongside the current Reflections Art Program chair, and work with her on this year’s program. We are hoping for the parent of a freshman or sophomore that could continue in this position for several years. There is a complete set of how-to notes, and the activities for this year have already been started.

Contact Diane Call 531-4095 (leave message), buffcall@verizon.net.

Support the RHS PTSA by linking your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to our organization. With every Albertsons purchase, a portion of that purchase will be donated to the Community Partner organizations YOU designate. To enroll, or check/change your Community Partners designation(s), go to the Albertsons web site. Click on ‘In the Community’ on upper or lower web site bar, or click on Community Partners logo. Click on ‘login or register’ link or ‘My Account’ signpost and follow the instructions. The Richland High School PTSA Partner number is 49000120508. You can choose to support up to 4 organizations, and choose the percentage of your donation each organization is to receive. Albertsons recently instituted a policy of requiring re-enrollment each year. If you haven’t checked your account recently, please check it out and include RHS PTSA as one of your linked Community Partners! Your everyday purchases can help the RHS PTSA help our school and our students!

United Way - fall pledge drive has begun!
RHS PTSA requests you consider designating a portion of your United Way pledge to us! Several supporters have done this in recent years, and it really helps us fund the programs and scholarships we sponsor: teacher grants, Reflections Program, staff appreciation, this newsletter, and more. If you have questions, please contact Diane Call, 531-4095, buffcall@verizon.net

The local United Way already has our tax-exempt information; you would enter on designation card:
Richland High School PTSA
930 Long Avenue
Richland, WA 99352

Nominations for Washington State PTA Region 12 Director open
The Region 12 Nominating Committee has started work on selecting a new PTA Region 12 Director for the 2010-2012 term. (Our own Lynne McAdoo currently holds the position, but no one can hold the office for 2 consecutive terms.) The Region Directors and their Service Delivery Teams provide support to the local PTA groups within their regions, providing training, encouragement, and acting as a liaison with the state-level organization. PTA members should receive an email from the state PTA office within the next couple of weeks, providing details about the position and a copy of the Recommendation Form. Recommendation Forms can be submitted for yourself or for another person. You can also get information (qualifications, job description, form, nominating committee contacts) on the Region 12 page on State PTA web site: www.wastatepta.org, click Regions, then Region 12. If you have questions, contact Diane Call, 531-4095.

Congratulations to the RHS PTSA 2009-10 Elected Officers:
President: Diane Call
Vice President: Vicki Stephens
Treasurer: Deb Roper
Secretary: Nancy Uziemblo

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JEREMY SMITH – 2009 RECIPIENT OF THE RHS PTSA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

This award presented by RHS PTSA and the Washington State PTA recognizes Mr. Smith who goes beyond the normal expectations of his job to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging. The nominators described him as “caring and innovative”, “he truly believes in his subject and his students …and makes math real-world…”, “his sincerity, respect and rigor in the classroom are remarkable”. He was presented a State PTA certificate, pin and gifts. In addition, RHS PTSA made a donation in his name to the State PTA fund supporting financial grants for students pursuing post-secondary education.

Thank you Mr. Jeremy Smith for your dedication, determination and direction!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KIM OATES AND LYNN MCADOO—2009 RHS PTSA RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN ACORN AWARD -- The RHS PTSA and Washington State PTA award is given to acknowledge these 2 outstanding volunteers and their dedication and service to children and youth.

Kim is honored for being a “quiet giant” in service to youth. For over 12 years, she has been in charge of food concessions for all RHS sporting events. The profits from her work here have greatly benefiting the RHS students and many school clubs. Her longevity in this role and dedication to her tasks is appreciated as well as her continued devotion to help our students.

Lynne is recognized for her many years with PTA including holding just about every local PTA position and is currently on the Washington State PTA’s board of directors as the Region 12 Director. She also serves the community as a committee member of a Boy Scout Troop and is on the Board of Directors for her church. Her school and community support is very admirable.

These volunteers received a State PTA certificate, pins and gifts. Also, the RHS PTSA made a contribution in their name to the State PTA Financial Grant Program.

RHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS (IMB) NEWS

Fall is a big season for the music programs at RHS! Congrats to the marching band for putting on a great show at the first home game and good luck to you in your upcoming competitions:


The RHS Music Boosters have strong leadership year and we welcome your help. If you have always thought you “should” get involved, but held back for any reason, let us assure you that you are welcome to help at whatever level you are comfortable; attending meetings, volunteering at events or helping to fund raise. If you want to give “behind the scenes” support, simply joining the Boosters helps us financially to support the students involved in music this year. Also, we are jumping on the technology bandwagon and have created a Facebook page under Richland IMB. We plan to use this forum to spread the word about upcoming events and fundraisers. Please add us as a friend and help us find those loyal Bombers who still want to keep in touch and help our music programs succeed! Please check our website and/or Facebook for info on events and fundraisers; Stadium of Echoes is coming up, and we will be selling apples in October! Email us at imb@richmonds3.com.
Ballot Title
Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county and city revenue. This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Ballot Measure Summary
This measure would limit growth in state revenues deposited in funds subject to the state expenditure limit, and limit growth in county and city revenues deposited into the county and city current expense funds. The limit would be adjusted based on annual growth in inflation and population. The limit also would apply to revenues transferred out of these funds. The limit would exclude voter-approved revenue increases. Revenues above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Excerpt from The official Washington State input
http://www.ofm.wa.gov/initiatives/i-1033_fiscal_impact.pdf

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Fiscal Impact Statement for Initiative 1033
As sent to the Office of the Secretary of State, August 10, 2009

Fiscal Impact through Calendar Year 2015
Initiative 1033 limits annual growth of state, city and county general fund revenue to the rate of inflation and population growth. General fund revenues exceeding this limit must be used to reduce the following year’s state, city or county general fund property tax levy. The initiative reduces state general fund revenues that support education; social, health and environmental services; and general government activities by an estimated $5.9 billion by 2015. The initiative also reduces general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general government activities by an estimated $694 million for counties and $2.1 billion for cities by 2015.

This information is provided to help you make an informed decision.

Please check these links:
Campaigns
Vote No on 1033 campaign: http://no1033.com/news/
Vote Yes on 1033 campaign: http://permanent-offense.org/
**RHS PTSA supports the school in many ways:**

- The Day’s Pay-Per - the monthly PTSA Newsletter
- Teacher Appreciation
- RHS Student Scholarships
- Drug/Alcohol/Health education
- Reflections National PTA Arts contest
- Senior Graduation Party

**You can be part of this by:**

- Joining PTSA
- Volunteering (see below)
- Using your Albertsons Community Partners card and eScrip when you shop
- Donating to the School Grant Program or Scholarship Program (all donations are tax deductible)

**How to join – and get your bonus 2-for-1 card! (Ski-Bluewood, Barracuda Coffee and more):**

Fill in this form and return:

- Drop off at the RHS Main Office
- or Mail to RHS PTSA-Membership, 930 Long Avenue, Richland, WA 99352

**PARENTS—please check the current year(s) your children are in school at RHS.**

☐ 9  ☐ 10  ☐ 11  ☐ 12

☐ Check here if you wish to get the RHS PTSA newsletter electronically.

Your address label will be removed from the mailing list and you will be notified monthly via your email address (please enter in address section below) when the newsletter has been placed on the PTSA website, http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/

Please PRINT the information requested and check ONE or MORE boxes below:

**NAME(S) (2 Names for Double Membership)**

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ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP CODE

____________________________________________________________________

**E-MAIL ADDRESS (PTSA Use Only)**

____________________________________________________________

**HOME /CELL PHONE __________________________/____________________________**

☐ $12 One membership. I have included my check [to ‘RHS PTSA’] for $12

☐ $20 Double membership (2 discount cards). I have included my check for $20

☐ $10 School staff membership. I have included my check for $10

☐ $8 Student membership. I have included my check for $8

☐ $25 Business membership. New this year!

☐ Wish to receive updates on education advocacy and legislation by email

☐ Wish to volunteer but can not join RHS PTSA at this time

**Volunteer—Please check items below for these volunteer opportunities**

☐ Newsletter Assembly (Once a month)

☐ Chaperone (for dances)

☐ PTSA Leadership

☐ Food Donation/Hospitality (Food donations)

☐ RHS PTSA Scholarship Committee

☐ Senior Party

☐ Reflections (Fall only)

☐ Drug/Alcohol/Health education

☐ Web site assistance

☐ Other - I can __________________
ELITE FLEET …from Becki Maki, Director

The purpose of this program is to encourage all students to take pride in their behavior and work hard at their studies.

Each month teachers nominate three students for Elite Fleet. Teachers are encouraged to nominate and include a range of students in their recognition: those who always do well and those strugglers whom they are prompting to improved performance. They will give the student a certificate.

The three criteria:

**Attitude Nominee:**
Recognition of a “can-do” and/or positive approach to school, class work, and people.

**Improvement/Consistency Nominee:**
Recognition of a student who has improved or persisted successfully in his/her performance and effort in class.

**Excellence Nominee:**
Recognition of a student who is having solid academic success, maybe in comparison to others or relative to individual effort.

At the end of the month, the department gets together and picks a monthly winner. The winner will receive an invitation to a semester program in January or May. At the program, the monthly winners will receive another certificate, an Elite Fleet pin, and a bumper sticker.

RHS THEATRE ARTS

The Richland High School Theatre Arts Department will be traveling to Edinburgh, Scotland in August 2010. Richland High was one of sixty schools in the nation chosen out of over 2,100 schools nominated to represent the United States and perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival! Students are responsible for paying their own transportation costs, and the department will be raising funds throughout the school year to pay for the production they will take to Scotland. Some fund-raisers will include 50/50 raffles at the home football games, car washes, yard sales, and special theatrical performances. If you are interested in assisting the theatre arts department by volunteering your time or making a donation, please contact theatre director Ellicia Mertens Elliott at ellicia.elliott@rsd.edu.

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The Richland High School Theatre Arts Department will present the children’s theatre production of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* on October 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the RHS Auditorium. Based on the beloved picture book by Harry Allard and James Marshall, the play is about the students in room 207, the worst behaved students of the school. Miss Nelson, their teacher, suddenly disappears and their substitute, Miss Viola Swamp arrives with hours of homework. The class tries to figure out what has happened to Miss Nelson. Tickets for the production are $8 general admission and $6 for students and seniors.
Richland High School Bomber Boosters

JOIN TODAY - GET INVOLVED!!
You can help support the many Richland Bomber activities, events, and student needs by becoming a Bomber Booster member today. With your membership, you receive a RHS Bomber Booster shirt, Dairy Queen discount card, and you'll get to hang out with the energetic RHS Bomber Boosters gang. Visit our web site at www.bomberboosters.org.

Bomber Boosters supports the school in many ways:
- Managing concession sales at RHS sporting events to create funding support for school activities
- Time and monetary donations to RHS teams and school club events
- The Bomber Boosters support several school road trips and events, such as:
  - Athletic team trips to regional and state playoffs and purchasing of championship banners
  - Drama Club trips to Washington State competitions
- Maintenance of the “RHS Wall of Fame” at the school gym
- Maintenance of the “RHS Valedictorians” display in the school’s main entrance
- RHS student scholarships for college

You can be part of this by:
- Joining the Bomber Boosters membership
- Becoming a Bomber Booster board member to consider and decide RHS support needs
- Helping at RHS sporting event concession stand sales (our major fundraising activity)

Please PRINT all the information required and check ONE or MORE boxes below:

NAME(S) _______________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Bomber Booster use only) _________________________________________
HOME /CELL PHONE ____________________________________________________________

☐ $30  One membership (1 discount card, 1 Bomber shirt). I have included my check for $30.
☐ $60  Two memberships (2 discount cards, 2 Bomber shirts). I have included my check for $60.
☐ I wish to volunteer, but can not join RHS Bomber Boosters at this time.

Indicate Shirt sizes:
1st Shirt  ☐ S  ☐ M  ☐ L  ☐ XL  ☐ XXL  ☐ XXXL
2nd Shirt  ☐ S  ☐ M  ☐ L  ☐ XL  ☐ XXL  ☐ XXXL

Make checks to: Richland Bomber Boosters (P.O. Box 1651, Richland, WA 99352)
DO YOU KNOW THESE TEN TIPS FOR TAKING TESTS?

From http://www.infoplease.com/homework/studyskills4.html#tips

1. Read the instructions carefully. Never assume you will know what they will say! Ask the teacher if you are unsure about anything.
2. Read the entire test through before starting. Notice the point value of each section. This will help you to pace yourself.
3. Answer the easiest questions first, then the ones with the highest point value. You don't want to spend 20 minutes trying to figure out a two-point problem!
4. Keep busy! If you get stuck on a question, come back to it later. The answer might come to you while you are working on another part of the test.
5. If you aren't sure how to answer a question fully, try to answer at least part of it. You might get partial credit.
6. Need to guess on a multiple-choice test? First, eliminate the answers that you know are wrong. Then take a guess. Because your first guess is most likely to be correct, you shouldn't go back and change an answer later unless you are certain you were wrong.
7. On an essay test, take a moment to plan your writing. First, jot down the important points you want to make. Then number these points in the order you will cover them.
8. Keep it neat! If your teacher can't read your writing, you might lose points.
9. Don't waste time doing things for which you will not receive credit, such as rewriting test questions.
10. Leave time at the end to look over your work. Did you answer every question? Did you proofread for errors? It is easy to make careless mistakes while taking a test.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT/PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)

The Richland SEPAC invites parents/guardians, staff, friends:anyone that is interested in special education to attend our informational meetings.

Childcare is provided by RHS Key Club students at each SEPAC meeting.

Upcoming meeting:
November 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m. --Transitioning from Preschool to K and Elementary to MS at Jefferson Elementary School
Preventing the spread of flu germs  Influenza virus (flu) affects the nose, throat and lungs. The symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, and muscle pain. The flu virus is spread from person to person by droplets from the nose or mouth, such as with coughing or sneezing. State and federal health agencies are expecting an early start to the flu and cold season this year. With that in mind, the Richland School District is asking students, staff and parents to help prevent the transmission of germs by taking the following actions: 1) wash your hands throughout the day; 2) cover your cough/sneeze and then wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer; 3) stay home if you have a fever, sore throat or are not feeling well.

Receive District updates electronically  Parents wishing to stay current with Richland School District happenings can do so via email. The twice a month electronic news summary includes recaps of Richland School Board meetings along with up-to-date information on instruction, curriculum and facilities. To subscribe, contact Steve Aagaard, District Communications Manager, at steve.aagaard@rsd.edu

Richland Education Foundation seeking new board members  Do you want to help make sure Richland School District students and teachers have enough resources to be successful? If so, you should consider serving on the board of the Richland Education Foundation. Through grants from the Foundation, teachers receive funding to create innovative instructional programs. Since 1993-94, the Foundation has awarded over $176,000 in grants to support Richland schools. The Foundation is seeking community members who have a real interest in furthering its mission: "to improve the overall quality of education and the learning environment through enhanced community financial support for public education." For more information, contact Denise Hohimer at 967-5185 or REFfoundation@gmail.com

Keep current with District web site  Parents can keep up-to-date with the Richland School District by going to www.rsd.edu. You’ll find food menus, parent resource guides, news updates, curriculum topics, video features, links to individual school home pages and much more.

Internet filter blocks inappropriate material  The Richland School District’s Internet filter prevents District computer users from accessing Internet sites which are inappropriate for a school setting. The intent is to provide access to material that enhances the learning environment and to block access to inappropriate material. Here’s an example of how the filter works. If a student tries to do an Internet search for the word “pornography”, the Internet filter blocks access to any web site that contains pornographic related material such as full or partial nudity. The filter should allow access to sites containing nudity of a non-prurient nature, such as National Geographic, museums, and Smithsonian Magazine.

Prepared for Emergencies  For the safety of students, employees and visitors to school facilities, the Richland School District has an Emergency Response Plan in place that includes procedures for evacuations and for locking down buildings. The plan’s objectives are to respond to any emergency, crisis or disaster; to know where our students are; and to communicate with parents and the media. The plan includes evacuating students and employees to a backup location should the need arise. This enables the District to more easily account for students and employees, and to provide a safe place until students are reunited with their parents at the backup school, or at home if the students are transported.
Superintendent search survey  Northwest Leadership Associates is conducting the search for a new superintendent for the Richland School District. The first step in that process is asking community members to complete a brief survey. Responses to the questions will assist the Richland School Board in selecting the next superintendent. You will find a link to the survey at: www.rsd.edu

Internet safety  Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna and Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn, in partnership with the Entertainment Software Association Foundation and Web Wise Kids, recently announced the launch of a statewide program that uses video games to help students, teachers, and parents better understand safe use of the Internet and other technology.

“The devices that kids love, from smartphones to computers, are also being used to subject them to cyberbullying, scams and online stalkers,” McKenna said. “This program deploys a technology that’s very familiar to kids – video games – to teach important lessons about staying safe in cyberspace.”

More info at: www.webwisekids.org

Annual AHERA notification  In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. All Richland School District buildings were inspected and suspected materials were sampled, tested, and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, RSD is required to re-inspect the buildings to determine if any known or suspected asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed, and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. During the last re-inspection, conducted December 29, 2007, all materials listed in the asbestos management plan as asbestos containing were inspected and found to be in good condition. Additional information on asbestos-related activities, and the availability of the asbestos management plans, is included in the annual notification letter posted on the RSD website at http://www.rsd.edu/health/asbestos-management.html

COMMUNITY NEWS

Three Rivers Youth Chorus looking for singers  The Three Rivers Youth Chorus is currently seeking second thru eighth grade students to sing during the 2009-10 season. The cost is $80 per semester or $27 per month. For more information, contact Justin Raffa at 520-227-9702 or justin@midcolumbiamastersingers.org

Truancy Board Volunteers Needed  Volunteers are needed to participate on the Benton/Franklin County Community Truancy Boards. These boards meet with the student and parent(s) to discuss the reasons for non-attendance and then develop a plan to get the student back in an educational program. The Benton County boards meet on Wednesday of each week, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Franklin County boards meet each Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Stevens Middle School in Pasco. The only requirements are you are at least 21 years old, pass a comprehensive background investigation and have a desire to help students successfully obtain an education. We do have a great need for bi-lingual volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering 2 or more hours a month to help these students, please contact Becky Keck at 737-2744
Washington State PTA Vision:
Making every child's potential a reality

Washington State PTA Mission:
• PTA is a powerful voice for all children.
• PTA is a relevant resource for families and communities.
• PTA is a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

Useful Web links for students and parents
The White House for Kids - www.whitehouse.gov/kids
U.S. Congress for Kids - www.congressforkids.net
The Smithsonian for Students - www.smithsonianeducation.org/students
NASA Television - www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory - www.jpl.nasa.gov/index.cfm
National Geographic for Kids - www.nationalgeographic.com/kids
Homework Help at AOL School - www.aolatschool.com
KidsKonnect - www.kidskonnect.com
Universities and Colleges - www.clas.ufl.edu/au/
Guaranteed College Education Tuition Program - www.get.wa.gov
SAT/ACT Practice Tests - www.testprepreview.com
Scholarship opportunities are beginning to arrive in the Career Center. There are several ways to access up-to-date opportunity information. A list is updated regularly on the Career Center website at www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/hergert or you may receive periodic updates via e-mail. If we currently have your e-mail address you will automatically receive scholarship information in the RHS Parent Bulletin. If you need to update your address, please send it to Mary.Kaye.Hergert@rsd.edu.

Options are listed below with additional ones on the website.

**October 6, 2009 Deadline—AES Engineering Scholarship**
This award is for high school seniors. Award is given on the basis of character as determined by the student essay. Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of student (not just engineering).

For details on how to apply, visit http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php

**October 31, 2009 Deadline—Coca-Cola Scholarship Program**
Applicants must be current high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. Post-secondary institution who also have at least a 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Apply at https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/page.jsp?navigation=15

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**The Lunch Connection**
In these tough economic times, we want to encourage families to complete the simple one-page form to connect their children to free or reduced priced meals. Forms are located in the 2009-10 Info link at www.rsd.edu, in the main office at RHS and in the Career Center. Great meals are available!

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**Career Center Workshops**

Workshops are held during both lunches (11:00 am to 11:30 and 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm) in the RHS Career Center. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

10/5/09—Corban College and Lewis Clarke College
10/6/09—GESA Price Comparison Workshop and Gonzaga University
10/7/09 Linfield College
10/8/09—Carroll College and Washington State University
10/12/09 Western Washington University
10/15/09 Eastern Washington University
10/19/09 Boise State University
10/22/09 Seattle University
10/23/09 Northwest Christian University

We anticipate additional workshops being offered. An updated calendar is available at www.richlandbombers.org on the Event Calendar page of the Career Center link.

**PSAT Update**

The PSAT/NMSQT is specifically designed for Sophomores and Juniors. It measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills.

The PSAT is a great no-risk, low cost opportunity to prepare for the SAT, and enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships. Students are also able to see how they perform compared to other students who seek admission to college.

If your child’s plans may include after-high-school education at a four-year college or university, we highly encourage them to take this test. The PSAT will be given on October 14, 2009 at RHS. Register and pay the $15 fee with the bookkeeper. Sample questions for the test are available in the Placement and Admission Test link on the Career Center website at www.richlandbombers.org

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In these tough economic times, we want to encourage families to complete the simple one-page form to connect their children to free or reduced priced meals. Forms are located in the 2009-10 Info link at www.rsd.edu, in the main office at RHS and in the Career Center. Great meals are available!

**Scholarship Opportunities**

Scholarship opportunities are beginning to arrive in the Career Center. There are several ways to access up-to-date opportunity information. A list is updated regularly on the Career Center website at www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/hergert or you may receive periodic updates via e-mail. If we currently have your e-mail address you will automatically receive scholarship information in the RHS Parent Bulletin. If you need to update your address, please send it to Mary.Kaye.Hergert@rsd.edu.

Options are listed below with additional ones on the website.

**October 6, 2009 Deadline—AES Engineering Scholarship**
This award is for high school seniors. Award is given on the basis of character as determined by the student essay. Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of student (not just engineering).

For details on how to apply, visit http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php

**October 31, 2009 Deadline—Coca-Cola Scholarship Program**
Applicants must be current high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. Post-secondary institution who also have at least a 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Apply at https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/page.jsp?navigation=15

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**Career Center Workshops**

Workshops are held during both lunches (11:00 am to 11:30 and 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm) in the RHS Career Center. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

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