

The Shiner Spotlight

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Parents and Students,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start. We've welcomed many new faces this year with freshman, new students, and new staff members. We are also very excited to be hosting three exchange students from Spain, Thailand, and Italy!

Throughout the year, parents and students will have many opportunities to stay updated about what's going on at RSHS. If you wish to monitor your child's grades, attendance, assignments, and lunch account, you will be able to do this by accessing PowerSchool. High School usernames and passwords were mailed home along with their progress reports on September 1st. If you have questions, please contact the Rising Sun High School Office at 812.438.2652.

Also, checkout the school's website. Information concerning scholarships and this newsletter will be posted when available (risingsunschools.com).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great school year!

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Information for Seniors

SENIOR PARENT MEETING: was held on August 24, 2016. During this time, Mrs. Jones met with seniors and their parent(s) to discuss post-graduation plans. If you were not able to attend the meeting and have questions about what was covered, please contact Mrs. Jones in the Guidance Office (438.2652 or cljones@risingsun.k12.in.us). In addition to the Senior Meeting, Mrs. Jones will meet with each senior individually to discuss post-graduation plans.

SAT and ACT: Seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college and have not taken the SAT or ACT should immediately register for one of these tests. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office. Students may also register online.

The next three test dates for the **ACT** are

- October 22nd (register by September 16th)
- December 10th (register by November 4th)
- February 11th (register by Jan. 13th).

The next three **SAT** test dates are

- November 5th (register by October 7th)
- December 3rd (register by November 3rd)
- January 21st (register by Dec 21st).

COLLEGE GO WEEK: is September 26th-September 30th. During this week many colleges are waiving their application fees. You may visit collegeweekeindiana.org to verify which schools are waiving their fees. Seniors are encouraged to complete all their college applications during College Go Week. After applying to a school, you will need to go online and request a transcript or let Mrs. Jones know when you have applied to a school so she knows to send an official copy of your transcript.

REQUESTING HIGH SCHOOL

TRANSCRIPTS: Once you apply to a college or university, your high school transcript will need to be submitted. Transcripts must come from the high school and will be accepted electronically or by mail. Directions to request an electronic transcript:

1. Go to the school website
www.risingsunschools.com
2. Under **schools** select **Request School**

Transcripts

3. Sign-up with Parchment/docufied
4. Request transcript

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Seniors planning to attend college or technical school should complete their applications online and electronically request an official transcript be sent when finished. Please give Mrs. Jones at least one week notice before any application deadlines to get official transcripts sent off. Those with questions may see Mrs. Jones for assistance.

BEWARE OF SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS!

Thousands of scholarships are available to students every year. They can be found at school, through community organizations, and on the Internet. Watch out, however, for scholarship scams! Any scholarship that requires an application fee is not worth doing. It may only cost you a couple of dollars to apply, but thousands of other people are also applying. And that adds up to big bucks for scholarship organizations. Numerous scholarships are available without application fees. The same is also true for financial aid applications. A financial aid "organization" may send you forms that say you must pay a fee to receive a financial aid report. **DON'T DO IT!** The only financial aid form a person should complete is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is free and tells you what federal and state financial aid is available to you. You do not need to worry about the FAFSA until January 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: Scholarship information will be dispersed throughout the year to seniors who are interested in attending college or technical school. As a rule, all scholarship information will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office, on the school website, and in school announcements. See Mrs. Jones with any questions.



SENIOR ATHLETES: If you plan to participate in college athletics at a Division I or Division II college, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This organization certifies your eligibility to participate in college athletics. You

can register online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and inform Mrs. Jones to send an official transcript. If you do not register with the Clearinghouse, you will not be eligible to play sports at a Division I or II School.

ECA TESTING: The required graduation exam for the class of 2016-2018 is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. The ECA for Algebra I and English 10 will be administered in December to students who have not passed these portions of the exam. This ECA will be part of the graduation requirements for the class of 2016-2018. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Seniors who fail the test will have one more opportunity in the spring to pass the test.

ISTEP TESTING: Effective for the class of 2019 and beyond students will be taking either the ISTEP. 9th graders will be taking the Science component of the ISTEP and 10th graders will be taking the English Language Arts and Math sections. The required graduation examination for the class of 2019 is the ISTEP 10 Math and ELA.

Notes to Juniors

PSAT: This year's date for the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is Wednesday, 19th. All juniors planning to attend college should take this test. It will provide excellent practice for the SAT, which you will take prior to being admitted to college. Mrs. Jones will post a sign-up sheet and will visit students' classes to distribute information about the PSAT in the near future.

THE SAT AND ACT are two CollegeBoard tests that most students do not take until spring of their junior year. It is acceptable for students to take these tests at any time; however, most students wait. Waiting helps because it gives students time to complete three full years of college-prep math and English. Registration packets are available in the Guidance Office. You can also register online. See Mrs. Jones for details.

JUNIOR TESTING: The required graduation exam for the class of 2012-2018 is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. The ECA for Algebra I and English 10 will be administered in December to students who have not passed these portions of the exam. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Juniors who fail the test will have opportunities during their

junior and senior years to pass the test.

JUNIOR FUNDRAISING: The junior class is selling Entertainment Coupon books. The cost is \$30.00. The book is filled with hundreds of coupons from the tri-state area. The books make great gifts. Contact Carol Stapleton at cstapleton@risingsun.k12.in.us or a member of the junior class if interested. The fundraiser is for the senior trip.

Just for Sophomores

ISTEP TESTING: The class of 2019 will be taking the ISTEP 10 English Language Arts and Math components of the test for the graduation qualifying exam. Testing will take place in the spring.

PSAT: All sophomores will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Wednesday, October 19th. The PSAT is excellent practice for the SAT, which is a college admittance exam. Mrs. Jones will be passing out information to students on the PSAT in the near future.



Freshmen News

FRESHMEN TESTING: Effective this year, 9th graders will be taking the ISTEP 9 Science component. The required graduation examination for the class of 2019 is the ISTEP 10 Math and English Language Arts.

Additional Info.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS: This year there are two days of parent teacher conferences that will take place Monday and Wednesday, September 14th and 16th. Teachers will be available for conferences at the high school from 4:30-8:00 PM each evening.

FALL INTERSESSION AND BREAK: Fall Intersession is October 5th-19th. Students who are failing classes are going to be asked to participate in the intersession during this week. No School October 12th-16th in observance of Fall Break. School resumes Monday, October 19th.

ARE YOU HUNGRY IN THE MORNING?

Don't skip the most important meal of the day! Start your school day off right. Come to the cafeteria for breakfast, they start serving at 7:40-8:00 and have a variety of options to offer. The cafeteria workers hope to see you soon.

COLLEGE/MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES:

This year, college representatives and recruiters for various branches of the military will visit RSHS in the cafeteria during lunch. All high school students are encouraged to speak with these representatives.

PEER TUTORING is available at the high school. It takes place after school on Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:15pm in the Library. Students who are having difficulty in one of more classes should attend these sessions. Students who have earned a B or better in a particular subject may sign up to become a tutor if interested. Tutors are still needed!

FREE MATH AND SCIENCE TUTORING:

Rose-Hulman is offering a free homework hotline for math and science classes. Students may call the homework hotline toll free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE with questions Sunday through Thursday, 7pm-10pm, September through May. Students may also ask questions online at www.askrose.org.

ABSENCES: A student is allowed 6 absences per class period each semester, EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED. After a student accumulates 7 or more absences in a class period during a semester, they will be referred to after school detention. If a student continues to accumulate absences during the same semester, students may be assigned Friday school or ACDC. If a student misses school for extenuating circumstances, they may apply for an attendance waiver which will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

DUAL CREDITS: Students at Rising Sun High School are able to earn college credits while pursuing their high school diploma! This year students may obtain college credits in the

following classes from Ivy Tech and Oakland City University: Calculus, Pre-Calc, Intro Engineering Design, Principles Engineering, Civil Engineering, Adv. Eng. Comp (Adv. Sr. English), Government, Eng. Gram. /Amer. Lit (Adv. Jr. Eng), Chemistry, Spanish, US History, Psychology, and Physics.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Seniors that have enrolled in advanced Sr. English will be attending Ivy Tech to take two college courses on campus which will count for both high school and college credits. Students will be taking Fundamentals of Communication (COM 101) and Theatre Appreciation (HUM 101).

****Please note that there are certain requirements that must be met before students can apply for dual credits. Each course has its own pre-requisites that have been determined by Ivy Tech.**



Honor Society: Sophomores, juniors and seniors with a grade point average of at least 9.0 have received Honor Society eligibility information. Students will be notified of acceptance in mid-September. New members will be inducted at the academic honors banquet.

Sports News

VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL: The I.H.S.A.A. Volleyball Sectional will be at Hauser High School this year. The teams in the volleyball sectional (#60) include, Jac-Cen-Del, Hauser, South Decatur, Oldenburg Academy, Southwestern Shelby, Waldron, and Rising Sun. The sectional begins on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm. The tourney continues on Thursday, October 20th at 6pm, and Saturday, October 22nd at 11am with the championship at 7pm. Admission is \$6.00 per session or \$10.00 for the entire tournament.

CROSS-COUNTRY boys' and girls' teams will be running in a 11 team sectional at South Dearborn on Saturday, October 8th. The meet is scheduled to begin in the morning.

BOYS' SOCCER will play in a four-team sectional (#58) hosted by Lawrenceburg.

Tourney sessions will be Wednesday, October 5th, and Saturday, October 8th. Times of the games will be 5pm and 7pm Wednesday, Championship at 7pm on Saturday. Admission for the soccer sectional is \$6.00 per session or \$10.00 for the entire tourney. Schools in the tourney include: Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, South Ripley, and Milan.

GIRLS' SOCCER Rising Sun High School will host the I.H.S.A.A. Girls Soccer Sectional (#45). This is a seven team sectional with the following schools: Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, South Ripley, Southwestern (Hanover), Milan, Trinity Lutheran, and Switzerland County. Tourney sessions will be held on October 3rd at 6pm, the 4th at 5pm and 7pm, the 6th at 5pm and 7pm, and the 8th at 2pm. Admission to the soccer sectional is \$6.00 per session or \$10.00 for the entire tournament.

