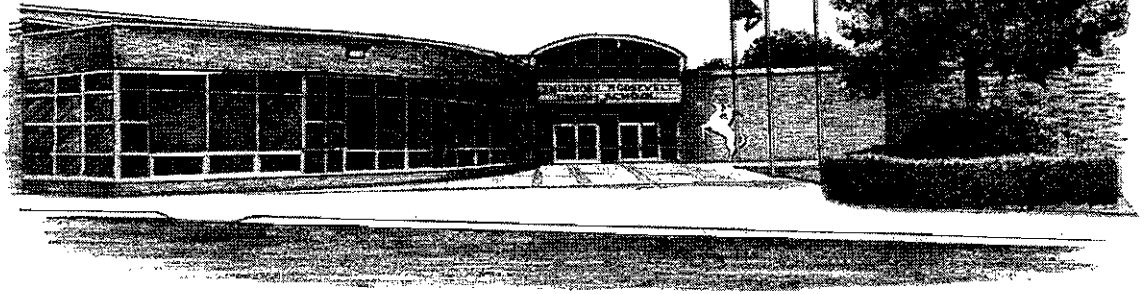




BRANCHING OUT

Roosevelt
High
School



February 2009

Dear Friends,

Being born and raised in northeastern Ohio, I should be able to shake off the effects of this winter weather that just won't quit. It seems that the snow has been with us since early November. I'm sure the skiers are ecstatic and I am happy for them. For the rest of us, not so much!

In the midst of this January weather, we celebrated Martin Luther King Day and witnessed the inauguration of the first man of color, Barack Obama, who was elected President of the United States. Regardless of our own individual politics, to witness this historical event, affirming the constitutional liberties we all enjoy and the guarantee of opportunity that lay before us all, was moving. Within the context of Reverend King's words of judging a man by the content of his character and the President's call to take personal responsibility in all we do, there are great lessons for our children in achieving success!

My biggest fear is that many of us, regardless of the factual nature of what we witnessed, will continue to cling to our own beliefs like baggage that we cannot just let go of. Mark Slouka, a contributor for the February 2009 Harper's Magazine, touches on the issue. He suggests many American's almost feel comfort with their ignorance about things that really matter, like history, politics, foreign language, science, race relations, economics, and current affairs, but relish in their love affair for the superficiality of pop culture. Most don't know what a P/E ratio is, but can spit out batting averages, shooting percentages, win loss records, and the most mundane of pro sports statistics. Many struggle with establishing meaningful family relationships, but can tell you the details of the ongoing Brad, Angelina, Jennifer saga. Still others cannot recount the history of our country, but can recite in detail every character of the fictional Lord of the Rings series.

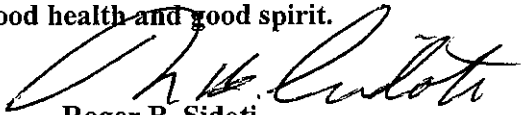
None of these superficial distractions is inherently wrong and bring some entertainment to our lives and, as scary as it sounds, some comfort. We tend to ascribe to them a higher priority and importance than seeking knowledge and understanding of those real things that impact our lives. We even cling to completely false knowledge about something because it is easier than finding the facts and the truth.

My hope is that the events of this past January will serve as a new framework for having meaningful conversations about race relations in our country during February's Black History Month activities. While some may still want to cling to old prejudicial stereotypes, it is our responsibility to point out the ignorance of these beliefs and encourage all young people, regardless of their race, to take full advantage of the opportunities we are blessed to have in this country. We need to make a priority the understanding of those real things that impact their lives, and reduce our infatuation with those artificial distractions

that have taken over. To meet the challenge of Dr. King, we need to emphasize for our young people those character traits that will help them take advantage of these opportunities and contribute to the well being of all of our citizens. To do anything less is a denial of the lessons learned with the inauguration of our new president.

I hope this Branching Out finds your family in good health and good spirit.

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Roger B. Sidoti
Principal

FEBRUARY, 2009

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FEBRUARY CHARACTER TRAIT IS "TRUSTWORTHINESS"

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.



RHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CHALLENGE

Fifty plus Roosevelt High School junior and senior students compiled a personal financial file box as part of a project in Mrs. Beth Schluep's **Managing Your Life and Your Personal Finances and Preparing Yourself for College** classes. The project was made possible through a financial education grant awarded to Kent Credit Union from the Ohio Credit Union League. Each file box contains the necessary files, folders and labels for the students to establish a system for organizing and maintaining financial and other important personal papers.

Thirty-five students in Mrs. Schluep's **Managing Your Life and Your Personal Finances** classes participated in the **U. S. Department of the Treasury's Fall 2008 National Financial Literacy Challenge**. This on-line assessment tested students on a wide range of financial topics. Certificates of Recognition were awarded to students who scored in the top 25th percentile of the more than 75,000 students who took the test nationwide. Roosevelt students earning a certificate were: **Brittany C. Arnold, August D. Fagerstrom, Kellie Foster, Keonna S. French, Julie A. Frogge, Kyle Long, Wes Pennell, Drew J. Phalen, and Corine L. Tracy**. Congratulations students!



THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

The Theodore Roosevelt High School's Drama Guild will be presenting the musical **"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"**, on Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th, at 7:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. The performance will be held in the Richard Roberts Auditorium. Please come join us as we listen to "Tradition" and "Match Maker", plus many, many more!! Tickets will be available the week of March 2nd during the lunch periods in the cafeteria atrium. Prices are \$6.00 for students and senior citizens, and \$7.00 for adults if purchased in advance. At the door the price will be \$7.00 for students and senior citizens, and \$8.00 for adults. Don't miss this spectacular musical production !!



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

February is **SCHEDULING MONTH** for the 2009-2010 School Year

The Guidance Department is pleased to announce that the Registration Guide for the 2009-2010 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 2009-10 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 2009-10 school year! The Theodore Roosevelt High School 2009-10 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 12th- 16th. 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 12		Registration Booklets mailed to homes of 8 th Grade students
Thursday February 12	TWO SESSIONS: 8:00 – 9:55 am 12:00 – 2:00 pm	Stanton Middle School Only Stanton Middle School & St. Patrick's School Orientation to the Scheduling Process: the Roosevelt Auditorium
Thursday February 19	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Eighth Grade OPEN HOUSE at Theodore Roosevelt High School: Parents and Students Invited!
Monday March 2 - Thursday March 5	All Day	Conference individually with eighth graders at Stanton to collect Course Registration Forms
Friday March 6	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 9 - 13 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 2009-2010 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 16-20 and February 23-27 to facilitate student course requests and follow-up individually with each student to complete a graduation credit check, answer questions and finalize their Course Registration Form for the 2009-10 school year.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM?

More than 22 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME/PLACE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday Feb 6	Periods 1-2 (A-L) Periods 3-4 (M-Z & Bridges)	Sophomore Class Orientation to our Career Education Programs
Monday Feb 9	3:00 pm	Career Program Visitation Forms due in Guidance Office at RHS
Tuesday Feb 10	Period 3	Junior Class Meeting & Orientation to senior Career Education Programs
Wednesday Feb 11	Periods 2-4 8:30 – 11:00 am	Sophomores applying to Networking, Banking Finance, visit programs at Cuyahoga Falls
Friday Feb 13	Periods 2-4 9:00 – 11:00 am	Sophomores applying to Auto Collision visit program at Cuyahoga Falls Front St. location
Tuesday Feb 17	Periods 3-4 9:20 – 10:45 am	Sophomores applying to the Culinary Arts and Aviation Programs visit programs at Stow
Wednesday Feb 18	Periods 2-4 9:00 – 11:00 am	Sophomores applying to Auto Technology visit program at Hudson
Thursday Feb 19	6:30 pm – Cafeteria Athletic Health Room 137 Engineering Room 501	SHOWCASE ON KENT OPEN HOUSE Sophomore Career Technical Programs and College Tech Prep Programs
Friday Feb 20	Periods 2-4 9:00 – 11:00 am	Sophomores applying to the Pre-School/ Educational Aide and Theater Arts Career Programs visit programs at Tallmadge
Wednesday Feb 25	Periods 3-5 9:30 – 10:30 am	Stow, Woodridge and Tallmadge visit Career Technical Programs at Kent City Schools
Thursday Feb 26	Periods 2-3	Kent Sophomores applying to Career Education Programs at Kent visit program areas

Thursday Feb 26	7:00 pm Choral Room	Mandatory Student/Parent Meeting for Students interested in Post-Secondary Options Program
Friday Feb 27	Periods 3-5 9:30 – 10:30 am	Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson visit Career Technical Programs at Kent
	Noon in Guidance Dept	Applications Due: Career programs at Kent Stow, Woodridge, Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson Seniors applying for CBE, Marketing & one year of select two-year Career Programs
Tuesday March 3	Noon in Guidance or Career Office	Applications Due: Manufacturing & Pre-Engineering, Athletic Health Care, A+ Certification, Aviation Careers & Networking Academies
Week of March 9 - 13		Student/Instructor interviews held for Career Technical Programs at Kent
Monday March 16		Student "Seating Day" for Manufacturing & Pre-Engineering Academy
Tuesday March 17		Student "Seating Day" for Networking & Aviation
Wednesday, March 18		Student "Seating Day" for Athletic Health Care
Thursday March 19		Student "Seating Day" for Career Paths Teaching Profession and Urban Forestry
Week of March 30 – April 3		Students notified of acceptance in Career Programs for 2009-2010 School Year

OHIO GRADUATION TEST RESULTS

Ohio Graduation Test results from the fall testing were mailed home the week of January 20. 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 9 – 13. 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 2009-10 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 Mrs. Bubenzer 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.
4. The Guidance Office has a new and improved web site for students and parents. Keep up with the latest information and news releases at: <http://kentschools.net/rhs/guidance/>

**POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS PROGRAM DISCUSSED
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 7:00 PM IN THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM**

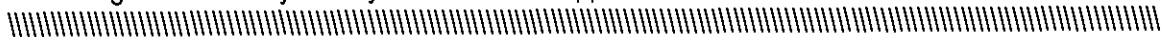
Legislation through Senate Bill 140 created the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program that allows high school students to enroll in approved post-high school institutions (i.e. career-technical, two and four year colleges and universities) full or part-time while still in high school. A student seeking 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 Thursday, February 26th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the choir room. 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 2009-2010 school year.



LOOKING FOR SOME EXCITEMENT? MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!! All members of the Kent Community. Have any plans for St. Patrick's Day? Well, why not spend it with the rest of the Roosevelt Community by cheering on Kent Roosevelt's staff and their Senior class in a basketball game? On March 17th, the 2nd Annual Senior vs. Staff Basketball game hosted by the Class of 2010 will be held. Refreshments and snacks will be available to purchase during the game. So look out for more details in next month's edition of Branching Out! Thank you for your continued support of the Class of 2010.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOLS DECA SUPPORTS OPERATION "SMILE"!

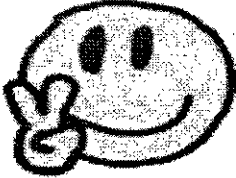
This year, Roosevelt seniors, Jessica Giulitto and Jacob Miller are heading up DECA's Community Service Project. They have chosen to support Operation Smile, a global service organization that raises money in order to implement reconstructive surgery for children with cleft palates and other facial deformities. During the week of February 16th, DECA, will be sponsoring "Smile Week" at Theodore Roosevelt High School. From a photo booth to a professional, motivational speaker, a lot will be going on! For more information, please call our office at (330) 676-8862 or e-mail them at rooseveltdeca@gmail.com. Donations to their project are more than appreciated and can be sent directly to Kent Roosevelt DECA – 1400 N. Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio 44240. You can also donate to Operation Smile directly through their website, www.OperationSmile.org. If you choose to support their project in this way, let our DECA students here at Roosevelt know! A flyer is attached to this month's Branching Out also. Thank you.



Realizing the Power of A Smile

What? Theodore Roosevelt High School DECA is sponsoring Smile Week at TRHS!

Smile



Why? All profits from the week will be donated directly to Operation Smile!

Week

When? Tuesday, February 17-
Friday, February 20

Where? Theodore Roosevelt High School

To donate to Smile Week or directly to Operation Smile, contact Jessica Giulitto or Jacob Miller at (330) 676-8862 or e-mail at rooseveltdeca@gmail.com!

Heart for Hiram Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction

Who: Kent Roosevelt DECA and the Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community Committee



What: Heart for Hiram Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction!

When: February 14th, 2009

Where: Twin Lakes Country Club

Why: To help the Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community, a non-profit organization that will provide opportunities for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders to live, learn and grow, get started.

To buy tickets for the event contact Kristin Willson or Jennifer DeLuke at 330-676-8862 publicrelationsdeca@gmail.com.

KENT COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN!

Roosevelt High School Career and Community Education Office are announcing their new classes being offered, which are listed below. If you have any further questions, please contact them at 330-676-8740, or their website is: www.kentschools.net

Here is a list of the new classes being offered through our Community Education Department:

Body Sculpting – Weight Training
Phenomenal Abdominals
Osteoporosis Workshop
Tai Chi
Mandarine Chinese I & II
Watercolor Painting
Weight Control Seminar
Stop Smoking Seminar
Guitar 101 & Guitar 201
American Red Cross Babysitter's

Acting Workshop for Children & Adults
Community Yoga
Learn to Knit – Knitting 101
Knitting 102 – Just Beyond the Basics
Don't Just Survive Motherhood: Live It!
Conflict Resolution
Managing Change and Resistance
Ohio Boating Education Course
Sign Language
Zumba

Kent City Schools also offers Adult Basic Literacy Education, ESOL, and GED classes throughout the school year. Please call **Compact ABE at 330-676-8668** for more information and class schedules.



PROJECT UNITY FESTIVAL COMING SOON!

“Project Unity” is proud to host the **2009 GOSPEL FESTIVAL: “A NEW BEGINNING”**. We are encouraging our local businesses and organizations to participate in this fundraising event that will benefit the **LILLIE GAYLE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**. This scholarship helps our seniors and other deserving youth in the area. Please join us on Sunday, February 15, 2009, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Richard Roberts Auditorium at Roosevelt High School. The cost is \$5.00, and you may purchase your tickets in advance or at the door.



We hope you, the community, and all your family and friends, will come out and enjoy this wonderful event and celebrate Black History Month with our RHS family!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Pamela Echols-Kelley – 330-673-7166. Thank you!



NEW POLICY REGARDING STUDENTS IN THE BUILDING AFTER SCHOOL!

As a community of students, faculty, and staff which values learning, caring, and creativity. Theodore Roosevelt High School works to serve the many different students and their needs. For a variety of reasons, many students who are walkers or open-enrollment waiting for a ride need to remain in the building after the scheduled school day. In order to maintain the safe community of RHS, our administration has recently implemented a new after-school supervision program.

Once school is over, **students should exit the building by 2:50 p.m. or report to a supervised study area in room 506!!** Susan Black or Curtis Ahrens will be supervising until 4:00 p.m. Any student involved in athletics, clubs, or other activities, should report to the designated meeting area by 2:50 p.m. Additionally, our custodial staff will begin closing the hallway gates at 4:00 pm. To prevent unsupervised students from wandering the hallways.

DRIVER EDUCATION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM

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 classroom 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 (440) 248-8552. The 24 hours of classroom 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. General information regarding the law and driver education is on the back of this form.

The fee for sessions **1, 2, 3, and 4** is **\$320** payable by check, cash, or money order to Kent Community Education. Payment in full is required prior to the first day of class. Due to the increasing costs of gasoline, the fee for Sessions 6 through 10 will be determined in December. 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 canceled due to emergency for the school day, i.e., weather, Driver Training class is postponed. The minimum number of students to hold a class each session is five.

DRIVERS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please make checks payable to: KENT COMMUNITY EDUCATION)

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT NUMBER DURING DRIVING CLASS TIME

(Please Circle Session)

Date _____ Check Number _____ Money Order _____

Driver Education Classroom Schedule 2008-09

Session 6: February 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26: Cost \$320 Session 8: April 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: Cost \$320

Session 7: March 10, 12, 17, 19, 31, April 2: Cost \$320 Session 9: May 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28: Cost \$320

Session 10: June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (9:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m.) Cost: \$320



"1964"...The Tribute

Theodore Roosevelt High School

February 7th at 8:00 p.m.

"Revisit a time in music that changed the world forever. World class act
"1964"...The Tribute, only out-classed by the Beatles themselves."

Jean Catharell, Liverpool Beatlescene

"1964...The Tribute is
the number one Beatles
show on Earth." –

Rolling Stone Magazine



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"The Number One Beatles Show on Earth!" Rolling Stone Magazine
"2800 Shows and 23 years later.....hands down the Number One Beatles Show
in the World!... 1964 Creates the Magic like no one else." Dick Clark

"1964"...The Tribute
<http://www.1964thetribute.com>



*Proceeds benefit the
Rough Rider All Sports
Boosters*

"1964"...The Tribute is not endorsed by or affiliated with Apple Corps. Ltd.

You can help make this fund raiser a success by:

- Buying Tickets (*will remain at \$20 presale, \$25 at the door*)
- Selling Tickets
- Being a Corporate Sponsor
- Be a Show Patron at the \$10, \$15, or \$20 level
- Reserve Seating (*new this year*)

Proceeds benefit ALL athletes!

For more information, contact Tonya: e-mail riderboosters@sbcglobal.net or call 330-676-0104



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Every school year, principals and teachers have positive and exciting programs, and Kent City School District is making a concentrated effort to promote these activities. This includes working with the local newspapers, radio, and television stations, and also developing our own publications. The district website and other publications may include photographs, video, and/or interviews of individuals in connection with school programs, projects or events.

We want the positive news about our schools and students widely broadcast, but we must respect the privacy of children and families. This new form has been created to help the district track parental requests on this matter. Forms will be kept on file at the board office. Therefore, it will not be necessary to complete this each year. If you have any questions, call Courtney Baliman at ext. 7685.

To give your consent, we ask that you complete the form below.

- I/We, parent/guardian of _____, give permission for my child to be photographed, videotaped, and/or interviewed and included in various news media, and publications.

- I/We, parent/guardian of _____, **DO NOT** give permission for my child to be photographed, videotaped, and/or interviewed and included in various news media, and publications.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name _____, grade _____

Name _____, grade _____

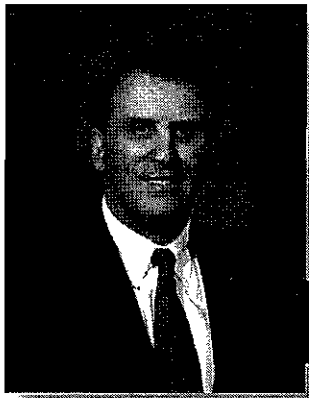
Name _____, grade _____

Name _____, grade _____

School _____

Please return the form to your building principal by February 20, 2009.

Parents please note: Please return one form per school. If you have children in more than one school please fill out more than one form and return the forms to the appropriate principal.



KENT CITY SCHOOLS

UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

Dear Kent Community Members,

As I have mentioned before, success is something for which we deliberately plan and work diligently. Other letters in the past have focused on our students' successes during the prior semester.

While not losing that focus on our students' successes, I must write you about important financial matters in the Kent Schools. We are working hard to find *cost savings* in every aspect of our operations. For example, our energy conservation program has saved us approximately \$1 million over the last five years. Another area of savings has been our health care program, where hundreds of thousands of dollars have been realized by changing to a different health care network offering better discounts to the district.

Governor Ted Strickland recently announced further reductions in state spending due to a \$640 million shortfall in the state budget. Any reductions to state funding impact Kent's school budget significantly. In the coming months, our entire staff will be engaging in a series of cost-savings meetings to trim the budget's operational costs.

During these challenging economic times, I want to offer some information that could help our Kent families. At any time during the school year, you may apply for our federal program of *Free or Reduced-Price* meal benefits, which include both breakfast and lunch. Simply call your building principal or secretary for the necessary form to complete. All information will be kept strictly confidential, and your child's use of the program is not recognizable by others because of our new, computerized "Point-of-Sale" system, called POS. The POS system, used by all of our cafeteria cashiers, protects your child's confidential information.

In closing, as the nation and Ohio move delicately through a fragile economic period, I am hopeful that our students, parents, and school district will endure these times. By finding cost savings in our budget, the Kent Schools will do everything possible to preserve the district's and community's financial stability.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Joe Giancola
Superintendent

Theodore Roosevelt High School - February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 1:00PM G JV BK Field HS 2:30PM G V BK Field HS 6:00PM G FR BK @ Coventry	3 3:30PM B V BO @ Ravenna HS 3:30PM G V BO @ Ravenna HS 6:00PM Prom Works 6:00PM B JV BK Nordonia HS 7:30PM B V BK Nordonia HS	4 3:30PM B V BO East Canton High School 3:30PM G V BO East Canton High School 4:00PM Ski Club at Brandywine 6:00PM B FR BK Crestwood HS 6:00PM G JV BK @ Crestwood HS 7:30PM G V BK @ Crestwood HS	5 3:00PM Solo & Ensemble Recital 7:15PM B V IH Olmsted Falls HS	6 TBA B MS WR PTC Middle School Tournament 7:35AM Sophomore Career Technical Programs Orientation-Last Name A-L 9:20AM Sophomore Career Technical Programs Orientation-Last Name M-Z and Bridges 6:00PM B JV BK @ Springfield HS 7:30PM B V BK @ Springfield HS 7:30PM B V IH @ Amherst Steele	7 TBA B MS WR PTC Middle School Tournament TBA B V BO @ PTC Tournament at Akron Bowl TBA G V BO @ PTC Tournament at Akron Bowl 7:00AM ACT Test at RHS 8:00AM Solo & Ensemble Contest at Crestwood 1:00PM G JV BK @ Akron Garfield 2:30PM G V BK @ Akron Garfield 8:00PM Rough Rider All Sports Boosters Fundraiser -1964 Beatles Tribute Concert
8	9 TBA B V IH @ Baron Cup Tournament Begins	10 Registration Deadline 3/14 SAT 7:45AM Senior Class Guidance Assembly #2 9:20AM Junior Class Career/Technical Programs Assembly 6:00PM Prom Works 7:00PM Open Mic Night	11 6:00PM B FR BK @ Norton High School 6:00PM G JV BK Norton High School 7:30PM G V BK Norton High School	12 8:00AM 8th Grade Scheduling Orientation #1 at RHS 12:00PM 8th Grade Scheduling Orientation #2 at RHS 6:00PM B JV WR @ Cuyahoga Falls HS 7:00PM B V WR @ Cuyahoga Falls HS	13 TBA B V WR @ PTC Tournament @ Rootstown 10:10AM Graduation Announcement Order Day #1 6:00PM B JV BK @ Crestwood HS 7:30PM B V BK @ Crestwood HS	14 TBA B V WR @ PTC Tournament @ Rootstown
15 4:00PM Project Unity Gospel Festival at RHS 5:30PM Foreign Lang. Clubs' Broomball at KSU Ice Rink	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY-NO SCHOOL TBA B V IH @ Sectionals Begin TBA B V WR @ Sectionals Begin	17 10:10AM DECA Smile Week 6:00PM Prom Works 6:00PM B JV BK @ Lake HS 7:00PM BOE Mtg. at Franklin 7:30PM B V BK @ Lake HS	18 10:10AM DECA Smile Week 6:00PM B FR BK Field HS 6:00PM G JV BK @ Field HS 7:00PM Rough Rider Open Forum 7:30PM G V BK @ Field HS	19 10:10AM DECA Smile Week 6:30PM 10TH GRADE CAREER-TECHNICAL OPEN HOUSE 7:00PM 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE	20 INTERIM GRADES CLOSE 9:00AM MH Class Bowl-a-Thon 10:10AM Graduation Announcement Order Day #2 10:10AM DECA Smile Week 12:55PM DECA Smile Week Assembly 6:00PM B JV BK Norton High School 7:30PM B V BK Norton High School	21 7:00PM Winter Ball at Twin Lakes CC
22	23 Baseball/Softball Pitchers/Catchers Begin Boys/Girls Lacrosse Begins TBA B V WR @ Districts Begin 9:20AM HCT Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser-3rd Period Classes 7:00PM Instrumental Music Boosters	24 9:20AM HCT Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser-3rd Period Classes 10:10AM HCT Nickles for Nick Lunch Table 6:00PM Prom Works	25 7:35AM National Mathematics Exam 9:00AM Compact Career Technical Visitation to RHS 9:20AM HCT Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser-3rd Period Classes 10:10AM HCT Nickles for Nick Lunch Table 3:00PM OCAN/PCAN Meeting	26 7:35AM Interim Grade Reports Distributed 9:00AM Compact Career Technical Visitation to RHS 9:20AM HCT Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser-3rd Period Classes 10:10AM HCT Nickles for Nick Lunch Table 7:00PM Post Secondary Educational Options Meeting	27 Registration Deadline 4/4 ACT TBA State Orchestra Contest 9:00AM Compact Career Technical Visitation to RHS 9:20AM HCT Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser-3rd Period Classes 12:15PM Early Release Day-Students 12:30PM FACULTY INSERVICE 6:00PM Amnesty Club Benefit Concert 6:00PM B JV BK @ Field HS 7:30PM B V BK @ Field HS	28 TBA State Orchestra Contest