

The Shiner Spotlight

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Parents and Students,

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start. We've welcomed many new faces this year with freshman, new students, and three new teachers. Mrs. Sears is the new art teacher, Mr. Roads is the new Physical Education teacher, and Ms. Mills is the new math teacher.

Again this school year in use is Power School-Parent. This computer software that allows parents to check student progress from a home computer. If you have not yet tried Power School we encourage you to check it out. Power School allows you to track your students' attendance, grades, assignments, and daily announcements. Hopefully this tool will help everyone stay on top of our students' achievements. High School usernames and passwords were passed out in the bookstore and mailed home with progress reports. 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, this newsletter, and a calendar of events will be posted (risingsunschools.com).

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am looking forward to another great school year.

Leigh Ann Craig
Guidance Counselor



Information for Seniors

SENIOR MEETING: took place Monday, August 29th. At this meeting Mrs. Craig met with seniors and their parent(s) to discuss post-graduation plans. If a parent did not attend the meeting or has questions they are encouraged to contact Mrs. Craig in the Guidance Office (438.2652 or lcraig@risingsun.k12.in.us). In addition to the Senior Meeting Mrs. Craig 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 **SAT** are

- October 1st (must now pay late fee to register)
- November 5th (register by October 7th)
- December 3rd (register by November 8th).

The next three **ACT** test dates are

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

COLLEGE GO WEEK: is September 26-30th. During this week many colleges are waiving their application fees. You may check at collegegoweekindiana.org to see the list of schools. Seniors are encouraged to complete all their college applications this week. Always let Mrs. Craig know when you have applied to a school so she knows to send an official copy of your transcript.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Seniors planning to attend college or technical school should complete their applications online and notify the Guidance Office when finished. Please give Mrs. Craig at least one week notice before any application deadlines to get official transcripts mailed. Those with questions may see Mrs. Craig 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 2012.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: Scholarship information will be dispersed throughout the semester 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. Craig with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARENESS DINNER: The Ohio County Community Foundation is hosting a scholarship awareness dinner for seniors and their parents on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00pm. This dinner will take place in the RSHS cafeteria. We are going to have free pizza and drinks. Speakers from the Community Foundation will review all scholarships administered by OCCF, including the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. They will also distribute scholarship applications and College Cost Estimator Forms. Every senior will receive an invitation in the mail for this event.

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. Craig 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 2012 and beyond 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. These ECA will be part of the class of 2012 and beyond graduation requirements. 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.

Notes to Juniors

PSAT: This year’s date for the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is Wednesday, October 12th. 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. Craig has posted 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. Craig for details.



JUNIOR TESTING: The required graduation exam for the class of 2012 and beyond 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. These ECA will be part of the class of 2012 and beyond graduation requirements. 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.

Just for Sophomores

SOPHOMORE TESTING: The required graduation exam for Sophomores is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. The ECA for English 10 will be

administered in the spring when a student has completed English 10. The ECA for Algebra I will be administered in December to students who have not passed this portion of the exam. These ECA will be part of the class of 2012 and beyond graduation requirements. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Sophomores who fail the test will have opportunities during their junior and senior years to pass the test.

PSAT: All sophomores will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Wednesday, October 12th. The PSAT is excellent practice for the SAT, which is a college admittance exam. Mrs. Craig will be passing out information to students on the PSAT in the near future.

Freshmen News

FRESHMEN TESTING: The required graduation exam for Freshmen is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. These tests will be administered in the spring when a student has completed Algebra I and/or English 10. These ECA will be part of the class of 2012 and beyond graduation requirements. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Freshmen who fail the test will have opportunities during their sophomore, junior and senior years to pass the test.

Additional Info.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS: This year there are two days of parent teacher conferences that will take place Wednesday and Thursday, October 19th and 20th. Teachers will be available for conferences at the high school from 4:00-8:00 PM Wednesday, October 19th and 3:30-6:30 PM Thursday, October 20th.

FALL BREAK: No School Friday, October 21st and Monday, October 24th in observance of Fall Break. School resumes Tuesday, October 25th.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE: The class of 2013 is selling Entertainment books. The cost is \$30.00. There are many local coupons such as Steak and Shake, Applewood, Alcapulco, Arby's, Whiskey's, and many more. If you are interested in buying one, please contact a member of the junior class or Carol Stapleton (cstapleton@risingsun.k12.in.us).

VETERAN'S DAY: The students and staff of Rising Sun Community Schools would like to invite you to our annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11. A breakfast will be served to Veterans and their spouses in the High School cafeteria beginning at 7:00AM. The entire public is invited to our program honoring our Veterans, in attendance, beginning at 8:30AM in the High School gym. All Veterans who would like to attend the breakfast and/or program need to call the High School at 812-438-2652 and make the necessary arrangements. Hope to see you on November 11th.



FINE ART'S ACTIVITES IDEAS NEEDED:

Rising Sun Schools through a grant from the City of Rising Sun and the OCCF fund fine arts' activities and field trips that benefit Ohio County students. Proposals from members of the community for art activities at the Rising Sun Schools are being accepted through September 22, 2011. If you would like to submit a proposal for a fine arts' activity, send a description of the activity and a proposed budget to Gloria Holland, Director of Student Services, 110 Henrietta Street, Rising Sun 47040, by September 22nd. You may also contact her at 438-2655.



COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: This year college representatives will visit RSHS in the cafeteria during lunch. All high school students are encouraged to speak with the college representatives.

FREE TUTORING is available at the high school. It takes place after school on Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:30pm in Mrs. Walcott's room (2029). Students who are having difficulty in one of more classes should attend these sessions.

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 forfeit the opportunity to earn credit in that class period for the semester unless one of the following conditions are met: 1) The student applies for and is granted an attendance waiver for those days in which they are in violation of the school's attendance policy. 2) The student earns a grade of 90% or better on the final exam for that class period. There are no pass sessions.

DUAL CREDITS: Rising Sun High School is pleased to announce starting this school year they will be able to add to the number of classes students will be able to earn dual college credits in. This year students may obtain college credits in the following classes

Adv. Eng Comp	Vincennes University
(Adv. Sr. English)	
Pre-Calc	Ivy Tech
Calculus	Ivy Tech
Into Engin. Des.	Ivy Tech
Principles Engin.	Ivy Tech
Digital Elect.	Ivy Tech
Civil Engin.	Ivy Tech
Economics	Oakland City University
Government	Oakland City University
Psychology	Oakland City University
Sociology	Oakland City University
Indiana Studies	Oakland City University
World Lit.	Oakland City University
(Adv. Sr. English)	
Eng. Gram.	Oakland City University
/Amer. Lit (Adv. Jr. Eng)	
Chemistry	Oakland City University
Biology	Oakland City University
US History	Oakland City University
Physics	Oakland City University

COLLEGE NIGHT: South Dearborn High School is hosting a college fair that is open to all area high school students and their parents. Representatives from over fifty Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio colleges will attend. Take advantage of this opportunity and get first-hand information about a wide variety of 2-year, 4-year, military, and trade/technical school programs. Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30-8:00pm in SDHS cafeteria.

LOUISE S. COOPER HONORS RECEPTION: The Honors Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30pm in the RSHS cafeteria. Students who achieved a cumulative GPA of 9.0 or above for the last school year will receive awards. Students who are eligible received invitations through the mail. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the reception with their children.

Sports News

VOLLEYBALL SECTIONAL: The I.H.S.A.A. Volleyball Sectional will be at Jac-Cen-Del High School this year. The teams in the volleyball sectional (#60) include Shawe, Jac-Cen-Del, Hauser, South Decatur, Oldenburg Academy, and Rising Sun. The sectional begins on Thursday, October 20th at 6:00pm. The tourney continues on Saturday, October 22nd at 11:00am with the championship at 7:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 per session or \$8.00 for the entire tournament.

CROSS-COUNTRY boys' and girls' teams will be running in a 13 team sectional at South Dearborn on Tuesday, October 11th. The meet is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm.

BOYS' SOCCER will be playing in a four-team sectional (#58) at Switzerland County High School. Tourney sessions will be Wednesday, October 5th and Friday, October 7th. Times of the games will be announced at a later date. Admission for the soccer sectional is \$5.00 per session or \$8.00 for the entire tourney.

GIRLS' SOCCER Rising Sun High School will host the I.H.S.A.A. Girls Soccer Sectional (#45). This is a six team sectional with the following schools: Charlestown, Providence, Rising Sun, Silver Creek, Southwestern (Hanover), and Switzerland County. Tourney sessions will be held on October 4, 6, and 8. The championship will be played at 7:00pm on Saturday, October 8th. Times of games will be announced at a later time. Admission to the soccer sectional is \$5.00 per session or \$8.00 for the entire tournament.



