

RIPON CHRISTIAN HI-NOTES

September, 2010

PLEASE remember to call the high school office by 9:30 a.m. if your student is absent. A voice message can be left at extension 201 before and after school.

What's for lunch? Every day there are various items such as burritos, pocket pizzas and chicken burgers available from the Music Box. On Wednesdays our Christian School Circle moms sell hot lunch (burritos, sloppy joes, pizza and hot dogs, in that order, for \$1.00 to \$1.50 each). On Thursdays Student Council sells pizza breads for \$2.00 and on Fridays the CloseUp Club sells nachos for \$1.50.

The **magazine sale** has just ended. Each student was required to sell at least three magazines (or pay \$25) to raise money for their individual class treasury. This money helps the class to put on the Junior/Senior Banquet, go on their senior trip, and give a class gift at graduation. You can still order at www.qsp.com but make sure you give credit to Ripon Christian!

TRIP: It is hard to believe that September is almost over. This time of the year many of us are starting to think about the Holiday's coming up. First, is Thanksgiving. Remember TRIP for all your grocery purchases or if you are traveling we have gas cards, and lots of restaurants, both drive thru and sit down. Second, with Christmas we can make your shopping experience simple. One stop shopping for all your gift cards. It's a WIN, WIN purchase. It makes your life less stressful and you are helping with tuition reduction, CEF, or technology for the school. And we hear more and more how people really appreciate receiving gift cards for gifts. If any of you are going to be visiting DISNEYLAND we can get scrip for you. We are looking forward to seeing you on TUES. 9:00 – 12:00 in the High School office or FRIDAYS 8:15 - 2:30 in the kitchen of the Pac foyer. If you have any questions please call Doreen @ 599-6351.

Testing Day is Wednesday, October 13. Freshmen will take the EXPLORE, sophomores the PLAN, and the PSAT will be administered to the juniors. Seniors will be visiting court. Please do not schedule any appointments on that day as these tests cannot be made up. Students need to bring #2 pencils and a calculator. Students desiring to receive additional information may include their email address, however, it's not required. Please stress to your student the importance of these tests as they are recorded on transcripts and can possibly help for scholarships.

Junior Parents: The PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT Reasoning Test. Students in 11th grade who take the test and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. Most important, the PSAT/NMSQT is a comprehensive tool that gives valuable feedback to both the student and the school. All students who take the PSAT/NMSQT will receive an official Score Report. They will receive scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills and will see how their scores compare to other students across the country. Through a question-by-question review of answers, students will be able to see which answers they got right or wrong. They will also receive a personalized statement of specific academic skills that need attention along with suggested steps to improve those skills. Students who take the test will receive free access to *My College QuickStart*, an online college and career planning tool that contains: an online PSAT score report with projected SAT score ranges, state percentiles, and the power to sort answer explanations by difficulty and question type; a customized SAT study plan for high school students, personalized list of colleges, majors, and careers; and access to *MyRoad*. For more information, visit collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Closed Campus Reminder: RCHS is a "closed campus." We have had many requests from alumni and students from other schools to come on campus for lunch. Unfortunately, because of liability issues, we cannot allow students to have visitors on campus during lunch.

All Juniors and Seniors are being asked to print out two documents from their English class page on Edline and return these with a parent signature and the required writing assignment. (Due dates vary.) The documents are a General Evaluation Rubric for Papers and a Truth Statement. These papers will form the basis for understanding the grading of writing for English class for students and parents as well as set the standards for honesty in all writing assignments. Thank you for your attention and input in this matter. As always, feel free to contact Mrs. Harms with questions about English 11 or 12 (bharms@rcschools.com or 599-2155 ext. 283).

Edline is an online program for parents and students to access their grades and assignments. If you do not have an Edline account number, please call Shelley Nelson in the high school office (599-2155). Each teacher has their course syllabus as well as course expectations and classroom rules posted with the subject they teach.

Entertainment books are available until mid-October from any Close Up member or from the High School Office. Cost is only \$20. Some other ongoing high school fundraisers are Papa Murphy Cards - \$5.00 and Mt. Mike's Pizza Coupons - \$20.00.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 30, from 5:00 - 9:00 for Family Fun Night! We would like ALL families to help make this fundraiser successful! Please encourage your high school students to sign up to help and earn service hours! We are in need of donations for the live and silent auctions. Some examples include vacation rentals, themed baskets, pro-game tickets, golf outings, gift certificates, services or any other unique items. Please contact Beth Anne Brouwer @ 833-1374 with your donations. The Country Store is looking for those beautiful homemade crafts and Dutch treats. Please contact Shelley Nelson @ 599-2155 if you are able to help. For additional questions, call Jami @ 599-2645.

Late arrival students are required to go to chapel and are responsible to check the announcements posted in the office daily.

Please do not leave valuables in cars at any time! Cars have been broken into during school and school events.

Thomson Gale is an online database that Ripon Christian subscribes to. It is available to all students, parents, and teachers. At school it is available on all computers. It is found under the "favorites" when you open the "Internet Explorer." At home it can also be easily accessed as a link on the school web site. The password for accessing at home is "knights." Call Mrs. Bowman, the high school librarian, if you have any questions.

Senior College Reminders: College application time is fast approaching. Please make sure you are aware of application periods for colleges and universities in which your child is interested. Considering the massive budget cuts in education across the nation, many colleges and universities have moved up and shortened application periods. To find the application period for any school, please check their website. Seniors also need to make sure they are or have taken the ACT or SAT test by the December test date. To register for the ACT go to www.act.org. SAT registration is found at www.collegeboard.com.

Service Hours can be earned by high school students willing to work at football games. Please talk to AD Darretta if interested.

Come Join Us For Breakfast! A "Welcome Brunch" is being hosted by Ripon Christian School Circle and you are invited. Please come join us as we meet new parents, enjoy good food, and get updated on projects we have going for the school. We will meet on Friday, October 8, at Almond Valley Church (corner of Wilma & 2nd St. in Ripon) at 8:30 a.m. Nursery is provided.

Calendar

9/28	Class Ring Order Day
10/01	Teacher In-Service – No School
10/13	Testing Day
10/13	Seniors to Court
10/19	Fall Festival of Music, 7:00 p.m.
10/21	Seniors order cap/gown/invitations
10/22	End of Qtr, Min Day 12:00
10/25-29	Red Ribbon Week
10/29	Report cards emailed
10/30	Family Fun Night