

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Roughrider Families,

I hope this communication finds you well. It has been longer than usual since our last communication. First, I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and have settled back into the swing of things. As an administrative team, we are concentrating on the following: finalizing the master schedule and entering all courses into Infinite Campus, organizing and planning our standardized tests, preparing for our all staff building tour on Friday, and several other items. In addition, our athletic director is meeting with future sponsors, and I am in hiring mode for our open positions here for the fall.

As mentioned above, on Friday our staff will take a tour of the new building with their fall schedule in hand. I hope they are as excited as I am when touring, and seeing their future classrooms will be both exciting and anxiety reducing. We continue to have much work to do to be ready for August, but I am very confident that we will open this new building to the school community on time. As we move closer to the dates, we will send out communication as to when "Ground Breaking" is and when our RHS Open House will occur in August.

This past week was highlighted by an excellent State performance for our FBLA team. The overall results and some specific student performance are highlighted further down the newsletter, but I want to thank Ms. Peterson and Mr. Joiner for their hard work this past year. The RHS Color Guard placed 4th in the State at the Winterguard Competition at University of Denver last Saturday. Congratulations to Coach Gardner and the team: Kaitlin Mondragon, Alex Heuer, Ryan Tucker, Nalani Taylor, Cori Tapia, Jolene Knowlton, Kayla Maddox, Julian Pham, Tara Tucker, Ashelei Wagle, McKinley Franklin, Samantha Bartman, and Matthew Maddox. I had the chance to head down last Saturday, and they were so impressive, earning applause from the stadium and a chorus of "ooohs and aahhhs" every time they threw a flag or rifle in the air, catching it cleanly. Prom was also this past Saturday. Thanks to Student Council and Ms. Mauch for organizing and planning. Thank you to all of the staff who came out to chaperone and see the kids in their "finest". The "After Prom" was held at RHS and was attended by close to 300 students. Thanks to Stephanie Podtburg and her group for organizing this. It was great to have a safe place to hang out after the prom was over.

Today was our SAT for our Juniors and went very smoothly. Thanks to the RHS staff and students but a big thanks to Mr. Addington and Ms. Ham for organizing the exams from start to finish. Thursday will be PSAT for our 9th and 10th graders. Please encourage your students to "show what they know", as they do their best. Wednesday night, I will be joining the CTE Advisory Board for a meeting. I really appreciate the work of our staff here at RHS and their advisors. One of the highlights of the evening will be a presentation by our construction firm followed by a virtual reality tour of the new building.

Lastly, we are close to six weeks left in school. Please encourage your students to keep working hard and focus. More information about the end of the year and transitions will be forthcoming. As always, have a safe and restful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions.

David Benson
RHS Principal