

R
C
H
S

COMETales

Reed-Custer does not discriminate in regards to race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap.

VOLUME I

Reed-Custer High School 249 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408

July 15, 2004

R-C Mission Statement

The primary purpose of Reed-Custer High School is to prepare students for their following roles in society: to be responsible citizens, to be productive employees, to be effective communicators, and to be informed consumers.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our first edition of "COMETales" for the 2004-2005 school year! "COMETale" [for everyone new to the high school] is the high school's newsletter intended to bring you important information and to highlight the many activities and events that will be taking place throughout the school year.

This year, I am attempting to be my own editor and desktop publisher. I have attempted, as you can see, to design a new look for our COMETale issues. Each issue will begin with the high school's mission statement. This mission statement was written by parents, students, and staff in the spring of 2002 to reflect the beliefs of our educational programs. After reviewing the statement, there should be no question that the task at hand for each high school student is to begin to build a strong academic foundation for all of his/her future endeavors. The icon that you see under the heading, Message from the Principal, is my own personal smiling "COMETman." The students and staff readily recognize this symbol as my personal logo. I hope that my logo will bring a smile to your face as you begin reading each issue during the year.

To ease you into the thinking process that school is just around the corner, the articles that follow in our first issue of "COMETales" will highlight all the important information that you will need to know before school starts this fall.

Our first priority of the new school year is always the registration process. Please find the section on registration and read the information carefully. You will also find in the registration section this COMETale issue a MAP of the registration areas and my "Freeman Survival Plan to Registration" to make sure that the registration process goes smoothly for you.

As always, before the doors open for the first day of school, our custodial staff will have finished putting their special "COMET" shine to all the classrooms and hallways at Reed-Custer High School.

The 2004-2005 school year will certainly be an exciting time for the students, staff, parents, and the entire RCHS community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the high school office [458-2166] at your earliest convenience.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will be anxiously looking forward to seeing everyone at registration of the 4th/5th of August or on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 24th!!

Mr. Freeman

Registration

Registration signals the beginning of every school year, and I have summarized the important registration information below:

All present Reed-Custer District students, and students new to the district, will be required to register at the Reed-Custer Middle School from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4th, or from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5th.

This year we are also requesting for you to register on certain days[if this can fit into your schedule]:

- Parents whose first letter of their last name beginning with the letter [A - M], we would like you to register on Wednesday, August 4th.
- Parents whose first letter of their last name beginning with the letter [N - Z], we would like you to register on Thursday, August 5th.

We also [as you are aware] have sent home registration and co-curricular information in this mailing for you to review, update, or complete at home. Please be neat [black or blue ink pens to fill out the forms, and **red** pens to make changes on the forms], and be sure to bring all the forms back to the middle school for registration.

*The next two statements are extremely important ... that's why they are in **bold** print:*

- **Class schedules will not be handed out and students cannot start school until the registration fee is paid!**
- **Athletes will not be permitted to practice/participate until the athletic participation fee is paid and their physicals are turned in!**

High School registration fees [per child] are as follows:

Registration	\$50.00
P.E. Uniform (if needed)	\$14.00 (shirts and shorts are \$7.00 each)
Athletic Participation	\$50.00 (if you are going to compete in sports)
Driver's Education fee	\$50.00 (primarily for sophomores)
Band Uniform cleaning fee	\$10.00 (all band members)
* District Athletic Pass	\$45.00 (family) \$25.00 (adult) \$12.00 (student)
* Students in D-FY-IT	do NOT need a district athletic pass to attend events!!

*If you are on vacation, or an emergency situation arises where you are unable to come in and register on the 4th/5th of August; you will have to register in the main office of the high school **after** the 9th of August and **before** August 24th (if you want your son/daughter to be able to start school on August 24th).*

“HOW TO SURVIVE REGISTRATION!!”

THE FREEMAN REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Please follow the instructions that are listed on this page, which will allow you to be able to easily navigate the registration process.

The **T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, and T-7** areas refer to the **registration map** on the previous page.

At T-1 [middle school commons area - room 701/702]:

- This stop is only for new residents to the school district. The majority, if not all of you, can take a deep breath, as this is a stop that you won't have to make.

At T-2 [middle school commons area]:

- You will receive and sign for student handbooks/new textbooks that students will be using, and insurance forms [if you wish to purchase school insurance].
- You will also receive ONE registration fee form PER CHILD to fill out at this table. The work tables to your right in the commons area are there for you to fill out the fee form[s].

At T-3 [middle school commons area]:

- You may wish to stop and obtain information/hand-in information concerning free/reduced lunches. This is an important stop, especially if you qualify for free/reduced lunches. You can also prepay into your child's lunch accounts at this time [use the envelopes in the registration mailing], and pick up the high school menu for the first month of school.

At T-4 [middle school library - west side]:

- You will pay your registration fees. Please make your checks payable to Reed-Custer Unit District 255U.
- You will not be able to continue the registration process until your registration fees have been paid.

At T-5 [middle school library - east side]:

- You must stop and obtain information about bus routes/approximate pickup times. This is a stop that many missed last year. Even if your child is going to drive to school, you still need to get your bus route and bus number.

At T-6 [middle school commons area]:

- **FRESHMAN PARENTS** ... you **must** bring your child's physical exams and shot records to the nurse's table.

At T-7 [middle school commons area]:

- You will go to the high school table and show your yellow receipt from paying your registration fees. At the high school table you will want to accomplish the following:
 - Turn in your student registration forms. These forms should have been reviewed/updated at home as they were enclosed in the registration mailing.
 - Pay any fines from the previous school year [make sure you get a receipt].
 - You will then receive your son's/daughter's class schedule, calendars, school picture information, and class ring information.
- **ATHLETIC TABLE FOR CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION** ... If your child[ren] is/are going to participate in athletics, band, chorus, math, scholastic bowl, speech, student council, or WYSE you **must** stop at the **ATHLETIC TABLE** and turn in your Interscholastic eligibility and record forms [these were also mailed home to you]

NOTE: The Athletic Table will also be the location that you will sign your child up for the random drug testing that will take place this year, if they will participate in IHSA activities.

- **MUSIC TABLE FOR MUSIC PARTICIPATION** ... If your child is going to participate in band/chorus, you **should** stop at the music booster's table and pick up information.

AFTER STOP T-7:

- Finished!! Take a deep breath, and **congratulate** yourself on a job well done!! You may exit the middle school from the main entrance where you began your journey.

A Note From The District Office

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Reed-Custer Community Unit School District serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch at the following prices: Elementary \$1.50, Middle School and High School \$2.00. Children also may receive meals free or at a reduced price. The reduced price is \$.40 cents for lunch.

If your child receives free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50.00 per month or \$600 per year. If your child receives meals because they receive food stamps or TANF, you must tell the school when you are not receiving TANF or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Application materials and further information are available at the school office and will be available at registration.

R-C Telephone System

For those of you new to our automated system, or for those who need a quick refresher course on how to beat the system, please keep the following information close to your phone at home.

REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL

The direct number to the high school office is 458-2166.[as soon as you hear the message begin]

press 0: to talk to an office secretary.

press 1: to talk to the guidance secretary.

press 4: to report your child's absence.

press 2: to talk to the athletic director.

press 5: to connect to the "Homework Hot Line."

press 3: to connect to "Comet News."

press 6: to connect to "Transportation."



The direct number to the guidance office is 458-4088.

The direct number to the athletic office is 458-2166 [extension 309].

The direct number to the field house office is 458-4130.

The direct number to the football locker room is 458-4126.

[varsity extension 330 and fr/so extension 328]

HOMEWORK HOT LINE

The Homework Hot Line is used by the staff each term as a means of communicating to you what your child will be doing in class and what the best time would be to contact the teacher, if you want to talk with him/he

Activating the Homework Hot Line is a relatively simple process.

Step 1 Call the main number to the high school, **458-2166**

Step 2 As soon as you begin to hear the automated message, **press 5**

Step 3 Listen to the directions, which will tell you to **enter the 3-digit number** of the instructor that you would like classroom information from.

Listed below, you will find the listing of the 3-digit numbers for the Homework Hot Line. Again, I would highly recommend that you cut these numbers out and place them on the refrigerator, or by your telephone in order that you can easily refer to those numbers during the school year.

HOMEWORK HOT LINE NUMBERS

500 - Library	501 - Sweeney	502 - Boward	503 - M. Mitchell
504 - Bugg	505 - Burgess	506 - Cougill	507 - Davis
508 - Blecha	509 - Drake	510 - Higinbotham	511 - Engfer
512 - Fetterer	513 - N/A	514 - J. Grace	515 - Bisping
516 - Hogan	517 - Guidance	518 - Johnston	519 - Jones
520 - N/A	521 - Benoit	522 - Young	523 - Orwig
524 - N/A	525 - Marsaglia	526 - McCowan	527 - Leveille
528 - Cappel	529 - M. Smith	530 - Nyhoff	531 - Peterson
532 - Plant	533 - Chasteen	534 - N/A	535 - Ricketts
536 - N/A	537 - Schultz	538 - Henry	539 - Gibbs
540 - N/A	541 - Boer	542 - Westerhoff	543 - T. Smith
544 - Stafford	545 - Evans	546 - Swartz	547 - N/A
548 - Dennis	549 - Vana	550 - Varland	551 - Voris
552 - Ward	553 - Richey	554 - N/A	555 - N/A
560 - Freeman	561 - M. Grace	562 - Cancellations	563 - Yard

School Safety!!

School safety is always a concern and always a number one priority at Reed-Custer High School. We will continue to “daily” monitor the safety of the students while they are in the building. This year, as in the past, we will be conducting the following:

Resource officer: The school district, along with our local police department, continue to employ a school resource officer. Our school officer, Mike James, is housed at the high school [458-2166 extension 327].

Random metal detector tests: Metal detector tests [by use of a wand] will be performed periodically during the school year, as students enter the building, by the school resource office and a district administrator.

Random locker checks: Teachers and administrators will routinely inspect student lockers with at least one major inspection during each nine week grading term.

Random checks by the police dogs: Each year we allow the state police “whenever they are in our area” to bring their dogs to the high school to search cars, lockers, and classrooms.

Random checking of the security cameras: Cameras are placed throughout the building and are monitored by the school resource officer and school administrators.

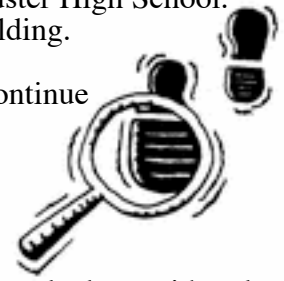
Random lock down simulations: This year we will continue to familiarize students with lock down procedures during one or more simulations.

Constant hallway supervision: During each passing period teachers are assigned stations in the hallways to supervise the students.

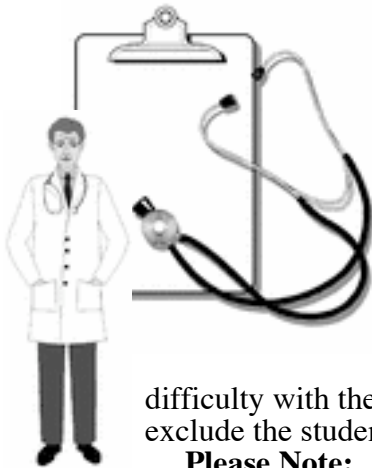
School safety, however, is much more than random checks or supervisory duties. It **must** be a team effort between students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators to call attention to or to alert someone to a situation before it occurs.

*School safety is **EVERYONE’S CHALLENGE!!***

Please help us in our efforts to make Reed-Custer High School a sanctuary for learning!!



Medical Alert "Freshman Parents"



Recognizing the importance of sound health and its direct relationship to satisfactory school progress, the State of Illinois Health Examination Law requires **ALL** students entering **9th grade** to have a health examination. If proof of this examination is not submitted to the school, the student is subject to exclusion from school. Any families needing health examination forms should pick them up at the high school office **prior** to registration.

In assuming its responsibility for the enforcement of the Health Examination Law, Reed-Custer High School is requiring parents of **9th grade** pupils (or students new to the district) to submit a properly completed health and dental form to the high school prior to the start of this school year.

If for some unavoidable emergency it is not possible to obtain a health and dental examination prior to school's starting, the parent should discuss this difficulty with the school nurse, Mrs. Kathy Jones (458-2145); otherwise, it will be necessary to exclude the student from school. It is our hope that will not be necessary!!

Please Note: *Freshmen* athletic physicals **do not count** as a 9th grade health exams.

Make sure that you have a complete physical exam [all your shot records must be up to date], before you come to registration!!

Student Schedules

Scheduling: Students new to the school district, or students who did not have a schedule made for them last spring, may call the high school to make an appointment beginning the week of August 16th. Appointments will be scheduled by our counselors August 17th and August 18th.

Remember ... schedules **cannot** be given out or adjusted until a student's registration fees have been paid!! The counselors have also made every possible effort to make the best possible schedule for each student.

Important Note: On the first day of school, students **must** report to the classes that were scheduled for them during the summer or were assigned to them at the end of last year's school year. Schedule changes will be very difficult this year. Many of the high school teachers also teach at our middle school during the day. Flexibility in moving/changing schedules [that we have enjoyed over the past few years] is no longer easy to do and sometimes impossible to do.

Parent Advisory Link News

The first PAL (Parent Advisory Link) meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

This is a chance for you to find out "What is happening at RCHS!" The meetings last approximately one hour [but my stories may last ...?...], and the format is one of informal discussions. There is no risk!! Bring a friend, bring your ideas and questions, and have a treat or two as we discuss current issues at Reed-Custer High School.

"Hope to see you on the 22nd of September ... our first meeting!!"

As you circle the 22nd of September on your calendar, please take a few extra minutes to circle the dates for all of the PAL meetings during this year school year:

PAL Meeting Dates for the 2004-2005 school year:

Wednesday, **September 22nd** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

* Topics: We will talk about registration and preview the Homecoming schedule and activities. The college selection process will be presented @ 7:30 p.m. the high school library.

Wednesday, **December 1st** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

* Topics: We will review the school report card and evaluate the Prairie State Exam results from last year. ACT review programs "The Comet Challenge" will be discussed at this time.

Wednesday, **February 16th** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

* Topics: Financial Aid programs for college years. This is a topic that is presented by our guidance department each year. We will also review the Parent/Student Handbook and make recommendations for next year.

Wednesday, **April 27th** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

* Topic: Recommendations for topics to be discussed at next year's meetings.



Student Orientation Tour and Locker Decorating

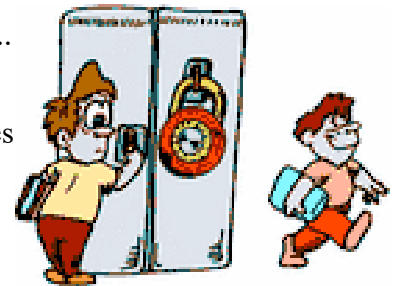
Confused??? Not sure where your classes will be? Afraid that you will get lost in the building? You think that you will never find your locker; and when you do, you will never be able to get it open?!

Don't worry -- help is on the way!! On **Thursday, August 19th**, National Honor Society students will be giving a tour of the high school building. Students are to meet in the commons area at 10:00 a.m. (parents are welcome, too -- the tour will take less than an hour).

Students may also come on the 19th to find their lockers and begin the decorating process. Remember ... if you are going to decorate your locker, you must use magnets to hold up your pictures. If you don't have a lot of magnets, the most creative locker decorator have used wrapping paper on the inside of their lockers, and then used scotch tape to fasten their pictures to the wrapping paper.

Warning!! Marking the inside or outside of the lockers with pens, pencils, or markers is not allowed [as well as hanging inappropriate material ... such as signs/posters dealing with drugs or alcohol]. You are responsible for your locker and you will be asked to clean it before or after school if we see markings on or in your locker. Also, do not store used gum, empty cans/bottles and clothes in your lockers!

A map of Reed-Custer High School is located in this issue of COMETales that will help you get your bearings of where your classes will be located.



Schedule for the First Day of School

The first day of school for Reed-Custer High School students will be **Tuesday, AUGUST 24th**. Don't forget .. school starts at 7:50 a.m., and our first day of school is also a **full** day this year.

Students may go to their lockers when they arrive at school, or they can remain in the commons area and visit with their friends. When the music stops playing in the hallways, the students will have one minute to report to their first class or instructional block of the day.

The schedule the students will follow on the first day is outlined below:



REGULAR SCHEDULE

Block 0	7:00 - 7:40
Block 1	7:50 - 9:20
Block 2	9:26 - 10:56
Block 3	11:02 - 1:08

Lunch A	11:02 - 11:32
Lunch B	11:34 - 12:04
Lunch C	12:06 - 12:36
Lunch D	12:38 - 1:08

Block 4	1:14 - 2:44
----------------	--------------------

- Bus transportation "**before school**" will drop the students behind the middle school.
- Bus transportation "**after school**" will pick the students behind the middle school.

Special Instructions for the first day:

- Schedule changes will occur AFTER 2:44 p.m. today.
- WILCO students will meet with Mr. Grace in the cafeteria @ 10:45 a.m.
Note: There **IS** WILCO on the first day
- Co-op students will meet with Mr. Grace during Block 3 in the co-op classroom, room 501, @ 12:00 p.m.
- Philosophy students will begin class on Wednesday, August 25th, @ 7:00 a.m. in the library.

Lunch Program at RCHS

Once again the high school will be using a prepay food service program for the students. Students may pay with cash, but a personal check is the desired method of payment. Make your check out to **Reed-Custer High School Food Service**, and make sure that you list the name of your child and his/her account number in the check memo space. All money transactions should take place in the main office, and your canceled check will be your receipt.

Points to remember:

- Prepay on the first day of the week.
- Memorize your account number.
- Drop off payment in the high school cafeteria.
- Use your student I.D. card for efficiency.
- For additional information visit our web page: <<http://www.rc255.will.k12.il.us/lunch/lunch.htm>>



Driving to School?



Reed-Custer High School students who plan on driving a car to school must have a parking sticker for the 2004-2005 school year. The parking stickers can be obtained in the main office from Mr. Grace, the assistant principal. The cost of the parking sticker will be **\$15.00**.

Each student will also be assigned a numbered parking space this year. Seniors will be given first priority, with the juniors and sophomores to follow.

During the first week of school, Mr. Grace will also register your car in the cafeteria during the four lunch rotations in Block 3, or before/after school.

Parking: **Only seniors** may use the lot to the south of the high school, next to the administration center. The lot in front of the high school is **only** to be used for teachers, staff and visitors. All other students need to park in the north lot, across from the Dairy Queen and enter the building by the back auditorium entrance.

Remember to make sure that you park in your assigned parking space this year!!

Dress Code and School Rule Reminders!!

Mr. Grace would also like to stress the following excerpts from the student handbook and the new school board policy concerning the **DRESS CODE**:

At the School Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 18th, the board tightened the dress code policy for students beginning in the fall of 2004. The new policy states:

“UNDER CLOTHING MUST BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES, WITH THE PANTS WORN AT WAIST LEVEL AND WITH BELTS IF NEEDED. THE SHIRT/BLOUSE WILL BE OF A LENGTH TO COVER THE STOMACH AND THE LOWER BACK AREA COMPLETELY.”

The best rule to follow will be the one that states: “All students should wear a top long enough to be able to be tucked into his or her pants so that no bare skin will be able to be seen on an individual no matter if they are standing, sitting, or bending over.

Lastly, parents please do not continue to purchase the “short shorts” .. “baggy-low cut jeans” .. or .. “low V-cut tops as school clothes. We realize the styles change from year to year and it is “vogue” or the “in thing” to fit in with the crowd. However, each and every year the styles of clothing are more and more revealing and although appropriate to wear on the weekends or after school, the clothing selections are not appropriate attire during the school day.

- Students **will not** be permitted to wear tank tops during the school day.
- Students **will not** be permitted to have any type of chains hanging from their clothing or from their body while on school property or at any school event.
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear mushroom necklaces while on school property or at any school event.
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear hats during the school day [7:50 a.m.- 2:44 p.m.]
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear any type of clothing representing inappropriate subjects such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products on school property or at any school event. This **includes** the following:

*** Co-Ed Naked shirts

*** International 420 shirts

*** Mushroom shirts

*** Big Johnson shirts

- Students **will not** be permitted to wear any type of clothing, jewelry, or make-up that the administration deems inappropriate to wear in school.
- Students **are not** permitted to bring beverages/treats into their classrooms.
- Students **are not** permitted to have video cell phones on school grounds at any time.
- Finally, the **#1** reason for detentions last year continues to be... **being tardy to school and to class.**

We certainly expect improvement in this area, TARDIES, this year!!

Please remember to review the entire handbook with your son/daughter during the first week of school. We firmly believe that the new changes in our rules and regulations will improve the academic atmosphere in the high school.

Class Ring Orders



Mr. Patrick Buschette, our Josten's representative, will be at Reed-Custer High School Wednesday, August 25th to present ring information to sophomore students. The presentation will take place from 9:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium. Ring orders will be taken during lunch periods on Friday, August 27th.

Remember, a \$40 deposit is required when you order a class ring. If you are not going to be present on the 27th, you may leave your deposit and ring information in the high school office. We will process your ring order for you.

To allow you a little extra time in your planning or decision, Mr. Buschette will once again have ring information available at registration this year.

School Pictures

Prestige Portraits by Life Touch will again be our high school's photography company this year.

Senior pictures will be taken August 2nd - August 4th in the high school auditorium from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you want to have your senior picture appear in the yearbook or on the graduation print in the commons area, you must have your picture taken by Prestige. You don't have to purchase the pictures, you just need to have them take your picture.

Senior appointments should have already been mailed to your homes and telephone reminders of your appointment time should occur two to three days in advance. If you do not have a scheduled appointment or need to change your appointment please call Prestige Portraits at 630-910-3277 [press 1 for high school portraits and press 2 for all other inquiries].

Underclass school pictures will be taken **ONLY** on Wednesday, September 8th. The pictures will be on a prepay program. The day your child has his/her picture taken, you will need to send picture money to school with your child in the envelope supplied by Prestige Portraits. Extra envelopes will be available in the high school office.

Remember, you will again be under no obligation to purchase the pictures that are taken. However, if you want your child's picture to appear in the school yearbook, please encourage your son/daughter to have his/her picture taken when the school photographer is here taking the pictures.



Music Notes



Fall Band Practice Begins:

The marching Comets should keep the following dates/times in mind, as practice will begin before school starts this fall. Please remember to bring water bottles, sunscreen, and dress appropriately with socks and tennis shoes!!

- ** Drumline and Colorguard will practice August 10th and 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ** Freshmen band members "ONLY" will practice August 16th from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ** The entire band will practice August 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

2004-2005 Registration Fees:

The uniform cleaning fee of \$10 will be collected during Registration. The School Instrument Rental Fees will also be collected at this time. This includes: Tuba, Euphonium/Baritone, Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass/Contra Bass Clarinet. The rental fee is \$50 for the school year and \$25 for the semester. If you are playing an instrument during jazz band that is different from your own or playing an instrument for marching band that is different from your own, pay only the semester fee.

Band Homework Hotline Number:

This is a great way to get important information about an upcoming performance or homework for Theory Class. I update the hotline message weekly and if there is a performance upcoming, I will give detailed information. The hotline number is 458-2166 X548.

Theater Department

This year's fall play? Well, during the Middle Ages, there was a very popular form of drama called the Mystery Play. At this point in time, that is exactly what the fall play is - a mystery! Meaning, no decision has been made yet as to who the drama department will be producing this fall. However, Ms. Henry does offer these hints for plays she is considering:

1. A game of cat and mouse.
2. A pink animal that causes a person to go crazy and try to blow up the world.
3. A love that conquers romance, vineyards, the Pentagon and small countries.
4. A guest that never leaves and is never late for dinner.

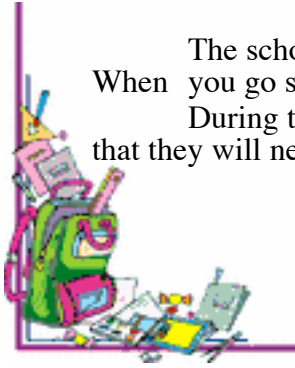
Whatever the play will be, auditions will be Tuesday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 8th. So, start brushing up on those acting skills now! Recite some Shakespeare by the pool, do a little dance on the lawn, or maybe a song from "Grease" for old time's sake (that's called a musical revival). All the world's a stage - enjoy it!



School Supplies

The school supplies listed below will get your child off to a great start at Reed-Custer High School. When you go shopping, please remember this formula ..DnOb.. "**Do Not Over Buy!!**"

During the first week of school, the teachers will provide your child with a list of items (supplies) that they will need. To get started, I would suggest the purchase of the following items:



1. Depending on how you organize yourself:
 - * Buy a 3-ring binder with multiple dividers (sections). -or-
 - * Buy separate notebooks or folders for each class.
2. Two packages of lined theme paper (with holes).
3. #2 lead pencils and black/blue pens.
4. A box of Kleenex for the students to keep in their lockers.

5. **Math** classes will require:

- * Rulers with inches and centimeters marked on them, a protractor, and compass.
- * Advanced Algebra, Advanced Math and Trigonometry, or Calculus: 4 AAA Batteries
- * Advanced Algebra: 5 or 6 colored pencils (recommended)
- * Dry erase markers for seat work and board work [please, no permanent markers]

6. **Physical Education** classes will require:

- * Complete physical education uniforms (shirt and shorts). A complete uniform will cost \$14.00 (\$7.00 for a shirt and \$7.00 for a pair of shorts).

7. **English** classes will require:

Students to purchase a Macintosh disk for writing assignments and the paperback novels that will be used in class. The following list of novels will be used this year (approximate costs of each novel is also listed). If you wish to purchase the novels on your own, you may do so - but wait until the teacher confirms the novel that you will be using in class.

- | | |
|---|--|
| * <u>9 Prep English and 9 Regular English</u> | * <u>11 Regular English</u> |
| Of Mice and Men - \$5.00 | The Great Gatsby - \$8.00 |
| To Kill a Mockingbird - \$5.00 | I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - \$6.00 |
| * <u>9 Honors English</u> | * <u>11 Honors English</u> |
| To Kill a Mockingbird - \$5.00 | TBA |
| * <u>10 Regular English</u> | * <u>12 English Survey I and II</u> |
| Bean Trees - \$9.00 | TBA |
| * <u>10 Honors English</u> | * <u>AP Literature and Composition</u> |
| Frankenstein - \$9.00 | TBA |

8. The **Criminology** class will require:

Students to purchase the paperback novels that will be used in class. The following list of novels will be used this year (price of each novel is also listed). If you wish to purchase the novels on your own, you may do so.

- * Hound of Baskerville \$4.00 * Ox Bow Incident \$6.00
- * Murder on the Orient Express \$6.00

9. The **Philosophy** class will require:

Students will need to purchase one paperback novel.

- * Sophie's World \$6.00

10. **Foods I and II** classes will require:

Students will have a \$10.00 lab fee in each class.

11. **Photo Tech, Metals, Ceramics, and 3-Dimensional Design** classes will require:

Students will have a \$10.00 lab fee in each class.



Special Notes:

1. Make all checks payable to Reed-Custer High School.
2. **DO NOT** have your son or daughter give his/her teacher the check or the money to pay for their book(s)/materials.
3. All money must be brought to the main office.
4. Make sure your son or daughter gets a receipt from the main office.

Sports

Physical Examinations for RCHS Athletes

One thing that has to take place before the 2004-2005 sports seasons can begin in an orderly fashion is for our athletes to have physical examinations on file in the RCHS Athletic Office. IHSA regulations stipulate that athletes must have a current physical on file in order to practice or play in contests. The following information is very important to all RCHS Athletes and their parents:

The St. Joseph's Medical Center Physicals will be conducted on Tuesday, July 27th, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in the Reed-Custer High School Commons and Gymnasium. The cost for these exams will be \$20.00.

The Braidwood Medical Services Physicals will be conducted on Tuesday, August 9th, in the high school commons area from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [noon]. Dr. Chung requests that students with their last names beginning with the letters A-L come from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and that students with the last names beginning with the letters M-Z come from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students who plan on attending on this date/time will first need to fill out a pre participation physical evaluation form. The forms are available in the main office at the high school. The cost of this physical examination is also \$20.00.

We encourage all athletes at RCHS to take advantage of the physical examination date. The exams will meet requirements for Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports for the 2003-2004 school year. Please remember that you can't participate in a sport without a physical examination. Don't wait until the last minute to fulfill this requirement! If you have any questions about the Physical Examinations feel free to contact RCHS at 458-2166 Ext 309.

REMEMBER

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN PRACTICE WITHOUT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ON FILE !!!!

RCHS Drug Testing

All students participating in IHSA sponsored activities will participate in random drug testing this year. At registration, parents will be required to sign their children up for the random drug testing, if their child plans to participate in any IHSA sponsored activities during this school year, 2004-2005. Failure to sign up for the random drug testing will **stop** your child from participating this year in all of the IHSA sponsored activities.

Mr. Tarran, high school athletic director, will be mailing home letters and putting articles in the paper for dates/times in July for informational meetings about the new drug testing program.

Parents are encouraged to attend, especially if you have questions about this new program.

RCHS Athletic Record Forms and Athletic Ineligibility Forms

RCHS Interscholastic Record Forms and Ineligibility Forms were mailed home with registration materials and will also be available at the District Registration on August 4th/5th at the middle school. Parents who have a child[ren], who will be participating in an extra curricular activities, (All Sports, Band, Chorus, Scholastic Bowl, Speech, Student Council, Math, or WYSE) must fill out both forms for each student.

You will also be able to pay your Athletic Participation Fees (\$50.00) at Registration. Finally, you will receive a copy of the Athletic Handbook (1 per family) which has a copy of the Code of Conduct in it at Registration.

Reed-Custer Unit District 255-U Athletic Passes

Reed-Custer District Athletic Event Passes will be on sale at the District Registration Days in August. The passes are good for all Regular Season Home Contests for Reed-Custer High School (This does not include any of the tournaments that are hosted by Reed-Custer High School) The prices are as follows:

Family Pass: \$45.00 (Each member of the family will receive a pass.)

Adult Pass: \$25.00

Student Pass: \$12.00 (D-FY-IT members **do not** need this pass)

Senior Citizens who reside in the Reed-Custer District can obtain a Reed-Custer Athletic Event Pass for no charge by stopping at the Stephen Hanks Administration Center with proof of age and residence. Please remind any grandparents who reside in the district about this fabulous bargain. Out-of-District grandparents can purchase Adult Passes, which still provide substantial savings.

Athletic Booster Club News

The RCHS Athletic Booster hope that support for working in the concession stands will continue during the 2004-2005 school year. There can never be too many workers in the Concession Stand in any one night!! The Boosters will be asking parents to help out at any of the athletic events during the school year (especially important now are the Football and Volleyball home dates.) Remember. **NO** experience is necessary!

Practice Times



Football News

Coach Cappel would like football players to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 10th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

August 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th - Practices will be from:

* session 1: - 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

* session 2: - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 21st - Practice will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 19th - Meet the Comets at 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball News

Coach Boer would like girls interested in trying out for the volleyball teams to keep the following dates and times in mind:

July 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd - "Volleyball Camp" Grade level/times are listed below:
9-12 [8:00-11:00 a.m.], 3-5 [12:00-1:30 p.m.], 6-8 [1:45-3:15 p.m.]

July 24th - Car Wash

August 16th - Practice begins: Times TBA



Soccer News

Coach Randall would like athletes interested in playing soccer this fall to keep the following information, dates, times in mind:

July 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th .. Soccer Camp will be held:

Middle School students 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

High School students 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

August 11th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

August 16th - Practice will be held from 3:00 p.m. - ???.

Cross Country News

Coach Ward would like athletes interested in running cross country this fall to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 12th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:40 p.m. [room 608]

August 16th - Practice will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
in the fieldhouse



Golf News

Coach Ricketts and Coach Vana would like all golfers interested in playing golf this fall to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 9th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

August 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th - Practice will be held from
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ High Point Golf Course and from
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. @ the Braidwood Recreation Club.



Cheerleading News

Coach Malloy and Coach Faletti would like all cheerleaders to be aware of the following information:

July 23rd - Parent/Player Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

August 2nd - Practice begins at 3:30 p.m.

August 19th - Meet the Comets at 6:00 p.m.



Reed-Custer High School

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

www.rc255.net

August

Monday, 2nd	Cheerleading practice begins
Wednesday, 11th	Football practice begins
Monday, 16th	Cross-Country, Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball practice begins
Wednesday, 18th	Freshmen/new student tours of the high school @ 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 24th	First full day of school
Wednesday, 25th	Last day for schedule changes

September

Wednesday, 1st	Freshmen Assembly "Making your high school days count!!"
Monday, 6th	No School - Labor Day
Wednesday, 8th	Underclassmen school pictures
Monday, 20th	No School - Teacher's Institute
Wednesday, 22nd	Parent-Teacher Conferences [4:00 - 7:00 p.m.] Parent Advisory Link Meeting [7:00 - 8:00 p.m.] College Selection Process Meeting [7:30 - 8:30 p.m.]
Sunday, 26th	Fall Choral Concert @ 2:00 p.m.

October

Monday, 4th	Homecoming - Day 1 Senior picture retakes
Tuesday, 5th	Homecoming - Day 2 Senior picture retakes
Wednesday, 6th	Homecoming - Day 3
Thursday, 7th	Homecoming - Day 4
Friday, 8th	Homecoming - Day 5
Saturday, 9th	Homecoming [parade, football games, and dance]
Monday, 11th	11:00 a.m. dismissal for students
Saturday, 16th	PSAT Exam
Monday, 25th	District Exams [Blocks 2 and 4]
Tuesday, 26th	District Exams [Blocks 1 and 3] 11:00 a.m. dismissal for students Joliet Junior College Fair [5:30 - 8:30 p.m.]
Wednesday, 27th	Term 2 begins Underclass picture retakes
Thursday, 28th	Last day for schedule changes