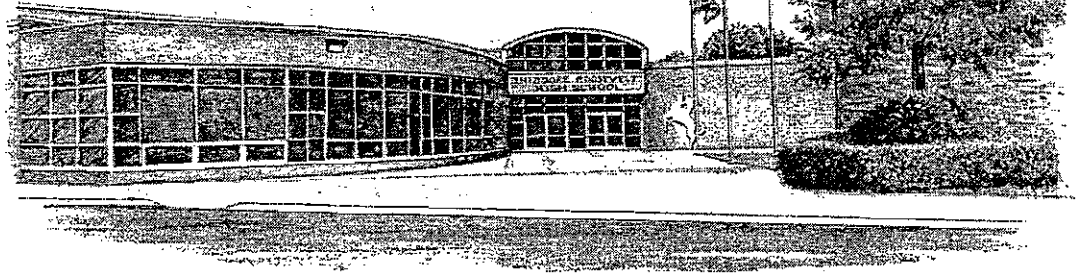




# BRANCHING OUT

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Roosevelt  
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Dear Friends,

February 2008

The first semester of school has been completed and, based on what I have heard from many teachers, our students have generally performed well academically in the classroom. This is also true of their conduct in and around school, where we have had minimal disruptive behavior. Some students are still struggling with attendance issues but, viewed as a whole, the school's "character" print for the first semester has been positive.

I chatted around often with students, but I wonder if individual character is viewed. I wonder if they ever think about it. I wonder if they really understand what good character really is. I wonder if they think it is important. I wonder if we, as adults, are in the same place.

February is Black History Month and we celebrate the outstanding contributions by men and women of color to our heritage. No greater example is Martin Luther King Junior, who challenged us to think about the issue of character as the measure of man. The explicit message was about skin color, but the implicit message was far deeper, and impacted many from my generation to examine ourselves in judgment of others. Simply put, a person's character outweighed how they looked, where they lived, their socio-economic status, ethnic background, or any other differentiated characteristics they may possess. In spite of who you are, it is your character that should be judged. Nothing else matters.

This was heady stuff back then. Dr. King went to the heart of the matter. We should be judged by our character, and our character is on display by what we do, what we say, and how we act towards ourselves and others. This had a profound effect on many of us at the time because intrinsically, or so we thought, we knew what the "right" thing was to do. We knew that honesty and integrity in our interactions with others was paramount. We felt great self-satisfaction in doing the right thing when no one was watching. Character was an outward sign of who we were. Character was in the doing, not the thinking. Character was in the actions, not the promises. Character was in the giving, not the taking.

Almost forty years later some of our young people struggle with becoming people of character. The popular culture seems to suggest that personal success, no matter how defined or how it is accomplished, transcends any degree of personal appropriateness. Thus cheating is justified if it gets you into the college you want to

go to. Following simple rules by parents, school, or community are of little importance as long as you don't get caught. Ridicule and harassment of others in support of your own self-importance is rational and acceptable. Using drugs and alcohol in defiance of the law (and common sense) is all right because it feels good. In other words, the popular culture has become a virtual character minefield for all kids.

I think those of us who heard Dr. King's original message are a bit wiser today and realize that our knowledge of the "right" thing to do did not come instinctively, but was learned from parents and caring adults. While we chaffed, at times, against the controls our parents, our school, and the community placed upon us, these lessons of "right" shaped our character and affirm who we are. It is critical that we help young people to constructively examine their own character and act accordingly.

Dr. King got it just right! Character transcends race, gender, socio-economic status, or ethnicity. We need to find agreement among ourselves what defines good character and then work toward helping kids develop those traits we value. Practicing them ourselves would be a good first step.

In these difficult economic times and cold winter weather, I hope this Branching Out finds you and your family in good physical, emotional, and spiritual health! We look forward to a successful and positive second semester at Theodore Roosevelt High School!

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**FEBRUARY, 2008**

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**"TRUSTWORTHINESS" IS THE FEBRUARY CHARACTER TRAIT**

During February the monthly character trait being emphasized in the Character Education Program of Kent City Schools is "Trustworthiness". Trustworthiness can be defined as being worthy of the confidence of others: being truthful, honest and trustworthy in relationships with others; acquiring sound values and seeking to live up to them in a consistent manner; modeling moral courage through truthful behavior; and being depended upon to do what's right. Other related words include: Honesty, integrity, sincerity, and dependability.

Some practical behaviors manifested by trustworthy individuals might include: never stealing someone else's possessions or ideas (cheating), telling the truth regardless of the consequences, unselfish motives, offering constructive criticism, and following convictions in spite of what peers are doing.

We want to encourage students, school staff, and families to reflect on trustworthiness and provide healthy models for others.

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**ROUGH RIDER OPEN FORUM REMINDER**

The next Open Forum will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at Roosevelt High School. Everyone is invited to bring student issues to the administration and share updates and information which you feel is important to our school. Also, remember to mark your calendars for the March and April meetings. Refreshments will be served. Please come and give your input on different issues pertaining to your High School Campus!!

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**TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM OUR CLINIC**

**WHAT'S HEPATITIS B?**

Hepatitis B is a serious virus that causes inflammation of the liver. You can be infected with hepatitis B directly, through infected blood or body fluids, or body fluids, or indirectly, by coming into contact with surfaces or objects contaminated with hepatitis B virus. Some common ways of getting hepatitis B include contact with infected blood/body fluids through:

- Sexual contact
- Sharing an infected person's toothbrush, razor or earrings.
- Eye, nose or mouth
- Needlesticks
- Cuts and scrapes during contact sports
- Body piercing or tattooing

These are some examples of how you can get a hepatitis B infection. You can be at risk and not even know it – in fact, one fourth of those infected have no identifiable risk factors and have no idea how they contracted hepatitis B.

The symptoms of hepatitis B include:

- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Upper right abdominal pain
- Fever
- Headache
- Brownish urine
- Light gray stools
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes)

The aftereffects of hepatitis B can last for quite a while, and you could feel lousy for weeks or months. Serious long-term consequences of hepatitis B include the risk of chronic infection (which means you could become a carrier and pass it on to other people), chronic liver disease and liver cancer.

**ALSO**

**THINK ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR TEEN - MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE**

**Information for Adolescents and Their Parents About Meningococcal Disease**

**What is meningococcal disease?**

Meningococcal disease is a rare, but potentially fatal bacterial infection that can cause meningitis-severe swelling of the brain and spinal cord or meningococemia-a serious blood infection. Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterium called Neisseria meningitis.

**How is the disease spread?**

The disease is spread through the exchange of fluids found in the respiratory system and throat(such as saliva or "spit"), usually through close, personal contact with someone who is infected. It is thought that certain social behaviors involving close personal contact such as sharing drinking glasses or water bottles, kissing, smoking (active or passive), or being in crowded situations may put young people at greater risk for getting meningococcal disease.

**Warning Signs and Symptoms of Meningitis:**

- \* Headache
- \* Stiff Neck
- \* Vomiting
- \* Rash of small purplish black-red dots
- \* Fever
- \* Extreme Tiredness
- \* Sensitivity to light

**Remember:**

Time is critical when it comes to treating meningococcal disease. **Contact your doctor or seek medical attention** if you suspect meningococcal disease.

**Why is it so dangerous?**

Meningococcal disease often begins with symptoms that look like other common viral illnesses such as the flu. However, unlike more common infections, meningococcal disease can get worse very rapidly, and it can kill an otherwise healthy person in 48 hours or less. In fact, up to 1 in 5 people who get meningococcal disease will die. Of those who survive, 1 in 5 will suffer from permanent disabilities such as limb amputation, severe scarring, brain damage, and hearing loss.

**Who is at risk?**

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC)indicate that meningococcal disease rates begin to rise during adolescence and peak between the ages of 15 to 24 years. Moreover, death rates from meningococcal disease are up to 5 times higher among adolescents and young adults(15 to 24 years)compared with younger populations.

**Can meningococcal disease be prevented?**

Yes. Although meningococcal disease is serious and potentially life threatening, up to 83% of the cases in adolescents and young adults are potentially vaccine preventable. The meningococcal vaccine has been demonstrated to be safe, and offers protection against 4 of the 5 most common strains of bacteria that cause the disease.

**Where can I get more information?**

- CDC at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- National Meningitis Association at [www.nmaus.org](http://www.nmaus.org)
- National Foundation of Infectious Diseases at [www.nfid.org/ncai](http://www.nfid.org/ncai)
- [www.meningococcaldisease.com](http://www.meningococcaldisease.com)

**DRIVER EDUCATION INFORMATION**

The National Driver Training School offers Driver Education as part of our Kent Community Education program. All students, including those who are home-schooled or attend other schools, are welcome to enroll. The Kent Community Education Office is located at Roosevelt High School in Room 515. All students participating in Driver Education are responsible to the Kent City School District Student Conduct code.

Each 3-week session meets six times for "in class" instruction – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. in Room 506 at Roosevelt. Students then individually schedule their 8 hours of "behind the wheel" instruction directly with National Driver Training School at 1-888-994-2200. The 24 hours of "in class" instruction and 8 hours "behind the wheel" instructions are required by law.

Students must be 15 years and 5 months of age to attend the classroom and 15 years and 6 months for the "behind the wheel" instruction. This is the law!

Fee for the course is \$320.00 payable by check or money order to Kent Community Education. Payment in full is required prior to the first day of class. Please read all dates carefully for your session to be sure that the dates do not interfere with your co-curricular activities. No refunds will be issued after the first class session. If school is cancelled due to emergency for the school day, i.e., weather, Driver Training class is also cancelled. The minimum number of students to hold a class each session is five.

**2007-2008**

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| <b>SESSION 6:</b> | <b>February 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28</b>  | <b>SESSION 8:</b>  | <b>April 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, May 1</b>                     |
| <b>SESSION 7:</b> | <b>March 11, 13, 25, 27, April 1, 3</b> | <b>SESSION 9:</b>  | <b>May 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29</b>                          |
|                   |   | <b>SESSION 10:</b> | <b>June 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19</b><br><b>(9:00 – 1:15)</b> |

**DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM**  
(CHECKS PAYABLE TO KENT COMMUNITY EDUCATION)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT NUMBER DURING CLASS TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Circle Session)

**2007-2008**

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**ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

**February is SCHEDULING MONTH for the 2008-2009 School Year**

The Guidance Department is pleased to announce that the Registration Guide for the 2008-2009 School Year is now available online at:

<http://kent.k12.oh.us/webusers/rhsnews/guidance/registrationguide.htm>

Students and parents can now view course descriptions and all registration information online in the convenience of their own home. Students can also access the information from any computer in the RHS library. A limited number of Registration Guides are available in the Guidance Office for students who do not have access to the internet.

Families of all eighth graders have been mailed a copy of the Registration Guide to review prior to the scheduling activities planned for our eighth graders during the month of February.

**EIGHTH GRADE SCHEDULING FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY!**

We welcome our eighth graders at Stanton Middle and St. Patrick Schools to Theodore Roosevelt High School this fall and look forward to meeting our students and their families as we host a number of scheduling activities and programs designed to aid in the scheduling process!

Winter snow may not have melted yet, but plans are in place for a series of special programs and activities designed to guide our students in selecting their courses for the 2008-09 school year!! The Theodore Roosevelt High School 2008-09 Registration Guide was mailed to families of all eighth graders at Stanton Middle School and St. Patrick's Elementary School during the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. It presents the complete listing and descriptions of all courses available to our students. It is not always an easy task to decide just what courses should be chosen and in what sequential order. It is critical that we all – school staff, student, and parents work together to help our students choose the course(s) and programs of study needed to help them prepare for their future.

**SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES & DATES FOR EIGHTH GRADERS**

| <u>DATE</u>                         | <u>TIME</u>   | <u>EVENT</u>   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Week of January 14                  |   | Registration Booklets mailed to homes of 8 <sup>th</sup> Grader students   |
| Friday<br>February 8                | <b>TWO SESSIONS:</b><br>8:00 – 9:55 am<br>12:00 – 2:00 pm | Stanton Middle School Only<br>Stanton Middle School & St. Patrick's School Orientation to the Scheduling Process: the Roosevelt Auditorium |
| Tuesday<br>February 12              | 7:00 – 8:30 pm  | Eighth Grade OPEN HOUSE Theodore Roosevelt High School: Parents and Students Invited!  |
| Wednesday Feb 20<br>Thursday Feb 21 | All Day   | Conference individually with eighth graders at Stanton to collect Course Registration Forms  |
| Friday<br>February 22               | 8:10 am   | Conference individually with eighth graders at St. Pat's to collect Course Registration Forms  |

**SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES 9-11**

The week of February 4 - 8 is Scheduling Week for our students presently in grades 9-11. School Counselors will visit all English classes to distribute the Course Registration Forms for the 2008-2009 school year. Counselors will provide an overview of the scheduling process, graduation requirements, special program opportunities and courses offered to specific grade level: i.e. career education programs, post-secondary option, academy programs, etc. School Counselors will be returning to English during the weeks of February 11-15, February 19-22 and February 25-29 to meet individually with each student to complete a graduation credit check, answer questions and finalize and collect their Course Registration Form for the 2008-09 school year.

**INTERESTED IN A CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM?**

More than 20 career/technical programs are offered to Theodore Roosevelt High School students in grades 10-12. To learn more about these programs, the application process and the varied scheduling options, a series of orientation programs and activities are planned for our students and their families. Check out the following:

**SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES & DATES  
FOR OUR CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>TIME</u></b>                               | <b><u>EVENT</u></b>   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Friday, February 1 | Periods 1-2 (A-L)<br>Periods 3-4 (M-Z & Bridges) | Sophomore Orientation to our Career Technical Programs  |
| Monday, Feb 4      | 3:00 pm  | Career Program Visitation Applications due In RHS Guidance Office                                       |
| Tuesday Feb 5      | Period 3   | Junior Class Meeting & Orientation to Sr. Career Technical Programs                                     |
| Friday Feb 8       | Periods 2-4                                      | Sophomores applying to A+ Certification Networking or Banking & Finance Visit Program at Cuyahoga Falls |
| Tuesday, Feb 12    | Periods 2-4                                      | Students applying to Auto Collision Visit Program at Cuyahoga Falls Front Street Location               |
| Tuesday Feb 12     | 6:30 pm – Cafeteria                              | “Showcase on Kent Career Education Programs”: Sophomore Parent Information Night                        |
| Wednesday Feb 13   | Periods 2-3<br>8:28 – 10:09                      | Kent Sophomores applying to Career Programs at Kent visit Programs                                      |
| Tuesday Feb 19     | Periods 3-4<br>9:20 – 10:45                      | Sophomores applying to Culinary Arts visit Program at Stow  |
| Friday Feb 22      | Periods 2-4                                      | Sophomores Applying to Nursery School/Educational Aide Program visit program at Tallmadge               |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Friday Feb 22              | noon                        | Applications for Career Programs at Kent, Stow, Woodridge, Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson <u>due</u> in RHS Guidance          |
| Friday Feb 22              | noon                        | Career Applications <u>due</u> for Seniors applying for CBE, Marketing and one year of selected two year career programs |
| Tuesday Feb 26             | Periods 2-4<br>9:00 – 11:00 | Sophomores Applying to Auto Technology Visit Program at Hudson   |
| Monday March 3             | Guidance/Career Ed Offices  | Manufacturing & Pre-Engineering Athletic Health Care and A+ Certification Networking Applications Due                    |
| Monday March 24            |                             | Student "Seating Day" for Manufacturing & Pre-Engineering Academy  |
| Tuesday March 25           |                             | Student "Seating Day" for Networking   |
| Wednesday March 26         |                             | Student "Seating Day" for Athletic Health Care Program   |
| Thursday March 27          |                             | "Seating Day" for all other Career Programs  |
| Week of March 31 - April 4 |                             | Students notified of acceptance in Career Programs for 2008-2009 School Year   |

### ***OHIO GRADUATION TEST RESULTS***

Ohio Graduation Test results from the fall testing were mailed home the week of January 14. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor at 330-676-8720. Students failing one or more parts of the Ohio Graduation Test will have an opportunity to retake those test(s) the week of March 3 – 7. OGT intervention help is now underway for those students who have failed one or more parts of the test and are scheduled for a second semester study hall.

### ***SENIOR CLASS GUIDANCE NEWS!***

While the rest of the student body is busy the month of February focusing on scheduling classes for the 2008-09 school year, seniors and their parents should take note to:

1. Review their graduation status in light of the end of the first semester: are you still on track to meet all your graduation requirements now that you have your semester grade card in hand? Questions...doubts...see Mr. Kline for a quick double-check.
2. Get & complete those last-minute college applications you have been hesitating to mail because you were waiting for your semester grades and revised class rank. Application deadlines for most four-year colleges are fast approaching!
3. Applying for financial aid? Do it now! Families are urged to file their FAFSA "on the web" for quick and speedy processing results, and FAFSA worksheets are available in the Guidance Office to help you.

# Ohio Graduation Tests

## MARCH 3 – 7, 2008

The State of Ohio has approved a change in testing dates for Theodore Roosevelt High School. The Ohio Graduation Tests will be administered as follows:

Reading on Monday, March 3

Mathematics on Tuesday, March 4

Writing on Wednesday, March 5

Science on Thursday, March 6

Social Studies on Friday, March 7

All sophomores are required to participate in testing, along with any juniors or seniors that must retake any section that they have not previously passed.

All freshmen, along with juniors and seniors who have previously passed the tests, will start school at 9:30 a.m. during this week.

4. The February issue of the junior/senior Guidance Info Train will be released on the web at <http://www.kentschools.net/rhs/guidance/> Check out the latest scholarship opportunities and look for the local scholarship information at the end of February.

***POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS PROGRAM DISCUSSED***  
***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 7:00 PM IN THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM***

Legislation through Senate Bill 140 created the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program that allows high school students to enroll in approved post-high school institutions (i.e. career-technical, two and four year colleges and universities) full or part-time while still in high school. A student seeking both high school and college credit for course work taken at a post-secondary institution will have all fees for the course and textbook(s) paid through a special reimbursement system established between the state department of education, school district and college.

Students interested in enrolling in the Post-Secondary Options Program MUST attend a mandatory information session with their parents scheduled for Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. At this time, school counselors will discuss the benefits and potential risks of the program, review admission requirements of colleges in the area participating in the program, and the application procedures in place for those students who wish to enroll in the program for the 2008-2009 school year.

***WINTER MUSICAL COMING SOON!***

Theodore Roosevelt High School Drama guild presents the musical ***"GUYS AND DOLLS"*** on Friday and Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Each performance will be held in the Richard Roberts Auditorium. Come join us as we listen to "Luck Be A Lady", "Take Back Your Mink", and "Sue Me", and many, many more!! Tickets will be available the week of February 25<sup>th</sup>, during the lunch periods in the cafeteria atrium. Prices are \$5.00 for students and senior citizens, and \$6.00 for adults if purchased in advance. At the door the price is \$6.00 for students and senior citizens and \$7.00 for adults. Don't miss this spectacular musical production!!

***HELP A LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

The National Honor Society is coordinating a school supply drive for one of Kent's very own elementary schools, the first in what will hopefully become an annual event. Boxes will be placed in first period classes where students can donate pencils, erasers, crayons, paper-each donation can help students who might not be able to provide themselves with the items necessary to fully participate in their education. The first period class that brings in the most will earn itself a breakfast provided by NHS, so don't forget the dates of this awesome chance to give back to the Kent community: **February 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**.

***KENT COMMUNITY EDUCATION 2007 - 08***

How would you enjoy learning Chinese?, or Scrapbooking/Storybooking; even Yoga? Well, we have these classes and more, being offered through our Career and Community Education Office. There is a flyer attached to this month's Branching Out! Check it out!! Thank you.

## ***Kent Community Education 2007-08***

***Roosevelt High School Career and Community Education Office (330) 676-8740***

***[www.kentschools.net](http://www.kentschools.net)***

***We have some new classes beginning in January and February 2008.***

***Minimum registration numbers must be reached before a program can be offered.***

### **Yoga**

Stressed, tired, exhausted? Andrea Bussinger, Certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Practitioner, will be offering a one-hour class beginning in February to help you relax. All levels are welcome. Gentle to moderate poses combined with guided relaxation, breathing and philosophy to meet the interests of the group will be presented. Cost will be \$50.00 for 7 sessions. Dates and times will be available on line and through the Community Education office at 330-676-8740, after January 7, 2008. Please check our web page listed above. Click on Community Education Menu.

### **Digital Scrapbooking/Storybooking**

Join Mandy Seymour and tap your creative talents with digital scrap booking and story booking. Taught in our computer lab, you can learn to create great memories. Class details, cost, dates and times will be available on line and through our Community Education Office at 330-676-8740, after January 7, 2008. Please check our web page listed above. Click on Community Education Menu.

### **Mandarin Chinese Language Classes for Adults**

Kent City Schools through Kent Community Education is pleased to host Mandarin Chinese instructor Lei Yang. Lei Yang joined the Kent Schools community in August through a partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and China. As a Mandarin teacher, Lei Yang has 11 years of teaching experience in the Kunming Foreign Language School in China. Lei Yang is excited to teach a Chinese language class for adults while teaching our elementary and secondary students during the school day. In today's global economy, the Chinese language has become very popular. Businesses might consider employee participation in this opportunity. Parents/guardians of students in our day program are encouraged to participate. In the Mandarin Chinese Language class for adults, students will have the opportunity to learn about the Chinese culture, Chinese words, phrases, conversation, and write basic Chinese characters. We are pleased to offer four sections of Chinese:

#### **Mandarin Chinese Language I**

Section One: 8 Tuesdays; January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 25

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

Section Two: 8 Thursdays; January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 27

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

Section Three: 8 Tuesdays; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

#### **Mandarin Chinese Language II**

Continue with your Mandarin Chinese Language Development. This Section Four class is offered to those students in Sections One and Two who are interested in extending their language and cultural development of Mandarin Chinese

Section Four: 8 Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

Prerequisite: Section One or Two

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

***These new offerings and our Spring class schedule including Sign Language, Tai Chi, Smoking/Weight Loss Seminars, Watercolor Painting, Guitar and Pottery Classes and more will be on our [www.kentschools.net](http://www.kentschools.net) website.***

***Minimum registration numbers must be reached before a program can be offered. Click on Kent Community Education, then 2007-2008 brochure. Most spring class begin in February. Additional brochures are available at local public libraries, Kent School buildings and the Board Office.***

**PROJECT UNITY HOSTS A CELEBRATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Theodore Roosevelt High School's Project Unity and Bread of Life Ministries Youth will host "Gospel Festival 2008 - The Common Denominator". Several churches in the community and surrounding areas will participate in this gala event. This annual event helps raise scholarship funding for our graduating Seniors. Our youth have decided this year to give some of the proceeds back to the community. Please join us on Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Richard Roberts Auditorium, at Roosevelt High School.

Tickets are available from members of Project Unity, several Roosevelt personnel or at Roosevelt High School box office the day of the Gospel Festival for \$5.00. See the flyer attached to this month's Branching Out!! Don't miss this spectacular event!!

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**CLASS OF 2011 NEWS**

The 2011 class advisors, Mrs. Titus and Mrs. Schlupe along with the officers, are planning a freshmen lock-in!! The date is Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting to plan the event and would like input from as many students as possible. **PARENTS:** Please have your 9<sup>th</sup> grader (s) check the news board in the cafeteria and listen to announcements for dates and information. We also need some parents to help to make food and chaperone. Please watch the Branching Out and the web site for more information. **If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Schlupe - 330-676-8778, or Mrs. Titus - 330-676-8883, or the main office at the high school - 330-676-8700.**

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**MRSA INFORMATION STAPH INFECTION**

Parents:

Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a type of "staph" infection that is resistant to many antibiotics and frequently causes skin infections. Common signs of a skin infection include redness, warmth, swelling and tenderness. Often a MRSA infection will look like a spider bite, boil, abscess or turf burn. If it is left untreated, it could progress into a more serious illness. MRSA skin infections are generally spread by skin-to-skin contact or by direct contact with the infected wound drainage. They may also be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces or things such as sports equipment or personal hygiene items, such as towels and razors. **MRSA skin infections are not spread through the air.**

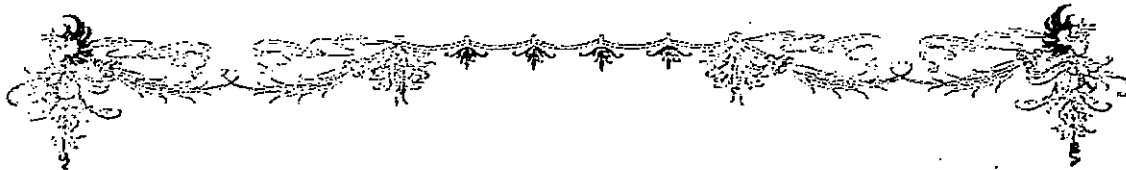
The presence of MRSA is not unique to Portage County. Infections of MRSA are occurring across the county and they have become more common within athletic and household settings.

You and your child(ren) can increase protection from infections by practicing good hygiene. This means:

- Keeping hands clean by washing with soap and water for 20-30 seconds (about the time it takes to sing your abc's once or sing the Happy Birthday Song twice);
- Using alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and showering after physical activity such as practice and games.
- Covering any open skin area such as abrasions or cuts with a clean dry bandage;
- Avoiding sharing personal items such as towels and razors;
- Using a barrier (e.g. clothing or a towel) between your skin and shared equipment;
- And wiping surfaces or equipment before and after use.

Please be aware of the signs and symptoms of MRSA. If you or a family member has the symptoms described above, please contact your medical provider.

For more information, please visit the Ohio Department of health website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> or call the Portage County Health Department at 330-296-9919.



# *Gospel Festival 2008*

## *"The Common Denominator"*



*Hosted by: Project Unity & Bread of Life Ministries*

Master of Ceremony: Wayne Dawson, Fox 8 News

Location: Theodore Roosevelt High School  
Auditorium, 1400 North Mantua Street,  
Kent, Ohio 44240

When: Sunday, February 3, 2008, 4:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance or at the door

*Several churches in the community and surrounding areas will participate in this gala event. Proceeds benefit the Lillie Gayle Smith Scholarship Awards.*



# Six District Educational Compact

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Fall 2007

To our Roosevelt parents:

## **YOU CAN open doors to your child's future right at Roosevelt High School!**

As you help your high school sophomore make decisions about high school course choices for the next two years, consider the benefits of a Career Program or College Tech Prep Initiative. In the Six District Educational Compact, your student can be prepared with real-world technical and career skills and go to college.

Of the choices listed on the back of this letter, take a look at **Business Careers Technologies, Career Based Intervention, Career Paths for the Teaching Profession, Cooperative Business Education, Cosmetology, Electronics Technology, Health Careers Technologies, Marketing Education, Professional CAD/Manufacturing Technologies, Remodeling and Construction and Urban Forestry/Landscape Horticulture** – all taught at RHS.

Your student can choose any Career-Technical program at **no cost to you**, although some require student fees. **Transportation is provided to the five other Compact schools** where students can choose Automotive Technologies, Culinary Arts and Catering and lots of other great options. **Schedules are flexible, and most programs are half-day.** Our students take required and elective classes at their home school, where they can participate in sports and activities.

And, I believe you will be impressed to learn that **nearly 70 percent of Compact Career Program completers continued their education or employment after high school in career fields related to what they studied in their Career-Technical programs.** College Prep English and science classes are offered in conjunction with a number of our Career Programs. Students definitely meet graduation requirements and college prerequisites with other electives.

Our students **earn college scholarships**, and others are **able to finance their own college education** by working part-time using technical skills they learned in these programs. Most Compact programs also integrate the use of **computers and high-level software** and offer **internships and job shadowing opportunities.**

Please encourage your student to learn more by taking part in the **Career Orientation for sophomores at Roosevelt High School on Friday, February 1.** Interested students can spend time in the labs and classrooms of our Career Programs both at Roosevelt and at our other schools during Visitation Days in February and March. **Call your school counselor, Aaron Carlton at 330-676-8720 to sign up.**

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Stanchina  
Executive Director of the Six District Educational Compact

**P.S. See our programs on our new Compact DVD and read about them in the 2008-2009 Compact Catalog. Your sophomore will receive both at the February 1 assembly. Visit our website at [www.sixdistrict.com](http://www.sixdistrict.com).**



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## ***Career Programs 2008-2009***

### **College Tech Prep Initiatives**

- Athletic Health Care and Fitness – Roosevelt High School
- A+ Certification and Networking – Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Manufacturing and Pre-Engineering Academy – Roosevelt and Stow-Munroe Falls high schools

### **Career Programs**

- Administrative Office Technology – Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Automotive Specialization – Hudson High School
- Automotive Technologies – Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson high schools
- Banking and Financial Services Pathway – Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Business Careers Technologies/ Pathway – Roosevelt, Stow-Munroe Falls and Tallmadge high schools
- Career Based Intervention- Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Stow-Munroe Falls, Roosevelt, Tallmadge and Woodridge high schools
- Career Paths for the Teaching Profession – Roosevelt High School
- Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing – Woodridge High School
- Cooperative Business Education – Roosevelt and Stow-Munroe Falls high schools
- Cosmetology – Cuyahoga Falls and Roosevelt high schools
- Culinary Arts and Catering – Stow-Munroe Falls High School
- Electronics Technology – Roosevelt High School
- Health Careers Technologies – Roosevelt High School
- Marketing Design – Cuyahoga Falls High School
- Marketing Education – Cuyahoga Falls, Roosevelt, Stow-Munroe Falls and Tallmadge high schools
- Preschool/Daycare/Educational Aide– Tallmadge High School
- Professional CAD/Manufacturing Technologies – Roosevelt High School
- Remodeling and Construction – Roosevelt High School
- Urban Forestry/Landscape Horticulture – Roosevelt High School



# Travel to ROME in 2009



<http://www.kentschools.net/rhs/latin/italy>

The Latin classes at RHS are planning a trip to Rome during the Spring Break of 2009. The trip promises to be a once in a lifetime experience and we are trying to get the word out to the parents of RHS students who may be interested in traveling with us. You don't even have to be a Latin student!

**We welcome students, parents, or anyone else wanting to travel with our group.**

*UPDATE: The early registration deadline of for the 2009 trip is March 31, 2008. Travelers who sign up and pay the \$95 registration fee by 05/01/08 will lock in at the current 2009 prices! Please visit our website for more info! Note: On-line registration form is now available for the 2009 trips, so travelers can complete their application and payment on-line. Visit our website for the link!*

We have scheduled our next meeting in early April for those that were unable to attend the previous two meetings last December. Please contact Rob Susel at RHS (676-8880) if you are unable to attend or check out the Rome Trip link on the Latin web site at: <http://www.kentschools.net/rhs/latin/italy>

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Rob Susel  
ke\_rsusel@kentschools.net

John Phillips  
ke\_jphillips@kentschools.net

## Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 1, 2007  
RHS Library  
6:30-7:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 3, 2008  
RHS Library  
6:30-7:30 P.M.

## Itinerary:

Day 1-2: Departure from the USA - Arrival in Rome. We drive south around the beautiful Bay of Naples to the delightful seaside town of Sorrento. Orange and lemon plantations abound. The rest of the day is free to explore the town.

Day 3: Isle of Capri-Sorrento: Today we board the boat to cross the Bay of Sorrento to Capri, the "Island of Dreams." Arriving on the island, we take the funicular to the main piazza, passing sub-tropical gardens. There is time to wander through the myriad of lanes and shop in the tiny artisan stores that line the square. The day is free to explore the town.

Day 4: Amalfi-Pompeii: Today's drive takes us along the breathtaking coastline from Sorrento to Salerno. We stop briefly at Amalfi to see the wonderful cathedral and shop. Then we continue to Pompeii. Buried by 23 feet of volcanic ash and mud by the eruption of nearby Vesuvius in 79AD, it provides a time capsule of life as it was nearly 2000 years ago.

Day 5: Cumae-Tivoli-Rome: We head back to Rome with a stop at Cumae, where the Sybil lived. Afterward we head to Tivoli to visit the villa of the emperor Hadrian. Then it is on to the capital city, Rome, for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Rome: Morning sightseeing introduces us to ancient Rome. Enjoy the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine and a guided tour of the Forum. Afternoon is yours to explore the city.

Day 7: Rome: Morning visit to the mother church of the Catholic world, St. Peter's. Also included are the Vatican and entrance to the Sistine Chapel. Optional afternoon excursions are available or enjoy the sights on your own. This evening there is a pizza dinner, Roman style.

Day 8: Rome: Today you may wish to take an optional full day trip aboard the high speed train to the cradle of the Renaissance, Florence. Journey time is two hours. Sightseeing will show you Michelangelo's David, Santa Croce, and Piazza della Signoria, or shop the abundance of reasonably priced leather & gold. Or if you prefer, further explore the wonderful city of Rome.

Day 9: Return to the U.S.A.



KENT CITY SCHOOLS

# UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

Dear Kent Parents,

Three important events in the Kent City Schools are happening in February. I want to make sure you have marked your calendars for the 1964 Beatles Tribute Band concert on February 2, our first community Strategic Planning Dialogue on February 11, and our spaghetti dinner fundraiser on February 15. Here are all the details!

On **Saturday, February 2**, the Rough Rider All-Sports Boosters are hosting the return of the 1964 Beatles Tribute Band. Last year's concert was a sell-out success, and the proceeds were spent on our Kent student-athletes. The Boosters and I are counting on the enormous popularity of the Beatles' music and the Tribute Band's outstanding imitation of music and even stage presence to fill the auditorium again. It truly is a family event!

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee currently is working hard to prepare for our first **Community Dialogue on Monday, February 11, at 7 p.m.**, in the Roosevelt cafeteria. At this large community forum, the public and Kent school community will be asked to provide input on a variety of areas, such as our curriculum, technology, communications, facilities and others. Round table discussions will be our method to hear everything you have to say about future directions of Kent Schools. Please plan to attend this important Community Dialogue. Help us to plan Kent Schools' future!

Immediately before the boys' basketball home game against the Field Falcons, the Citizens for the Kent Schools are planning a community spaghetti dinner on **Friday, February 15**, in the Roosevelt cafeteria. These Kent citizens and school staff members have been the support group for the Kent Board of Education for many years. Please join us for this fun time of great food and community fellowship. Take-out orders will be available before 5 p.m., and the dining room will be open for business between 5 and 7 p.m.

As always, my office door remains open. Feel free to call me with your questions or concerns about Kent Schools.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Joe Giancola  
Superintendent

## Theodore Roosevelt High School - February 2008

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thur   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |  | 1<br>7:35AM Sophomore Career Technical Programs Orientation<br>9:20AM DECA Pink Door Decorating Competition-3rd Per. Classes<br>11:00AM Bridges Report Card Lunch<br>2:00PM Pink Pep Rally for Breast Cancer Awareness<br>6:00PM B JV BK Crestwood HS<br>7:30PM B V BK Crestwood HS                                   | 2<br>TBA G FR BK @ Smesko Tournament at Revere<br>8:00PM Rough Rider All Sports Boosters Fundraiser-1964 Beatles Tribute Concert   |
| 3<br>3:00PM Project Unity Gospel Festival at RHS          | 4<br>TBA B V IH @ Baron Cup Tournament Begins  | 5<br>7:35AM Senior Class Guidance Assembly<br>9:20AM Junior Class Career/Technical Programs Assembly  | 6<br>3:30PM B V BO James A. Garfield H.S.<br>3:30PM G V BO James A. Garfield H.S.<br>6:00PM B FR BK @ Field HS<br>6:00PM G JV BK Field HS<br>7:30PM G V BK Field HS | 7  | 8<br>TBA B V WR @ PTC Tournament<br>8:00AM 8th Grade Scheduling Orientation #1 at RHS<br>10:10AM Graduation Announcement Order Day #1<br>12:00PM 8th Grade Scheduling Orientation #2 at RHS<br>6:00PM B JV BK @ Norton HS<br>7:30PM B V BK @ Norton HS  | 9<br>TBA B V WR @ PTC Tournament<br>7:30AM ACT Test at RHS<br>1:00PM G JV BK @ St. Vincent-St. Mary HS<br>7:00PM B V BO @ PTC Conference Tournament<br>1:00PM G V BO @ PTC Conference Tournament<br>2:30PM G V BK @ St. Vincent-St. Mary HS<br>7:00PM Winter Ball at Twin Lakes CC |
| 10  | 11<br>TBA B V IH @ StateTournament Begins<br>7:35AM NHS School Supply Drive-1st Period Classes<br>7:00PM KCS Community Dialogue at RHS | 12<br>7:30AM National Math Exam<br>7:35AM NHS School Supply Drive-1st Period Classes<br>6:00PM B JV BK @ Akron Kenmore HS<br>6:30PM 10th GRADE CAREER-TECHNICAL OPEN HOUSE<br>7:00PM 8th GRADE OPEN HOUSE<br>7:30PM B V BK @ Akron Kenmore HS | 13<br>7:35AM NHS School Supply Drive-1st Period Classes<br>10:10AM Graduation Announcement Order Day #2   | 14<br>TBA B FR BK @ Garfield Tournament<br>7:35AM NHS School Supply Drive-1st Period Classes                   | 15<br>TBA B V WR @ OHSAA Sectionals Begin<br>7:35AM NHS School Supply Drive-1st Period Classes<br>12:15PM EARLY RELEASE DAY-STUDENTS<br>12:30PM FACULTY INSERVICE<br>5:00PM Citizens for Kent Schools Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser(Prior to Boys Basketball Game)<br>6:00PM B JV BK Field HS<br>7:30PM B V BK Field HS | 16<br>TBA B FR BK @ Garfield Tournament<br>1:00PM B V BO @ OHSAA State Tournament<br>12:00PM G V BO @ OHSAA State Tournament   |
| 17<br>5:00AM RHS Ski/Snowboard Day Trip to Holiday Valley | 18<br>PRESIDENT'S DAY-NO SCHOOL  | 19<br>Girls Lacrosse Begins<br>7:00PM BOE Mtg. at Franklin<br>7:00PM Rough Rider Open Forum   | 20<br>8:30AM Black History Month Career Fair  | 21   | 22<br>INTERIM GRADES CLOSE<br>TBA B V WR @ OHSAA Districts Begin<br>7:35AM Student Council Leadership Workshop<br>9:00AM MH Class Bowl-a-Thon<br>6:00PM Amnesty Club Benefit Concert  | 23<br>9:00AM B V BO @ OHSAA District Tournament  |
| 24<br>9:00AM G V BO @ OHSAA District Tournament           | 25<br>Boys Lacrosse Begins<br>7:00PM Instrumental Music Boosters   | 26  | 27<br>7:00PM Post Secondary Educational Options Meeting   | 28<br>INTERIM GRADE REPORTS DISTRIBUTED<br>TBA B V WR @ OHSAA StateTournament<br>6:00PM Winter Musical Preview | 29<br>TBA B V BO @ OHSAA StateTournament<br>7:30PM Winter Musical   |  |