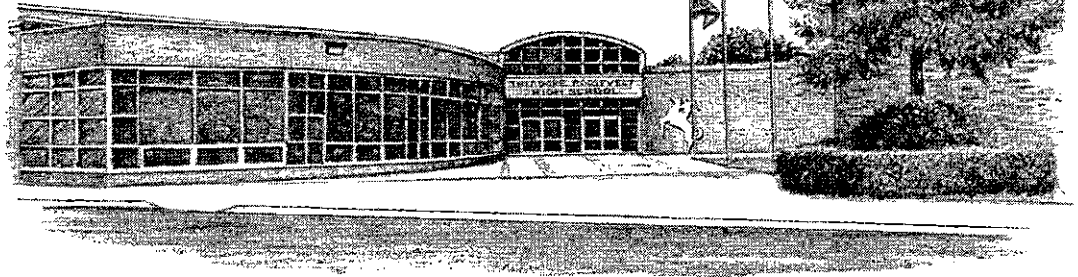




# BRANCHING OUT



## Roosevelt High School

Dear Friends,

October 2007

It has been a great first month of school, as students, faculty, and parents settle into the routines that come with a hectic school day that some times stretches through the evening hours. The weather has been near perfect and most evening school programs have been well attended. We thank our parents for the wonderful support they provide to our school!

We have had many individual inquires from parents concerning a sudden increase in the use of marijuana by students in the evenings throughout the school week, on the weekends, and before coming to school in the morning. Pages 26 and 30 of the Theodore Roosevelt High School Student Handbook speak to our organizational response when students are caught in school under the influence of drugs and alcohol, or if we catch students selling drugs, or if students are in possession.

At Roosevelt we are ever alert to seeing the external signs of alcohol/drug usage by our students during the school day. We have had in-services for our faculty in the procedural processes they should follow when they suspect a student of being under the influence. We continue to look for specific patterns of behaviors that suggest drug usage. The physical signs, however, are many times well hidden. I remember the seventies when students came to school with bloodshot eyes or acted, in what has become a stereotype in many movies and on television, "stoned." These kids are easy to see and quickly address.

With students becoming more and more sophisticated hiding these physical signs, it becomes incumbent on adults to watch for a pattern of "behaviors" that may suggest student use. These include disinterest in those things that had once been very important, dramatic change in personal appearance, a drop of one or more letter grades in school, a change in friends, an inclination to be self-centered and disinterested in others, and changes in eating habits. What becomes difficult for parents is that these signs might also be pointing to adolescent depression or another physiological ailment. It becomes even more complex when there is a clinical diagnosis present and drugs and/or alcohol are also part of the equation.

So what needs to happen? From my perspective, I think parents should try to eliminate the possibility of drug involvement first through a formal assessment that may include blood or urine testing. Find out if your son/daughter is addicted or just

experimenting. In either event they may be destroying future opportunities by altering their development through their use. If the assessment is positive, contact their school counselor and our Student Assistance Program coordinator to help provide support during school and share information. We are committed to helping anyway we can, including suggesting sources that conduct drug/alcohol assessments and offer treatment programs.

The use of drugs and alcohol by teenagers is a family and community problem. It manifests itself within the school community by students' proximity to one another in the school building. Be proactive in your homes in building an open line of communication with your student. Become part of their lives, not just observers. This gives you the best opportunity to help them make the right choices when confronted with the opportunity to use drugs and alcohol. Be informed; check out who their friends are and what they are doing. Be vigilant! Believe it or not, there are parents who may be reading this right now who see no harm in teenagers smoking marijuana or drinking alcohol! They even provide it for them! If you catch your student using drugs or alcohol, seek help! The school can provide you with a variety of professional contact resources and Town Hall II is right downtown. The goal is not to judge kids, it is to help them learn to help themselves and understand, before they experience, the negative consequences of drug and alcohol usage.

I hope this Branching Out finds you and your family in good physical, mental, and spiritual health as we move into the fall season. I hope to see everyone at one of our many Homecoming activities.

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Roger B. Sidoti  
Principal

OCTOBER 2007

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## HOMECOMING 2007

On **October 12-13**, Theodore Roosevelt High School will host our annual **HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES**. Homecoming is co-sponsored by Roosevelt's **Student Council** and **Booster Club** with support from Sophomore Class, Junior Class, and RHS Athletic Department.

**Nora Brazi, Nicole Gobble, Jessica Miller, Abbey Nolin and Lakota Pochedley** are **Student Council Homecoming Chairs**. **Booster Chairs** are **Stephanie Dean, Chelsea Heim and Katie Mitchell**. Senior members of the Homecoming Court, along with freshman, sophomore and junior attendants, will be announced at the annual *Homecoming Court Assembly* planned for Friday, October 5.

On **Friday, October 12**, Roosevelt will play Springfield High School at 7:30 p.m. for the Homecoming football game. Plan to arrive early as pre-game festivities will get underway between 6:45-7:00 p.m. with the introduction of the 2007 Homecoming Court and their parents as well as a special performance by the Stanton Middle School Marching Band. The **Homecoming Queen** and **King** will be crowned during halftime ceremonies.

Additional pre-game festivities include a reception hosted by Student Council for the Homecoming Court and their families in the library at 6:00 p.m. Also, included in festivities prior to the game is the 2007 **Chili Challenge** sponsored as by the Bridges Academy as a fundraiser to benefit Miller Community House. The *Chili Challenge* will take place in the RHS cafeteria from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** Please note further information about the *Chili Challenge* included in this *Branching Out*.

On **Saturday, October 13**, the **Homecoming Dance** will take place in the Roosevelt gymnasium from **8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Boosters have selected **Eastern Elegance** as this year's theme and invite all interested students to attend Booster Works to help prepare decorations for the gym and atrium areas. Music will be provided by a DJ service, and the presentation of the **Homecoming Court** will take place at **9:30 p.m.**

**Homecoming Dance** tickets will be sold from the cafeteria concession stand during lunch periods starting **Tuesday, October 9**, through **Friday, October 12**. Pre-Sale tickets are **\$8.00 per person**. Tickets will be available at the door on **Saturday evening, October 13**, for **\$10.00 per person**.

Although the **Homecoming Dance** is considered a semi-formal, dress-up affair, a suit and formal dress are not required for admittance. While outfits may vary greatly in reflection of current styles and fashion trends, there is an expectation that students should refrain from wearing clothing that is excessively revealing or not in good taste for a high school activity. Also, as is the case at all school dances, chaperones for the **Homecoming Dance** will enforce Board of Education policy and school rules throughout the evening. This includes dancing and behaviors that are considered inappropriate for a high school event. Please note that students are welcome to invite **one** guest of their choice (freshman in high school or older – no middle school students) to attend the **Homecoming Dance**. However, Roosevelt High School reserves the right to refuse admittance to any student or guest who is dressed or behaving inappropriately.

**Focus One Studios** will be available from **5:30 to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13**, to take **Homecoming portraits**. Pictures will be taken in the cafeteria, and prices will vary depending on the package ordered. Brochures containing price information will be available in the Activities Office throughout the week prior to the dance.

Sophomore Class members and families are requested to provide baked goods and desserts for refreshments at the dance. Sophomores should drop off goodies in the Roosevelt cafeteria between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturday morning, October 13.** Thanks for your help!

**The Junior Class** is selling **Homecoming game corsages.** The price per corsage is \$6.00. This year's corsage will feature a white mum with a gold foil "R" and red and black ribbon. Homecoming game corsages may be ordered (payment requested when placing order) in one of the following ways:

- Mail attached order form (**check payable to Class of 2009**) to Mrs. Carmella DeLeone at Roosevelt High School by **Wednesday, October 10.**
- Stop in and order from Mrs. DeLeone in the Activities/Athletics Office starting **Monday, October 1 through Friday morning, October 12.**

Corsages are available for pick-up in the RHS Activities/Athletics Office from **11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12,** or at the Alumni Tent located just outside the main gate from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** at the game.

Special thanks to the following faculty advisors who are working closely with those students planning our **2007 HOMECOMING WEEKEND:**

- **STACEY O'REILLY – STUDENT COUNCIL**
- **CHRISTINE DREHER-RODESHEIM & JAN RYAN – BOOSTERS**
- **NANCY BUBENZER, HEATHER ORIS & EMMA OWEN – JUNIOR CLASS**
- **JACLYN CONSILLIO & ANN PUHALLA – SOPHOMORE CLASS**

Roosevelt students and their families, alumni, and community members are invited to participate in the **2007 Homecoming Festivities!** Questions concerning Homecoming plans may be directed to the Roosevelt High School Activities/Athletics Office (330) 676-8770 or Roosevelt's Main Office (330) 673-9595.

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**HOMECOMING GAME CORSAGE  
ORDER FORM**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

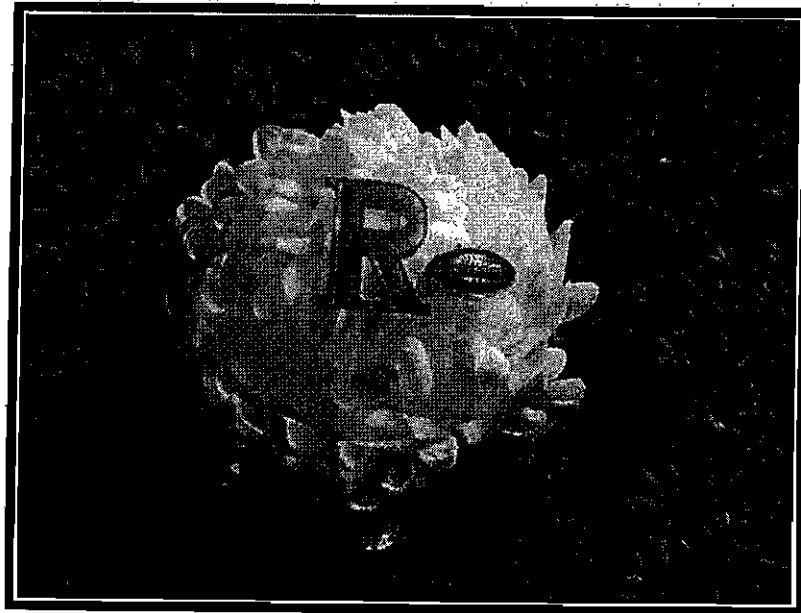
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# **RHS HOMECOMING 2007**

## **Football Game Corsages**



**\$6.00 each**

**Order/Pay By October 10  
Activities/Athletics Office  
330-676-8771**

**Pick up on Friday, October 12**

**11:00-3:30 – Activities/Athletics Office  
6:30-8:00 p.m. – Alumni Tent**





# The 2007 Chili Challenge

## Benefiting Miller Community House

Where: RHS Cafeteria  
When: Friday, Oct. 12, 2007  
5:00 pm—7:00 pm  
Admission: \$5.00— ages 6 and up  
\$2.00— senior citizens and  
children under 6

Admission price covers 4 samples of competitors chili, 1 bowl of chili, and a drink. Additional bowls of chili and drinks may be purchased individually. All proceeds go directly to Miller Community House.

Sponsored by The Bridges Academy,  
200 N. Mantua, Kent, OH 44240.  
ph. 330-676-8650



**Please Join Us For The  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Roosevelt Craft Show**

**Where?** Kent Roosevelt High School, 1400 N. Mantua.

**When?** Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-4:00. Set up starts at 7:00.

**Cost?** \$30.00 per space with one table provided.

**Questions?** Sandi Melucci or Patti Eves 330-676-8776

**As always at the Roosevelt Craft Show you will have:**

~Large Spaces

~Student Helpers

~Free Morning Beverages

~Lots of Advertising

A confirmation letter, with table assignment, will be sent closer to the show date.

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Checks payable to: RHS Craft Show

Send to: Patti Eves 1400 N. Mantua St. Kent, OH 44240

I would like \_\_\_\_ booth(s) at \$30.00 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Description of craft \_\_\_\_\_

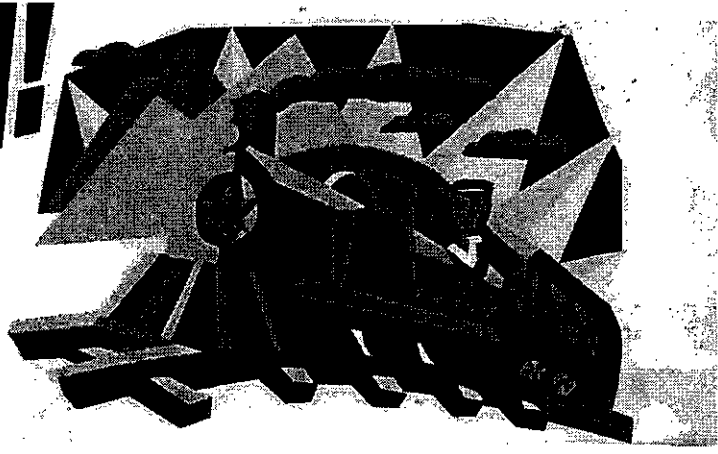
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Special Requests (electric):

# Get On Board!



**THE SILENT AUCTION PROM FUNDRAISER IS BACK...  
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 6, 2007 IN THE ROOSEVELT CAFETERIA!**

## FAQS ABOUT SILENT AUCTION PROM FUNDRAISER...

**Q. How can we help make Silent Auction AND this year's Junior/Senior prom a success?**

A. Sponsored by the Class of 2009, advisors and chairpersons are asking for help from Juniors, Parents (especially Junior parents), teachers, and other Kent Community groups, organizations or businesses willing to donate items or services to be auctioned.

**Q. What kinds of items or services are wanted for the auction?**

A. Any and all donations are appreciated. New or very gently used merchandise will be accepted now through mid-November. Services can range from haircuts to oil changes to maid services, etc...

**Q. What is expected from each Junior student? How can businesses help?**

A. We would ask that each junior and/or their parents find at least two donations so there are plenty of items on which to bid. If you own a business, please contact us if you can donate and we will send a student to secure your donation!

**Q. When and to Where do I send service donations?**

A. Start sending them in as soon as possible!! Gift certificates or other documented services or discounts can be mailed to: Theodore Roosevelt High School, Class of 2009, 1400 N. Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio 44240 Along with all donations, on a full sheet of paper, please list the name of the item, along with the student and parent name and phone number in case we need to contact you with any questions.

**Q. Where does my child take a "material" donation?**

A. Please send your new or gently used "goods" to Room 529 (Mrs. Yanchar's Room). Secure a LARGE note to the item and place it in a bag with the item or attach it so we know who made the donation. Remember, used Longaberger baskets and other collectibles are often the most sought-after items at the Silent Auction.

**Q. How else can I, as a junior parent or student get involved?**

A. You can contact our **SILENT AUCTION VOICEMAIL NUMBER - 330-676-8841**, if you are willing to organize, sort, gift box, take payments, etc...either before or the night of the auction. Please leave a message with your phone number, and we will contact you with further details.

Thank you in advance for supporting the **CLASS OF 2009**

Sincerely,  
The Class of 2009 &  
Mrs. Sue Yanchar, Silent Advisor

Mike Ullinger, P.J. Errera  
Olivia Braden & Annie Creech  
Silent Auction Chairs

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND. . . .**

**JUNIOR CLASS SILENT AUCTION!**  
**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

Your help is needed to make the junior/Senior Prom a success!

If you are a parent of a junior, or anyone interested in helping, please call class advisors Sue Yanchar @ 330-676-8841 or Emma Owen @ 330-676-8771 to find out how you can help.

***THE FOLLOWING HELP IS NEEDED:***

- *Theme Baskets*
- *Services*
- *Single Items*
- *Cash and Carry Table*
- *And much more!*

***THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED SUGGEST:***

- *Donate something from your business. It need not be expensive- every donation adds up!*
- *Ask businesses where YOU frequently shop or do business to donate something-call if you want to know if we have already spoken to them!*
- *Ask people you work with who own a small business to donate and give us some of their business cards as advertisement for them!*

**PLEASE CALL THE NUMBERS ABOVE TO HELP!**

**THANK YOU!!**

**SAFE HOMES**  
**SAFE FOR TEENAGE PARTIES**  
**SAFE FROM ALCOHOL AND**  
**OTHER DRUGS**  
**SAFE FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

THIS SAFE HOMES PROGRAM consists of a pledge that confirms ONE parent CAN do something to prevent teenage alcohol and drug use in a simple, positive, and loving way. Many parents together can make prevention a school and community standard.

**SAFE HOMES PARENTS** agree to cooperate with schools, law enforcement and young people to create a healthy atmosphere in which the use of alcohol and other drugs is no longer the “norm.” **SAFE HOMES** parents are taking a stand against the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth.

**FAMILY GUIDELINES** – Inform your children that you have taken the **SAFE HOMES PLEDGE** and discuss it with them. Know where your children are. Assure them that they can telephone you to be picked up whenever they find themselves in a situation that is uncomfortable or threatening. Get to know your children’s friends and their parents. Be awake or awakened when young people come home at night.

When your child is invited to an activity, call the person in charge and verify the location and occasional. Check on adult supervision, and verify that no drugs or alcohol will be available. If the activity seems inappropriate for your child’s age group, express your concerns. Keep your child home and seek alternative activities. If you need to leave your older teenagers alone overnight, alert your friends and neighbors, so they know you are planning to be away.

**LIABILITY** – Many times parties are spur-of-the-moment occurrences when parents are not home. Frequently, alcohol and other drugs are used at these parties and young people may get drunk or high. Houses are damaged, and violence and even death can occur. Whether you, as a parent, are home or not, case law exists which establishes liability with you in such situations.

- ➔ Drinking under the age of 21 is against the law.
- ➔ Driving while intoxicated is a criminal offense.
- ➔ Alcohol and other drug use cause injury, loss of inhibition, sexual abuse, illness and even death.
- ➔ Serving a minor is a criminal offense, and adults are potentially liable for resulting negative consequences.
- ➔ Parents may be sued for damages and injuries caused by the underage individuals they serve. In other words, **YOU MAY BE SUED FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND ACCIDENTS.** The adult is held responsible, **NOT** the underage host or drinker.

**BENEFITS OF TAKING THE SAFE HOME PLEDGE –**

1. Adults take a united stand against alcohol and other drugs, becoming more effective than when they act separately.
2. Parents benefit from the support of other parents by helping each other resist pressure from others who do not set limits on their children’s behavior.
3. Parents are reassured when their kids attend parties at a **SAFE HOMES** location.
4. **SAFE HOMES** members have access to the **THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY** listing other families who support this program.

**AS A HOST PARENT –**

- ➔ Be a visible host/hostess. Tell the guests who choose to leave the activity that they may not return.
- ➔ Encourage “by invitation only” gatherings. Use a guest list and refuse entrance to any party crashers.
- ➔ Call the parents of anyone possessing drugs or alcohol or appearing to be under the influence of either.
- ➔ Call the appropriate law enforcement, if necessary. Do not allow anyone under the influence to go home alone or drive.

## PARENTS PLEDGE FOR SAFE HOMES

- ▶ I pledge that I will not allow parties and gatherings when I am not home.
- ▶ I pledge that I will not serve alcohol, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age of 21 to consume alcohol at my home/property.
- ▶ I will not allow the use of illicit drugs at my home/property.
- ▶ I will discuss my expectations and this pledge with my child.

Please return this form to Sandy McKown. Theodore Roosevelt High School,  
1400 N. Mantua St.  
Kent, OH 44240

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s)/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this pledge your name, address, and phone number will be published in a directory and sent to all participants.**

By signing below, you give us additional permission to list your name only in a future issue of *The Branching Out* as participating in the Safe Homes project for Theodore Roosevelt High School.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# High School 1 YEARS

Working together for lifelong success

## Short Clips

### Listen up

Students who work at listening learn the most during class. Encourage your teen to sit up front, focus on the teacher, and write down key words and facts. Also, she'll listen better if she reviews notes and texts before class so she knows what to expect.

### Sleep-friendly space

Creating a sleep-friendly environment can help your child stay rested and alert. Rooms that are cool, quiet, and dark set the stage for good sleep. Suggest that your teenager turn down the lights—and the music—as he gets ready for bed. Remember, teens need 8½ to 9½ hours of sleep a night.

### College site

No matter what year of high school your child is in, try to get her thinking about college. A good place to start is with the College Opportunities Online Locator (<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>). Your teen can select a state, plug in a major, and instantly find out about options.

### Worth quoting

"One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure."  
William Feather

### Just for fun

**Teacher:** Class, suppose I ask you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude?

**Nick:** I suppose you'd be eating alone!



## Organized for success

New classes + New teachers + New opportunities = An exciting start to the school year.

Add new organizational strategies to the equation, and your teenager will have a solid formula for success. Try these ideas for:

### ... calm mornings

Help your child establish nighttime routines that make mornings go smoothly. He can choose his clothes and set out his backpack, coat, and other items (gym uniform, science project). *Tip:* Hang wall pegs or put a basket by the door to hold his things. Your teen can even get his breakfast ready the night before by putting a bowl, cereal box, and spoon on the kitchen table. Remind him that the more he does the night before, the easier his morning will be.

### ... less mess

If your child keeps his backpack, binders, and folders neat, he won't have to waste time searching through piles for lost papers. Propose that he spend five minutes "de-cluttering" when he gets home each day. You can show him



how to sort papers and put them where they belong (subject folders, portfolio).

*Idea:* Set up an in/out box where your teen can leave school notices and forms for signing.

### ... weekly planning

Schedule Sunday meetings to review the week ahead. Arrange rides for activities, check on games and school events, and get commitments for family dinners. Go over after-school appointments (dentist, haircut). Also, let your child know if you'll be out any evenings. Discussing the week keeps teens on track and parents informed. 👍

## In touch with teachers

Students thrive when parents and teachers work together. Get the communication flowing from day one with these tips:

- Attend your school's open house, or call or e-mail teachers to introduce yourself.
- Meet every teacher, including those in art, music, and PE. They all affect your child's education, and some may also head up activities your teen will join.
- Ask for the best time and way to get in touch. Do teachers prefer notes, phone calls before or after school, or e-mail?
- Stay in contact whether your child is doing well or having trouble. Teachers like to hear about lessons that students enjoyed, as well as problems. 👍



## Raising a reader

What's the trick to getting your teenager to read? Finding books written with her in mind. Help your child discover tempting titles, and you'll be rewarded with a more successful student—and a lifelong reader. Try these suggestions.

**1. Follow a dream.** Does your child want to be the next Olympic track star or a world-famous fashion designer? She can feed her ambitions by reading about them. Suggest that she ask her teachers or the library media specialist for ideas.

**2. Just like me.** High schoolers like to read about people similar to themselves. Steer your child toward books featuring



characters who share her life experiences (dating, moving, divorced parents). At [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (click on Teens, Social Issues), she can find titles about a variety of tough issues.

**3. More of the same.** Remind your teen to look for books like ones she's enjoyed before. She can browse the shelves at the library or check favorite authors' Web sites by "Googling" the author's name or visiting <http://authoryellowpages.com>.

*Tip:* Check out *500 Great Books for Teens* by Anita Silvey. The author lists books in 21 categories, including mystery, humor, and poetry. 👍

## Finding the "right" crowd

Having the right friends can help your teen make good choices and enjoy high school life.

Encourage your child to make connections with people he really likes. Kids who make him laugh or share similar values (loyalty, spiritual faith) can be good pals.

Suggest that your teen join clubs or participate in activities he enjoys, and the friends will fall into place. For example, if he goes to karate class or tries out for the school play, he's sure to find others with similar interests.

Finally, to make the right friends, teens need to know they're likable. Show your child that you enjoy his company by making an effort to spend time together. Point out qualities you admire in him, such as his honesty, kindness, or dedication to school. 👍

### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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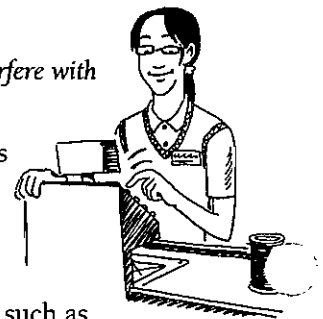
## Q & A After-school jobs

**Q** My teenager wants to get a job, but I'm worried it will interfere with her schoolwork. What types of jobs would be best?

**A** Part-time work can give your child extra cash, as well as a chance to learn responsibility. Before she applies, though, have her take an honest look at her schedule. Once she accounts for school, study time, and activities, what days and times are left?

She can scout out jobs that will work with her schedule, such as youth sports referee, receptionist, or store clerk. Also, suggest that she consider her career interests. For instance, if she hopes to be a veterinarian, perhaps she can work as a kennel assistant.

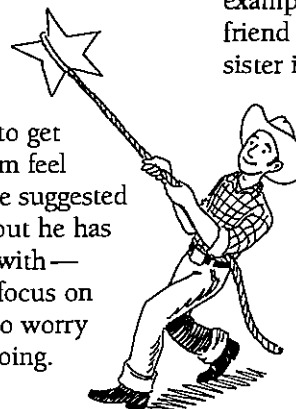
No matter where she applies, tell your teen to be up front about the days and hours she is available. Remind her that school comes first! 👍



## Parent to Parent Happy with your best

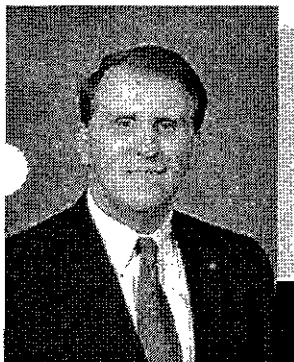
My son Mitchell used to get so discouraged when he didn't get the highest grade on a test or score the most points in a game.

I decided to talk to his guidance counselor to get ideas on how to help him feel better about himself. She suggested that I start by pointing out he has one person to compete with—himself. I urged him to focus on doing his best and not to worry about what others are doing.



I also tried to show him that each person has his own strengths. For example, he's a natural leader. His best friend is a terrific cook. And his little sister is good at sharing.

Finally, I used my own experiences. "I was not the top student in my high school. But I have a successful career in public relations because of my good people skills." Now Mitchell is aiming to do his personal best, which is something he and I both can be happy with. 👍



KENT CITY SCHOOLS  
**UPDATE**

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

**Dear Kent Parents,**

With your children's safe return to a new school year, I would like to focus on you—our parents—in this letter of welcome.

I welcome you, and I invite you, not only to our new school year, but also into our school buildings! Research shows that parents' involvement in their children's education is the single most important indicator of student success. Other than our students, you are the most important stakeholders we have in the Kent City Schools.

And so, I want to emphasize our communication channels with each other. You may call any of us in the district—your child's teachers, your building principals or the Board office staff—with any question or concern that you may have. We are here to help you, to serve you and to communicate with you.

Speaking of communication, I want you to know about our NEOnet Pre-K-12 Notification System. This is the same school-to-family system we used last year called Parent Broadcast. This year, the service is part of NEONET (Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology), which is our Internet Service Provider.

This notification system gives us the capacity to call 4,000 parents in 10 minutes!

Sometimes we call all families with important news about snow days, delayed openings or early dismissals due to bad weather, as well as other in-school emergencies like power failures. Other times, we call parents with information about only one building. If your phone numbers have changed, please contact your school secretary or call 1-800-846-4790. Communicating with you is an important priority of ours.

Once again, our focus is on you and your children. Please call me at my office at 330-676-7610 if I can be of any assistance to you.

Welcome to a new school year! Welcome into our school buildings!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Giancola".

Superintendent of Schools

## Theodore Roosevelt High School - October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 TBA G V TN @ OHSAA Sectionals Begin 10:40AM B V GF @ OHSAA Sectionals 4:30PM G V FH @ Shaker Heights HS 5:15PM Women's Volleyball Team Dinner 5:15PM Men's Soccer Team Dinner 6:00PM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 6:00PM G JV FH @ Shaker Heights HS 7:00PM Silent Auction Meeting	2 Reg. Deadline 11/3 SAT TBA G V TN @ OHSAA Sectionals 9:30AM G V GF @ OHSAA Sectionals 10:10AM Required Freshman Election Training Seminar 4:30PM BG V CC Southeast HS 5:00PM G V SC Field HS 5:30PM G JV VB @ Springfield High School 7:00PM B V SC Field HS 7:00PM G V VB @ Springfield High School	3 4:30PM G V FH Hathaway Brown 5:30PM G JV FH Hathaway Brown	4 Interim Grade Reports Distributed 4:30PM B FR FB Ravenna HS 5:00PM B JV SC @ Hudson HS 5:00PM G JV SC @ Hudson HS 5:30PM German Exchange Student Welcome Dinner 5:30PM G JV VB Crestwood HS 7:00PM B V SC @ Hudson HS 7:00PM G V SC @ Hudson HS 7:00PM G V VB Crestwood HS	5 8:00AM Senior Class Group Photo 1:50PM Homecoming Court/Ravenna Pep Assembly 7:30PM B V FB @ Ravenna HS	6 SAT Test (Not at RHS) RHS Choirs Perform at KSU Homecoming Football Game TBA G V VB @ Firestone Tournament 9:00AM Colonel Rummage Sale 9:00AM BG V CC @ Medina CC Festival 10:00AM B JV FB Ravenna HS 11:00AM G JV SC @ Firestone HS 1:00PM G V SC @ Firestone HS
7	8 10:10AM Homecoming King and Queen Voting (Lunch Periods) 5:00PM G JV SC @ Revere HS 5:15PM Women's Volleyball Team Dinner 8:00PM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 6:30PM Rough Rider All-Sport Boosters Meeting 7:00PM Silent Auction Meeting 7:00PM KEC/Environmental Club Fall Open Forum 7:00PM G V SC @ Revere HS	9 7:30AM Senior Portraits 10:10AM Homecoming King and Queen Voting (Lunch Periods) 4:30PM BG V FH Orange High School 5:00PM B V SC @ Western Reserve Academy 5:00PM B JV SC @ Western Reserve Academy 5:30PM G JV FH Orange High School 5:30PM G JV VB @ Norton HS/Script Kent 8:00PM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 7:00PM G V VB @ Norton HS/Script Kent	10 7:30AM Senior Portraits 9:20AM KSU College Fair 4:30PM Women's Soccer Team Dinner 6:00PM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 7:00PM Football Parent Boosters 7:30PM Fall Choir Concert	11 7:30AM Senior Portraits 4:30PM B FR FB Streetsboro HS 4:30PM G V FH @ Laurel School 5:00PM B JV SC @ Green HS 5:30PM G JV FH @ Laurel School 5:30PM G JV VB @ Field HS 6:00PM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 7:00PM B V SC @ Green HS 7:00PM G JV SC @ James A. Garfield HS 7:00PM G V VB Field HS	12 (Eid) al Fitr 12:15PM EARLY RELEASE DAY-STUDENTS 12:30PM FACULTY INSERVICE 2:00PM Zoology Club Car Wash 5:00PM Chili Challenge Pre-Game Dinner 6:00PM Homecoming Court Pre-Game Reception 7:30PM B V FB Springfield High School	13 TBA BG V CC @ PTC Tournament 7:00AM Booster Works- Homecoming Decorations 9:30AM G V FH Maumee Valley HS 10:00AM B JV FB @ Springfield High School 10:40AM G JV FH Maumee Valley HS 11:30AM G V FH Ottawa Hills HS 12:40PM G JV FH Ottawa Hills HS 8:00PM Homecoming Dance
14	15 7:00PM Instrumental Music Boosters 7:00PM Rough Rider Open Forum 7:00PM Silent Auction Meeting	16 10:10AM School Picture Re-Takes 7:00PM Fall String Concert 7:00PM BOE Meeting at Davey	17 Reg. Deadline 10/20 PSAT/NMSQT 7:35AM Freshman Sharing Common Ground Retreat #1 7:00PM Junior Class Parent Guidance Information Night	18 4:30PM B FR FB Crestwood HS	19 7:35AM Freshman Sharing Common Ground Retreat #2 6:00PM Taddysville Carnival 7:30PM B V FB @ Crestwood HS	20 7:30AM PSAT/NMSQT Test 10:00AM B JV FB Crestwood HS
21	22 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 11-12 2:45PM Girls Basketball Try-Outs 7:00PM Silent Auction Meeting	23 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 11-12 1:00PM Fall Choral Festival at RHS 2:45PM Girls Basketball Try-Outs	24 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 11-12 2:45PM Girls Basketball Try-Outs	25 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 11-12 2:45PM Leadership Retreat Delegate Meeting 2:45PM Girls Basketball Try-Outs 4:30PM B FR FB @ Norton HS/Script Kent 7:00PM RHS Guitar Hero Night	26 2:45PM Girls Basketball Try-Outs 4:00PM Senior Band Dinner 7:30PM B V FB Norton HS/Script Kent	27 7:00AM ACT Test at RHS 9:00AM RHS Fall Book Sale
28	29 Bridges Poinsettia Sale Begins 3:00PM Men's Basketball Try-Outs	30 Reg Deadline 12/1 SAT 3:00PM Men's Basketball Try-Outs 6:30PM Marching Band Banquet 7:00PM Open Mic Night	31 7:45AM Freshman Class Election Assembly 10:10AM Freshman Class Elections- Lunch Periods 3:00PM Men's Basketball Try-Outs 3:00PM RHS Leadership Retreat Departs 7:00PM Sophomore Class Parent Guidance Information Night			