

SEPTEMBER 2017

Huskie Happenings

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Don't Call It A Dream, Call It A Plan!



Calendar

9/5 Count Day

9/4 Labor Day-No School

9/6 Club Fair at Lunch & Back to School Night in Main Gym 6pm

9/10-9-16 Homecoming Week-
Assembly/Parade/Game Friday, Dance 8-11pm
Saturday

9/11 Booster Club Meeting 7pm in Library
9/19 Orchestra Sweet Melodies 7pm IA6, IA4
9/20 Choir Sweet Melodies 7pm Theater/Cafet.
9/23 Band Day Fundraiser 8-2pm
9/25 Class of 2018 Parent Night 6pm I Theater

10/2-10/6 Fall Intercession

10/16 Booster Club Meeting 7pm in Library
10/18 PSAT-3 HOUR DELAY

10/20 Hall of Fame Football Game

10/20 Sweet Jazz Fundraiser 3-9pm

10/21 Hall of Fame Dinner at Eldorado 5:30pm

10/24 Safe Trick or Treat 6-8pm

10/25 No Early Release

10/27 Nevada Day-No School

11/4 Huskie Harvest Fundraiser at Atlantis
Casino Resort

11/8 Blood Drive

11/10 Veterans Day-No School

11/11 Winter Sports Try-outs

11/13 Booster Club Meeting 7pm in Library
11/14-11/18 Fall Play

11/22-11/24 Thanksgiving-No School

12/11 Booster Club Meeting 7pm in Library

12/18-12/21 Semester Finals

Onward to September!

August is behind us but what a wonderful opening to our school year. We are closing in on **Count Day 9/5** which will determine final teacher allocations based on attendance. Please make sure your student attends, please. I have sent out a messages about **absences being excused within 3 days**, preferably the same day. This is extremely important because once it passes 3 days unexcused, it stays unexcused and you will need to officially appeal the absences at the end of the semester.

We will be working on our annual **School Performance Plan** this month and we will be focused on the three goals listed below on this page. We will share our final annual plan with all of you in our October Newsletter.

It will be a busy month full of activities like homecoming! Stay on top of those studies, clear those absences and I hope to see everyone at our **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SEPTEMBER 6 at 6pm in the main gym.**

School Goals this year to reach College & Career Competiveness-2017-2018

Climate & Engagement

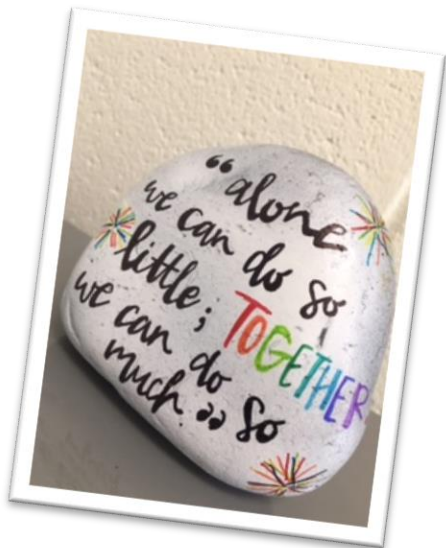
Family Engagement, Inclusive Practices, Equity & Diversity Lens, Social Emotional Learning, Positive Behavior Supports, Safety.

Backwards Lesson Design

Alignment of standards, activities, teaching strategies assessments and grading. Monitoring student growth, use rubrics and plan with the end in mind working backwards in our planning.

21st Century Teaching Practices

Decrease paper use! Promote engagement, innovation, exploration. Blended learning options, tech tools & supports, increased feedback and communication, Project-based and student driven.



WCSD Traffic Notice from School Police

This first weeks of school district-wide we hear some traffic safety concerns for the safety of our students and the staff who work the travel routes. Please follow the posted speed limit in the schools zones, no u-turns in a school zone and please keep the crosswalks clear for student pedestrian traffic. For Reno HS, please stay off the back access road since it is a bus route and a one-way road.

Our Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Officer Cloud, has completed an excellent back to school safety video. Please watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-UTWyeUVBM>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS

Student Council Meetings in September: September 5th and September 19th at lunch in the Leadership Room.

Pack the Bus – September 1st. Reno High School will be heading out to Carson to support the Huskies League game. Tickets are \$20 and that includes the bus ride, ticket into the game, food, t-shirt, and rally towel. It’s going to be a blast.

Homecoming is September 11th – 16th. We will be having out traditional homecoming assembly on September 15th. Our traditional Homecoming parade will be at 6:30, and the halftime coronation at the Varsity game to follow. All those interested in being part of the Homecoming Parade please email bnaughton@washoeschools.net.

It doesn’t have to be Homecoming to show your Reno High School Pride. Wear Red and Blue every Friday!



School Picture Make-up Info.

School picture make-up day is September 26

For seniors & senior parents:
Please make sure to email rhsyrbk@gmail.com to set up an appointment to create your Diapers to Diploma ad for the yearbook.
Please call Prestige at 775-851-0444 to set up an appointment to take your senior pictures.

*Please note, RHS administration did not authorize the dress coding of students on picture day in August. Mr. Hackbusch has since communicated with Lifetouch to clear up any miscommunications. Lifetouch does follow district dress-code policies so please dress appropriately for our school picture make-ups. Shoulder-less shirts seemed to be the biggest issue. Thank you for your understanding.

PSAT & AP Testing News...

PSAT’s are currently on sale. All Juniors interested in taking this practice SAT exam and potential scholarship opportunities can register with Mrs. Herman, the bookkeeper, by paying just \$16. The test will be given on October 11th, 2017. The deadline is Friday, September 29th at 3:00. This is an ABSOLUTE deadline as Fall break is the following week. Payment can be made to the bookkeeper directly or through the online student store at www.rhshuskies.com.

AP FEES: Students registered in an AP class are required to participate in the AP Exams in May. The fee for these exams is \$94.00 and the deadline to pay for these exams is November 30th, 2017. Payment can be made to the bookkeeper directly or through the online student store at www.rhshuskies.com.



Reno High Booster Club

- Our next meeting is **Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. We are looking for help planning Grad Night 2018! If you're interested, please come to the first meeting on Monday September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library, before the Booster Club meeting.
- **Like** us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Reno-High-Booster-Club-1789198191329025/> to stay up to date!
- Thank you to those who have signed up to be a member! We are on our way to have a great year. If you haven't already signed up, please do. Our group's success is a direct reflection of our members. We support the Academics, Arts, and Athletics at Reno High School! Money raised through the Membership Drive is used to support school activities such as Band, Year book, Debate, We The People, Athletic Teams, Scholarships and many more! Forms were sent with your child's schedule (bright green paper) or you can find online at www.rhshuskies.com and click on Booster Club.

- There are two ways to sign up:
 1. Complete the membership form. Scan and email it to RenoHighBoosterClub@gmail.com. Then pay online at www.squareup.com/store/renohigh-booster-club
 2. Complete the membership form and mail, along with your check made payable to Reno High Booster Club, to:

Reno High Booster Club
395 Booth Street
Reno, NV 89509

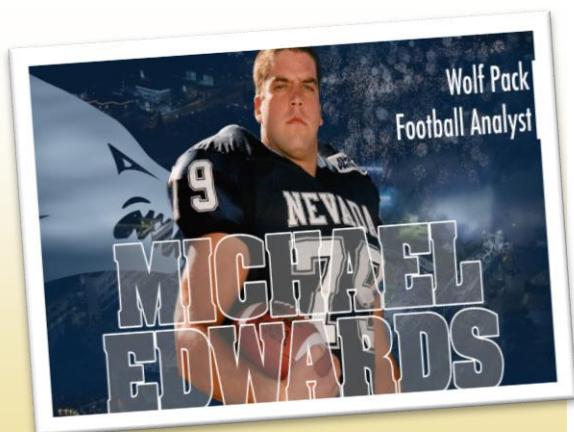
We welcome you to our Booster Club meetings held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library! See our meeting dates online at www.rhshuskies.com and click on Booster Club.

RENO HIGH HUSKIE HARVEST FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for dinner and dancing, a Live and Silent Auction, and Raffle!!!
November 4th, 2017
Atlantis Casino and Resort
5:30 p.m. - Midnight

Tickets \$75 for individual; \$700 table of 10 – Get your tickets online at www.huskieharvest.com
Contact info: huskieharvest@gmail.com with any questions.

Stay up to date by visiting www.huskieharvest.com
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuskieHarvest/>
If you are interested in helping with the event, please attend a meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library, before the Booster Club meeting. Donations are needed for the live and silent auction and raffle.
**Ask your RHS student(s) what they need to provide in their 4th period class for their class themed basket!!



Mr. Edwards Named Wolf Pack Analyst

**Congratulations to our very own Michael Edwards!
Please read his media release for the Wolf Pack
Football Analyst position!!!**

<http://www.nevadawolfpack.com/news/2017/8/24/football-former-pack-standout-mike-edwards-joins-nevada-radio-team.aspx>

Booth Street Players...

September 11th @ 3pm Auditions for the **Booth Street Players** presentation of **Much Ado About Nothing**. Students should prepare a memorized, 1 minute, Shakespearean Monologue. Audition workshop Friday, September 8th at lunch. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Davey @ Hannah.Davey@washoeschools.net



Solar Eclipse 2017

RHS students and staff viewed the Solar Eclipse during 3rd period, passing period and 4th period. Students shared glasses and if their classes didn't go outside they saw the event during passing period—with no penalty for being late to 4th period. We also had all the TV monitors in the hallways showing footage. It was a historic event and we appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility as we tried to provide students access. Logistics were tough but we tried our best. Thank you!

News from the Cube (College & Careers)

See the class calendar on our new website:

<https://www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc> for up to date information on college visits, career days, financial aid for college and important dates

- o Please note: Some pages on the site are under construction...stay tuned
- **Parents** who have questions about college? We are offering two Parent Info Sessions:
 - o "College 101" on 9/28, 6pm in The CUBE (we will be outlining the college application process, misconceptions, financial aid, and tips for supporting your student through the process)
 - o "Been There Done That" on 10/10, 6pm in The CUBE (geared towards those parents who have a basic understanding of the college search/application process and have students applying to selective colleges)
- **College Club** meets most Tuesdays at lunch. See the attached schedule for an outline of topics. Information is tailored to juniors and seniors although open to all!
- **College Visits:** The CUBE hosted almost 50 colleges last fall. University of Chicago, Linfield College, and Johns Hopkins are just a few that will be visiting in September. See the Class Calendar for details

Thanks!

Stephanie Loude
Reno High School College and Career Center



Katie Tree Dedication...

We receive a visit last Friday from Katie's family and we wanted to let everyone know we will have a tree dedication in memory of Katie Weingartner during Homecoming Week. More information forthcoming. Thank you!

RHS Senior Bulletin...Aug/Sept. 2017

What's New for the CLASS OF 2018/The CUBE Resources

- **NEW WEBSITE** which will be fully updated by Back-To-School Night. See www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc for scholarship and college/career related info.
- **College Club:** *College Club* is Tuesdays (begins 8/22) at lunch in the CUBE and will run through December. Bring your lunch and learn about searching for "good fit" colleges, how to pay for college (scholarships/financial aid), WUE schools, Common Application, the tenants of a strong application and so much more! See the website for the tentative agenda.
- **Remind101:** If you are not receiving the texts from Mrs. Feroah and Mrs. Lerude (joint account) with the latest college/career/senior related info then:
 - Enter "81010" in your text message "to" field; "@07ca37" in the "message" field.
- **Appointments with students/families:** First step is to meet with your counselor for your senior interview. If you have additional questions related to college applications, college search, and financial aid then make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Lerude (email at slerude@washoeschools.net).

Important Dates: Note: calendar at www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc

- **Back to School Night:** September 6th, 6pm (main gym).
- **Senior Interview-** Seniors will be called into their counselor's office for an individual meeting beginning late August-September. They will review their transcript, discuss graduation planning, college/career planning and other important information.
- **TMCC Application Workshops:** September 20th (4th-6th periods), October 19th (4th-6th periods), November 15th (4th-6th periods).
- **Senior Parent Night:** September 25th, 6pm (Theatre). TMCC will conclude the evening with an overview of financial aid.
- **College 101:** September 28th, 6pm (The CUBE). Info session for parents of juniors and seniors about the college application and financial aid process. Get the facts!
- **Been There, Done That!:** October 10th, 6pm (The CUBE). Info session for parents of seniors who have a basic understanding of the college application process but have specific questions related to supporting students applying to highly selective colleges, financial aid, etc.
- **ASVAB:** October 17th, Career Exploration program (aptitude test) designed for the military but relevant to all students interested in aligning skills/aptitude/interest with careers. MUST sign up prior in The CUBE.
- **FAFSA Workshop #1:** October 19th, 6pm, The CUBE. The FAFSA opens on October 1st. Maximize financial aid by doing it early. We will have a break out session on what you need to know to maximize other types of aid (CSS Profile, merit aid, etc).
- **FAFSA Workshop #2:** November 14th, 6pm, The CUBE.

College/Career/Military Visits to RHS: visit calendar at www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc for most up to date info

- **University of Chicago:** September 18th, lunch
- **UNR:** visiting RHS government classes, September 19th
- **Construction Career Day:** September 28th, 10am-2pm, Reno-Sparks Convention Center (see Mrs. Lerude for more info)
- **University of Portland:** October 11th, lunch (PSAT day, 3-hr. delay schedule)
- **Northwestern University:** October 23rd, lunch
- **Military Branch Visits:** The first week of the month, in the dome, at lunch

Testing Dates: Register early!

- **SAT/SAT Subject Test Dates** (www.collegeboard.org): **10/7** (reg. by 9/8); **11/4** (reg. by 10/5); **12/2** (reg. by 11/2); **3/10** (reg. by 2/9), **5/5** (reg. by 4/6), **6/2** (reg. by 5/9)
- **ACT Test Dates** (www.actstudent.org): 10/28 (reg. by 9/22); 12/9 (register by 11/3); 2/10 (register by 1/12); 4/14 (register by 3/9); 6/9 (register by 5/4)

Testing News...Resources

- **Applying Early Action/Early Decision and want to retake the ACT or SAT?** You have time to submit your new scores if you take the ACT (9/9) or SAT (10/7)
- **Free online resources:** SAT (www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice/) check out the Khan Academy partnership on the College Board website which allows you to pull your PSAT/SAT test and customize a study plan for FREE; ACT (www.actstudent.org/testprep/)
- **College and Career Center/RHS Library:** Study guides are available in The CUBE and library.
- **ZAPS at RHS:** PSAT/SAT, Sat. 9/30, 9am-3pm; ACT, Sat. 9/23, 9am-3pm; www.register.doorwaytocollege.com , \$89.99
- **For-profit testing companies:** There are plenty of options. Their effectiveness depends upon the student. Come see Mrs. Lerude in The CUBE to discuss.

What Should College Bound Seniors be Doing?

- **Letters of recommendation requests:** Many colleges require a recommendation letter from your counselor and 1-2 teachers. Identify which teacher/teachers (ideally from your junior or senior year) know you the best and can speak to how you show up in the classroom. Give them information to write an effective letter: updated resume (from Junior Interview?), copy of your college essay, etc. And, GIVE THEM A MINIMUM OF 2-3 WEEKS! Respect their time.
- **Finalizing your college list:** The goal is to have options. Options are created by a well- balanced list of schools. If you have your heart set on a highly selective school then put it on your list. Offset that by schools that you are fairly certain you will be accepted to. Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Lerude in The CUBE to review your list. There are hundreds of choices.
- **Spreadsheet with deadlines:** Meeting deadlines is key for maximizing financial aid options. Create a spreadsheet which lists the colleges that you are applying to and relevant deadlines: FAFSA, CSS Profile, application deadlines (sometimes accelerated to maximize aid), Early Action/Early Decision...
- **BYU online classes:** Make sure that your counselor knows which class/classes you are taking.
- **Get good grades!** Now is not the time to slack. Your grades matter for scholarships, college entrance and work readiness. Good grades=merit aid=options!

Scholarships/Financial Aid

- Financial aid and scholarship search companies are big business: a multi-million dollar business! Finaid.org does a good job outlining what to be aware of, how to spot scams: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml
- **Scholarship matching sheet** is available in The CUBE. Come in and sign up. We will attempt to match you with scholarships that are a good fit with your background and interests.
- Check out the **"Scholarship and Financial Aid"** page at www.washoeschools.net/renehscce for an overview of the process and a place to begin. We will be updating this with specific scholarships beginning in September.
- **FAFSA:** Becomes available for the Class of 2018 on October 1st! It uses your 2016 tax information. For more information go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- **FAFSA workshops at RHS:** Join us in The Cube on October 19th, 6pm, for an overview of the FAFSA. We will then split into two groups: one will head to the computer lab to begin filling out your FAFSA and the second group will discuss maximizing merit aid and scholarships. Bilingual support will be offered.

College Club 2017-18

What is college club?

College Club is focused on helping juniors and seniors learn about and navigate the application process. We will address one aspect of the application process every week. Handouts, for those that cannot make it, will be available in the CUBE. Bring your lunch!

Schedule*

- | <u>Day</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| 8/22/17 | Introduction to the resources in the CUBE: What's stressing you out? Let's prioritize |
| 8/29/17 | Balanced college list=options: What constitutes a balanced list? How many schools should you apply to? Things to consider when developing your list to create options |
| 9/5/17 | Scholarships/Financial Aid: How are you paying for college? Get the facts! What you should be aware of when searching for scholarships, fundamentals of financial aid. |
| 9/19/17 | YOUR College Application: myths and misconceptions. Let's get the facts. |
| 9/26/17 | Common Application: Things to be aware of when creating your Common App. (like how you list your activities). Will turn into a workshop session, bring your Common Application password so you can log in. Your JI resume may be helpful as well. |
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| 10/3/17 | FALL BREAK...Seniors: great time to work on your applications! |
| 10/10/17 | Early Decision/Early Action/Restricted Early Action? We will discuss the pros and cons of each and the components of a strong application. |
| 10/17/17 | WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange): What is a WUE school? Why should you care? How do you research them?. |
| 10/24/17 | UNR Application Workshop |
| 10/31/17 | College Essay: Fundamentals of a strong college essay. We will read some essays, talk about the significance of the opening paragraph and the role that the essay plays in your application |
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| 11/7/17 | University of San Francisco College Visit |
| 11/21/17 | Insider's Tips to Applying to Highly Selective Schools |
| 11/28/17 | The College Interview. Applying to a school that requires an admissions or alumni interview? Let's discuss! |

*Tentative schedule, subject to change

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Principal Shout-outs from August:

- Regan Caufield was named HS All-American for Diving for last year 2016-2017 (only diver in Nevada to do so!)
- Mrs. McKillip recognized week 1 of school for her class activity. See story here:
<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/education/2017/08/09/reno-high-english-teacher-talks-r-word-first-day-class/552621001/>



Stay Calm and
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