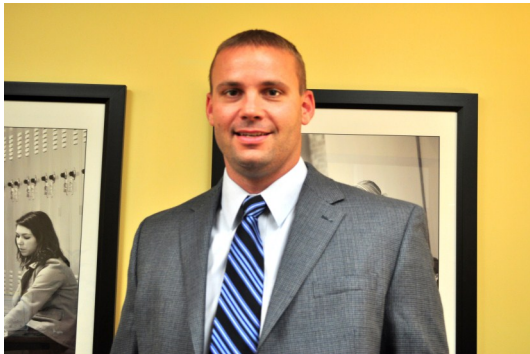


The Bridge

Rock Bridge High School Parent Teacher Student Association

It Is Great To Be A Bruin!



Mark Maus, Principal

The RB Family Rocks

What a great time to be part of the RB family. Columbia's continued demonstration of supporting public education is a testament to our students, our staff, and our city. In a period of stretched family budgets, we banded together to pass both a levy and a bond issue. This will assist us in bringing back positions that will help our students, reduce our class sizes, and ensure that we continue to be the best school district in the state of Missouri. Thank you.

The continued support that our students and staff receive from our community is unmatched in most school districts. This foundation has led to a tremendous year for our athletics and activities. What a extraordinary journey for most recent champions—the Girls Swim and Dive Team and Girls Basketball Team. Reflecting our goal of self-motivated students, both teams began the year with the goal of a state championship. Each team realized this was an attainable mission and, through their hard work and the support of family and friends, they persevered undefeated towards state championship.

Six state championships! These teams have joined the Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys Cross Country, and Cheerleading teams as state champions. Our Girls Cross Country raced to a second place state finish and our Boys Soccer team earned the third place plaque. It has been another amazing year at Rock Bridge High School and is representative of the high expectations and lofty goals that the RB family set for ourselves. I have a feeling that we're going to need to build some more trophy cases!

Continuing to demonstrate that RB pursues well-rounded student achievement, four of our school's publications have received national recognition. Just last week, our Journalism teacher and sponsor, Robin Stover, attended the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) spring conference in Seattle, Washington. Three of our publications were awarded in the Best of Show category; the winning publications were: *South-paw* (1st), *The Rock* (5th), and *Bearing News* (9th). A highlight of the spring conference was the awarding of the NSPA highest award, Pacemaker, which is given to the top publications in the nation in their respective categories. Our yearbook, *Flashback*, was a finalist for the nation's top yearbook, and *Bearing News*, which is only six months old, won NSPA's top recognition: a Pacemaker award! Wow.

On a very special note, we recently were able to celebrate the honor of Ms. Mary Grupe's recognition as Specialized Teacher of the Year by the Columbia Foundation for Academic Excellence. These awards are profoundly touching as we are all allowed a brief glimpse into the difference a teacher has made through the highly personal letters submitted by current and former students, family, and colleagues. These letters echoed Mary's unwavering support and assistance to her students as teacher, counselor, and maternal figure. No matter the obstacles, Mary never gives up on her students but encourages them to achieve at school and believe in themselves and their futures. Thank you, Mary.

Our seniors of 2012 are fast approaching graduation. The process of defining their next steps has been filled with both moments of anxiety in growth and the profound joys of accomplishment. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to help them these past three years prepare for life after high school. I am confident that I speak for our entire staff in saying we have enjoyed the journey together, and just as we will continue to have a high regard for our graduates, we know they will join in the larger community in continuing to cherish our RB family.

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Last Day of School is May 24

Note that the final day of school, May 24, is an early release day. Students will take exams in periods 1 and 2, concluding school at the end of second period, 11:07 am. Students will be dismissed at this time. Buses, however, will run on the early release schedule, picking up students at 12:30 pm.

Bruin Cup

Bruin Cup...Bruins Supporting Bruins!
6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2012 at
Columbia College, Southwell Complex



Families of Athletes, Friends & Fans -- Did you receive your Bruin Cup Invitation? The Booster Club will sponsor this all-sport athletic banquet celebrating Athletes Supporting Athletes, Academic Achievement, Athletic Success & Community Service. The Bruin Cup Student Board (BCSB) has worked very hard planning this video-driven event. Be there or be square! *See separate invite in this newsletter!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3TCEvFeNXU>

Senior All-Night Party!

11:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19— 5:00 a.m. Sunday,
May 20, Hearnese Fieldhouse

It's getting close – May 19!
 Your senior should have received their invitation in the mail. Fill it out and send it back! Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.



Contact Karen Smith, RBHS,
 442-5714 or 881-6810, karendianesmith@gmail.com
 if you need an invitation. Scholarships are available.
 See a school counselor for details.

Calendar of Events

May 2	Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, Hickman
4	Flashback Assembly, 8:00 am, gym
4/5	Theatrical Showcase, 7:00 pm, PAC, \$6
7	Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
8	Band Banquet, 5:00 pm, Cafeteria
8	Jazz Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
10	Vocal Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
11	Percussion Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
16	Senior Class Meeting, 11:15 am, gym
16	Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm, gym,
19	Commencement, 4:00 pm, MIZZOU Arena
21	Bruin Cup, 6 :30 pm, Columbia College
May 22	Sophomore & Junior Finals, 3B, 4B
23	Sophomore & Junior Finals, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
24	Sophomore & Junior Finals, 1B, 2B

For information about PAC event ticket sales, call 214-3119 or contact Mary Margaret Coffield, 214-3146 or mcoffiel@columbia.k12.mo.us.

Important Senior Dates

May 11	Senior Finals, periods 1A & 2A
May 12	Senior Prom, 9 pm-12:00 am, Stephens College
May 14	Senior Finals, periods 3B & 4B
May 14	Salute to Seniors, 7:00 pm, gym. Academic recognition (by invitation only).
May 15	Senior Finals, periods 3A, 4A
May 16	Senior Finals, periods 1B & 2B Senior Meeting at 11:15 am, gym. Cap and gown distribution
May 16	Baccalaureate, 7pm, RB Gym
May 17	Banquet, 6:30 pm, Courtyard Marriott. Ticket MUST be purchased in advance.
May 18	Senior Picnic, noon - 3:00 pm, Wilson's Beach Club
May 18	Commencement Rehearsal, 9:00 am, MIZZOU Arena
May 19	Commencement, 4:00 pm, MIZZOU Arena NOTE: Graduation is at 4:00 pm this year!
May 19	Senior All-Night Party 11:00 pm, Hearnese Fieldhouse

For more information, call 214-3110.

On web: <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/rbhs/PDF/index%20page/Class%20of%202012.html>

PTSA Notes

www.columbia.k12.mo.us/rbhs/parents/ptsa.htm

From The President's Desk

As another historical year at Rock Bridge winds down, I want to thank all of our amazingly energetic volunteers. Whether you worked at concession stands, chaperoned a school event, contributed to staff appreciation activities, worked on the newsletter, or helped in dozens of other ways, PTSA appreciates your efforts. A special thank you goes to those who chaired an activity or served on the PTSA board. This year the board included: Karen Smith (VP), Melanie Staloch (Sec.), Kellie Pemberton (Treas.), Colleen Bartok (CCPTA rep.), Brenda Walker, Kim Amiot, Fred Rice, Shelley Croteau, Julie Davis, Julie Kalaitzandonakes, Katy Burkett, Deb Bassuener, Lisa Humphrey, Laura Brennan, Jane Smith, Vicki Brocksmith, Suzanne Howser, Monica Evans, June Hurdle, Monica Widhalm, Leah Johnson, Tracy Bocklage, Sheri Ardini, Damascene Kurukulasuriya, Molly Zitsch, Kay Hake and Della Streaty-Wilhoit. Thank you also to Mark Maus and David Bones for their cooperation, information, and overall support!!

Our Outstanding Volunteers of the PTSA year are Karen Smith, Jane Smith and Kim Amiot. They will be honored at a CCPTA reception on Tues, April 24, 2012! Congratulations and a hearty thank you for many hours of dedication all for the students of Rock Bridge High School! — Jodie Brand, PTSA President

PTSA-May—A Time to Celebrate!

Share your appreciation for the staff of RBHS during Teacher-Staff Appreciation Week, May 7-13. If you want to help with this PTSA event contact Vicki Brocksmith, 573-881-2570 or jvbrocksmith@gmail.com. This hard-working committee is busy planning the final event of the year and needs your help! Please consider donating gift cards or small items of interest as raffle prizes for teacher gifts.

Our final meeting of the year is on May 14, noon, in the PAC. We will share a salad lunch and ask current officer/board members to bring a salad/dessert to share. All PTSA members including new sophomore parents are invited! Contact Jodie Brand if you have questions, jodiesboutique@gmail.com.

Senior Parents: Donations Still Needed for All-Night Party!

Senior Parents: We are still looking for food donations for our Senior All Night Party. After graduation, we will feed approximately 900-1000 seniors and volunteers from 11:00pm to 5:00am. If you have any contacts or businesses that would be willing to donate food items for our all night party, please contact our Food Committee Chair Beth Ann Keener, HHS, 268-5400, beth4j@mchsi.com.

2012-2013 PTSA Officers Elected

During the March-April PTSA meeting the following individuals were elected to serve as officers for the 2012-2013 school years:

President — Coleen Bartok
Vice President — Kay Hake
Secretary --June Hurdle
Treasurer — Kellie Pemberton

If you are interested in serving on next year's board please contact Jodie. Look for more information on volunteer opportunities in the summer mailing, at schedule pick up, or on the PTSA link on the school website.

Attention Juniors: Senior Portrait Time

It's time to start planning for 2012-13 senior pictures. While not required for the yearbook, most seniors prefer to have a formal portrait in black dress or drape, or in a tuxedo jacket or suit. Many local studios are scheduling now for senior portraits. The deadline for submitting portraits to the yearbook is November 18, so summer is the ideal time to have pictures taken. Things to keep in mind:

- It usually takes several weeks for studios to process pictures, so to meet the deadline for yearbook, pictures should be completed by mid-September;
- If your studio does not provide one, most tuxedo rental establishments will rent the tux jacket and shirt for a very small fee if you specify that it is for a senior portrait. Drape or tux is NOT required;
- Most studios will send a digital image of your choice on a CD to the yearbook advisor for you. Ask whether this is the case with the studio you choose;
- Portraits will be printed in color.

If you have any questions, please email the yearbook advisor, Robin Stover, rbhsyearbook@columbia.k12.mo.us

News From Guidance

End-of-Course Assessments

As you may know, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has changed the state assessment program to End-Of-Course (EOC) exams assessing students' attainment of specific course-level expectations. All Missouri students who are completing a course that addresses the learning outcomes for English II, Algebra I/Integrated Mathematics I, Biology and Government must take the corresponding EOC exam, even if the course has a different name. Exams will be given April 23rd-May 11th this year. All exams will be online this year!

Scores on these EOC exams have important consequences for students as well as for our building and our district. A student's EOC exam score will account for approximately 5% of his/her semester course grade. And, DESE will use the results to determine whether secondary students in our building and district are making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in accordance with the requirements of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. Thus, we want students to take these exams seriously and give their best effort.

AP Testing

AP testing is scheduled for May 7-May 18 with each subject area designated at a time and date set by the College Board. Many colleges and universities give college credit to students who earn a score of 3, 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale. Students need to contact universities about their policy on AP credit. The tests will be administered at State Farm and Forum Christian Church. Students will receive a schedule of the test times and locations at the pre-administration sessions.

Update: Guidance Curriculum

Sophomores: For the remainder of the year students should focus on their grades and begin to look at summer enrichment programs (see list on Guidance website) and college majors.

Juniors: Plan to take the ACT in June and visit prospective colleges over the summer. Summer enrichment programs (see list on Guidance website) should also be on your to-do list!

Seniors: You should begin to receive letters from schools to which you have applied. In April and May financial aid letters should be arriving. Students and parents should review financial aid letters, choose which financial aid and scholarships to accept, and return them to the college promptly. CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN OR RENEW YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!

If you have not sent in a housing application, check the deadline to submit the application and fees.

Once you have selected your intended college, please come to Guidance and tell Mrs. Davis. She needs to know where to send your final transcript, as this will be required by every college to enroll in classes for the fall.

If you have not applied to a college yet, please see your counselor. It is not too late!

Senior Information-Final Transcripts

IMPORTANT-Seniors who plan to attend any college or university after high school need to request a final transcript be sent to the college. This should be done as soon as the student knows where he/she will be attending. Requests can be made to Mrs. Davis in the Guidance office. We are anticipating early July to be the earliest final transcripts will be mailed.

June Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed home Monday, June 4th. It is very important that the school have accurate and complete information on the transcript. For example, graduating seniors will need a final transcript sent to the college they plan to attend. It must include an accurate GPA. If you feel a grade is not accurate, please call the Guidance Department at 214-3111 within ten (10) days or contact the teacher directly to request assistance. All student transcripts must be completed prior to June 18. Final transcripts will be available June 29th.

Anyone Can Go to College!

If your senior student has not decided on post-secondary education plans, please have him/her see a guidance counselor. If your senior student has not found any scholarships, visit guidance to begin the search and check out www.fastweb.com.

Financial Aid Reminder

Remember to complete your FAFSA! Seniors who are taking advantage of A+ need to complete the FAFSA as do those planning on going to most colleges. Check with the college to determine the deadline for submission. If you miss the deadline, still apply.

NCAA Clearinghouse

If your student is considering sports in college, specifically in NCAA division sports, it is recommended that your student begin the clearinghouse process by the end of the junior year. Information is on the Guidance and Athletic web pages.

Salute to Seniors Scholarships

The Community Scholarship Applications were online for your student in February and March. Applications were due before Spring Break. Winners will be announced on May 14 at the Salute to Seniors program at 7:00 pm in the gym. This is an invitation only event, with invites going out after May 1st. For more information, contact Ms. Melahn in guidance.

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late Reg.
June 9	May 4	May 18

See www.actstudent.org for information and/or registration. Rock Bridge High School's school code is 260-728.

SAT I National Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late Reg.
June 2	May 8	May 22

See www.collegeboard.com for information and/or registration. Rock Bridge High School's school code is 260-728.

Media Center News

Busy Months

The Media Center is truly central to education at Rock Bridge High School. Our main facility and adjoining labs are reserved each day for class research and projects. As we move into the last six weeks of school, we strive to maintain an atmosphere conducive to study. Please remind students the importance of a good place to study and encourage them to use the media center appropriately.

Beware Saving Attachments in Group-Wise Email!

If you open an attachment from your school email at school please use "file - save as" immediately and save your document on the server. If you use just "save" your document it will default to a temporary folder and your work will be lost when you log off. Many PowerPoint type presentation documents with music and pictures are too large to email. Remem-

ber you can check out a USB drive in the Media Center for transporting your large digital projects.

Year End Book and Material Returns

At the beginning of the year students received a paper copy of our material checkout policy with the textbooks they checked out. Our circulation system schedules all checked out materials to be overdue on May 3. This allows us to run overdue notices for graduating seniors and remind all students of what they have checked out. Students can keep textbooks and calculators for use until they have finished their respective finals. We strongly encourage students to return all textbooks, library books, calculators, and other materials before they leave school for the summer. This helps us with accurate counts on usable materials to aid with appropriate purchasing of textbooks for the following school year. Thank you

for returning textbooks and helping us to make the best use of taxpayer resources for students.

Senior Books Due Before May 18!

Columbia Public School district policy states that students with overdue school books and materials will not be able to check out additional materials until they make restitution for lost or damaged materials. Seniors must return checked out materials or pay for lost or damaged materials by May 18. If students pay for lost materials and then find those materials or they are turned in otherwise, students will be refunded in full for one calendar year beyond the date that they paid for the lost materials. Damaged materials must be paid for in full. Students unable to pay for lost or damaged materials may provide community service work through their assistant principal.

National Honor Society

On May 3, 189 new members will be inducted into the Rock Bridge National Honor Society. Juniors with at least a 3.3 GPA were invited to complete an information form regarding their classes and activities. Students must have at least one honors or AP class prior to their senior year and be involved in at least two extracurricular activities during their junior year, one of which must be school related. Teachers, coaches, and club sponsors also provide feedback on a student's character and leadership qualities prior to final consideration for membership. The first meeting of new members will be May 10 at 7:15 am in the Performing Arts Center. The \$10 NHS dues should be paid prior to this meeting. As seniors, NHS members are required to complete ten hours of service in order to be recognized as an NHS member at Commencement as well as on their graduation certificate.



News from the Athletic Director

Bruin Athletic Spring Sports Season

Baseball, Boys Golf and Tennis, Girls Soccer, and Boys and Girls Track teams all have home games/meets scheduled throughout April and May. Plan to come out to RBHS and support the Bruins!

Booster Club Meeting

The Bruin Booster Club will have its regularly scheduled monthly meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of every month in the Rock Bridge High School Media Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bruin Cup

The all sports awards banquet, the Bruin Cup, will be held Monday, May 21, at Southwell Gymnasium at Columbia College. Athletes and their families are invited to attend. The cost is \$5 (if before May 1) and \$7 (if between May 1 and May 10) and includes a full meal and dessert, and an entertaining evening celebrating Rock Bridge athletics! Contact the athletic department for more information.

BRUINATHLETICS.COM

Please check out the official website of Rock Bridge athletics, bruinathletics.com! It's loaded with information and always growing. If you have suggestions for ways we can make the website more user friendly, please send them to Jen Mast, jmast@columbia.k12.mo.us.

MSHSAA Academic Requirements

Please remember the credit and enrollment requirements for MSHSAA activities. At Rock Bridge, students wishing to participate in a MSHSAA governed sport or activity during the fall semester will need to fit into the following categories in order to be eligible.

Seniors: Must have earned at least 3.25 credits during the spring semester 2012 (or 3.25 between spring and summer* combined) and be enrolled in at least 3.25 credits (7 classes) during the fall semester 2012.

Juniors: Must have earned at least 3.0 credits during the spring semester 2012 plus an Advisory period (or 3.0 between spring and summer* combined) and be enrolled in at least 3.25 credits (7 classes) during the fall semester 2012.

Sophomores: Must have earned at least 3.0 credits during the spring semester 2012 (or 3.0 between spring and summer* combined) and be enrolled in at least 3.0 credits (6 classes) and an Advisory during the fall semester 2012.

Freshmen: Must be enrolled in at least 3.0 credits (6 classes) during the fall semester 2012.

**Summer school credit must fulfill a graduation requirement to count. Please check with your guidance counselor and the Athletic Director before counting on summer school credit.*

Summer Sports Camp Information

Students MUST live in the Rock Bridge attendance area and present a current physical, dated after February 1, 2012, at the beginning of camp. All camp participants will be required to complete a camp application form. These forms will be distributed by the respective coach of each sport or students may obtain a camp application form from the athletic office at Rock Bridge High School. If you have any questions you may either contact the head coach or RBHS athletic office at 214-3118. Camp schedules and entry forms can also be found on the Rock Bridge Athletic website bruinathletics.com.

RBHS Summer Sports Camps 2012			
Sport	Grades	Date	Time
Baseball	7th - 9th	June 5-6	6:00-7:30pm
Football	10th - 12th	May 29-1	6:00-9:00pm
	9th	May 29-1	8:00-11:00 am
Boys Basketball	10th-12th	June 4-8	4:00—6:30 pm
	8th-9th	May 29-1	11:00am-1:00pm
Girls Tennis	5th-7th	May 29-1	9:00-11:00am
	9th - 12th	May 29-1	8:00-9:30am
Boys Tennis	5th-8th	May 29-1	11:15 am-12:45pm
	9th - 12th	May 29-1	9:30-11:00 am
Girls Basketball	5th-8th	May 29-1	11:15 am-12:45pm
	9th-12th	June 11-14	6:00-8:30pm
Girls Soccer	5th-8th	June 11-14	4:00-6:00pm
	9th-12th	June 4-8	6:00-8:00 am
Wrestling	5th-8th	June 4-8	4:00-6:00pm
	9th-12th	June 25-28	10:00am-3:00pm (lunch 12:00-1:00)
Cross Country	9th-12th	July 9-13	6:00-8:30pm
	Boys Soccer	9th-12th	July 16-18
Volleyball	GK	July 16-18	7:00—9:00 pm
	9th-12th	July 9-12	7:00-9:00pm
Cheerleading NCA Camp	5th-8th	June 9-12	5:00-6:30pm
	9th-12th	June 4-7	
Bruin Girl NDA Camp	9th-12th	July 12-15	

Fall Sports begin August 6!!

Fall Sports Parent Meeting August 5, 6:30pm:

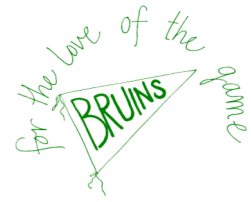
Reminder: There will be an informational meeting for all parents of students out for a Fall sport. The date will be in the summer newsletter and on bruinathletics.com!

10th Anniversary for the Love of the Game Dinner/Auction

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Stoney Creek Inn

Capital Campaign...Home Field Advantage-Preserve, Protect, Promote! Auction proceeds will fund prioritized capital projects as identified by the RB Booster Club Long-Range Planning Committee. Planning is underway! Immediate opening to shadow the Displays Coordinator, who is responsible for the arrangement of the live/silent auction items, and the Corporate Chair, who recruits corporate sponsors. Or maybe you'd like to shadow our Registrar or be involved with Data Entry. Whatever your skill set...we have a spot for you.

2012 General Chairs: Kay Hake kayhake@centurytel.net 999-5495 & Paula Cunningham chamjp@centurytel.net 268-5562; BruinfortheLoveoftheGame@gmail.com & www.bruinauction.com



News from the Long-Range Planning Committee: Home Field Advantage-Preserve, Protect, Promote!

Preserve-The two new storage sheds are complete & being used to *preserve* our RB sport equipment.

Protect-The fencing project to *protect* our practice & competition fields is moving forward! Fence will be placed along the eastern border of our practice facilities, a decorative entrance to the Baseball & Softball Complex will be constructed & the soccer practice field will be enclosed with seating available. Related work on these projects is anticipated this summer!

Promote- To *promote* Rock Bridge & its athletic success over the years, signage will be upgraded in the gym, the hallways outside the gym area & the trophy/recognition spaces. Decorations will also be placed on the outdoor storage buildings.

The auxiliary gym construction is ahead of schedule! As we move into this exciting new facility which will include the addition of a larger weight room, a new wrestling room, additional locker rooms & team rooms, outfitting these spaces with the necessary equipment will be a priority of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Proceeds from the *For the Love of the Game Dinner/Auction* will be used toward this Capital Campaign.

Mediacom Channel 22

Mediacom has been catching live coverage of RB events! Are you interested in a CD copy of a RB band, choir, spirit or athletic event that Mediacom has recorded? To get your copy, please contact Shelia Kausler at SKAUSLER@mediacomcc.com & provide her the event details. Thanks Mediacom!

Congratulations to *The Rock*, *Flashback* and *Bearing News*!

Missouri Interscholastic Press Association

RBHS Journalism students recently attended the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association, at University of Missouri-Columbia. The *Flashback* yearbook and *Bearing News* received All-Missouri, the highest honor given at the state competition, in the categories of Overall Yearbook and News Site respectively. *The Rock* received the second highest rating; no schools received an All-Missouri rating in the overall newspaper category. Individual award rankings are Show- Me Awards to Superior Awards.

Academic design:	Abbie Drown (Show-Me), Grant Wright (Superior), Rena Rong (Show-Me)
Academic photo:	Katrina Fox (Superior)
Cartoon/art/infographic:	Joanne Lee (Superior), Kelly Brucks (Show-Me), Theresa Whang (Show-Me)
Center spread page design:	Nomin Jagdagdorj (Superior), Theresa Whang (Superior)
Diversity awareness:	Adam Schoelz (Superior), Avantika Khatri (Show-Me), Daphne Yu (Superior), Mahogany Thomas (Show-Me), Maria Kalaitzandonakes (Show-Me), Nomin Jagdagdorj (Superior)
Editorial:	Shivangi Singh (Show-Me)
Feature story:	Jack Schoelz (Show-Me), Jude El-Buri (Superior)
In-depth article/series:	Avantika Khatri (Show-Me), Kaitlyn Marsh (Show-Me), Nomin Jagdagdorj (Show-Me)
News story:	Avantika Khatri (Superior), Sami Pathan (Superior)
Organizations design:	Kira Lubahn (Show-Me)
Organizations reporting:	Drew Rodgers (Show-Me)
Photo illustration:	Muhammad Al-Rawi (Show-Me)
Sports action:	Marissa Soumokil (Superior)
Sports reporting:	Jessica Jost (Show-Me), Sammi Bell (Superior)
Sports writing:	Thomas Jamieson-Lucy (Superior)

KUDOS!

RB Students Win State-level Awards in PTA "Reflections" Contest—Congratulations to RBHS juniors Daphne Yu and Julia Schaller for work submitted to the Missouri PTA "Reflections" contest. This year's theme was "Diversity Means." Daphne placed 1st and Julia took 3rd in the Musical Composition category. Missouri PTA received 1,324 entries from the local units in six different art areas.

DECA State Competition—Congratulations to the following Rock Bridge students for their outstanding work at the recent DECA State Career Development Conference. These students finished in the top six spots in individual events and the top five in team events and advanced to the International Career Development Conference which will be held in Utah later this month: Alaina Battaglia, Will Echelmeier, Syed Ejaz, Michael Fentress, Alex Gregory, Coltin Hermann, Shane Kuse, Kaitlyn Robertson, Harry Schauwecker, and Rachel Volmert

Missouri SkillsUSA State Competition—Recently several Rock Bridge students placed in the annual Skills USA State Competition, including several state champions: Will Kinney – 1st place --Culinary Arts; Mallory Barnes – 1st place--Commercial Baking; Hailey King – 2nd place--Culinary Arts; Ashleigh Johnson – 3rd place--Commercial Baking; Cameron Webber - 1st place--Computer Aided Design; Carl Baldwin - 1st place--Computer Aided Design; Sam Kloepfel - 2nd place--Computer Aided Design; Ezekiel Rachow - 1st place--Electronics Technology; Richard Shinkle - 2nd place--Computer Aided Design.

Debate National Qualifiers—Congratulations to Syed Ejaz and Rick Flinn, who will be representing the Eastern Missouri District of the National Forensic League and the Rock Bridge Debate Team in Public Forum Debate competition at the National Tournament in June.

Missouri Scholars 100—Every year, principals in the Missouri School Principals Association recognize the top 100 Academic students in the state. These students are chosen based on GPA, ACT/SAT scores, school and community involvement. This year Rock Bridge seniors Christian Ackmann and Jeremy Lombardo have been selected as Missouri Scholars 100 winners. Congratulations for this receiving this recognition.

RBHS Journalism Publications Take Top National Honors

Earlier this year the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) nominated online publication *Bearing News* and yearbook *Flashback* as Pacemaker Finalists, the second highest award given by the association. This past weekend the staff of *The Rock* traveled to Seattle, Washington to attend the NSPA journalism convention. **At the convention RBHS's online publication, *Bearing News* won the Pacemaker Award. It is considered by many to be student journalism's highest honor.**

In addition to receiving recognition for their Pacemaker awards, the journalism program placed in three "Best in Show" categories, winning first place in special edition for its feature magazine *Southpaw*. *The Rock* collected fifth in newspaper broadsheet category, 17-pages or more and *Bearing News* took ninth place in online publication.

RBHS students winning individual awards include Kirsten Buchanan, Emily Wright, Jack Schoelz, Nadav Gov-Ari, Jackie Nichols, Rena Rong, Theresa Whang, and Maria Kalaitzandonakes.

RB Scholar Bowl Wins Big at Districts and Sectionals

Congrats to the RB Scholar Bowl team for repeating as District champs. The team went 5-0 winning the championship match against Hickman 460-280. Riaz Helfer was the top scorer with 110 points per game, and Iyas Daghlas earned All-District Honors, as well. Walter Wang, Husam Abdul-Kafi, Nikhilesh Sharma, and Vikram Arun rounded out the team.

The A-team also won Ladue High School's LIST tournament, beating most of the over 20 of the best teams in St. Louis. That team was comprised of Bess Goodfellow, Iyas, Riaz and Husam. RB's B-team of Walter, Nikhilesh, Ben Trendle, and Vikram earned an impressive 4th place, beating other school's top teams. RB's teams are now preparing for Nationals at Washington University in St. Louis in June.

RB Personal Finance Challenge Team Wins State

The team of Rock Bridge seniors Christian Ackmann, Nick Sun, Amy Scott, and Tina Wang took first place in state "Personal Finance Challenge" this week. This was the third year in a row a Rock Bridge team has won the state competition. Over 1300 teams state-wide participated in the preliminary round of competition. The top 2 teams from every region in the state then advanced to the state finals, which were held in Jefferson City on April 20. Members of the Rock Bridge winning team each won \$500.00 for their performance at the state level. Rock Bridge High school will represent the State of Missouri in the National Personal Finance Challenge competition May 14. The competition is organized by the Missouri Council on Economic Education.

Performing Arts Update

RBHS Instrumental Music

The Rock Bridge Band program has had a tremendous spring.

- The jazz program has done extremely well at competitions in the state. At the Truman State Jazz Festival in Kirksville on February 25, the following groups received awards: 2nd place 5A Division, Rock Bridge Jazz Ensemble; 2nd place Second Band Division, Rock Bridge Jazz Band; 1st place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Impressions; 2nd place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Stolen Moments; 3rd place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Take Eight. Outstanding 5A Division Soloist, Diego Huaman (tenor sax); and Outstanding Jazz Combo Division Soloist, Kaleb Jacks (alto sax). At the St. Charles West High School Jazz Festival in St. Charles on April 14, the following groups received these awards: 1st place 5A Division, Rock Bridge Jazz Ensemble; 1st place Second Band Division, Rock Bridge Jazz Band; 1st place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Impressions; 2nd place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Stolen Moments; and 6th place Jazz Combo Division, Rock Bridge Take Eight.
- The concert bands performed outstanding at the District Large Ensemble Contest on March 24. Both the Rock Bridge Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band received "Unanimous 1" ratings. The following Saturday, the band students participated at the District Solo & Ensemble Contest with close to 40 entries of soloists and small groups. At Solo & Ensemble, 28 '1' ratings and 10 '2' ratings were awarded. On Thursday, April 26, the '1' ratings students will be performing at the State Solo & Ensemble Contest at MU.
- On April 19, the band program held their 32nd annual school-wide CAPERS talent show which was a huge success. It featured close to 20 acts which ranged from dance to instrumental. This is one of the band's largest fund raisers of the year.
- On Tuesday, April 24, the RBHS jazz bands participated in the CPS Jazz Night at Hickman High School. For the last couple of years, renowned jazz artists have been brought in to perform with the district's junior high and high school jazz bands. This year, former Johnny Carson tenor saxophonist Pete Christlieb, was the guest artist. It was an outstanding performance and Mr. Christlieb had wonderful things to say about our jazz program.
- Performances for the remainder of the year include the Concert Bands on May 7, the Jazz Bands on May 8 and the Percussion on May 11.
- Next Spring Break, the bands plan to travel to Hawaii to perform and compete. The band went in 2008 and we are looking forward to another fun time.

RBHS Vocal Music Department

The RBHS Vocal Music Department had a wonderful two days at the District Music Festival in Mexico, Missouri, on March 22 and 24. The following is a breakdown of the accomplishments of more than 100 students in the vocal music program: Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir - all received "I" ratings; Saturday, there were 7 small ensemble "I" ratings, 4 small ensemble "II" ratings, 15 vocal solo "I" ratings, 14 vocal solo "II" ratings, and two vocal solar "III" rating.

Reader's Theater Wins Honors

Congratulations to the following students for awards received at the MSHSAA District Speech Tournament held at RBHS in March.

Reader's Theater--1st Place and advancing to State: Bo Bell, Sarah Henzel, Sami Kanago, Ian Patterson, Gracie Strawn, Kacey Dillard, Whitney Wipfler, Kate Walker, Sam Keller and Troy Guthrie.

RBHS Presents a "Theatrical Showcase!"

Music! Song! Dance! Comedy! Drama!...It's all here in the Theatrical Showcase! With episodes from plays and musicals, this major production is complete with costumes and sets. Everyone is a star in this theatrical extravaganza. Don't miss it! Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 at 7 p.m. in the PAC. \$6 or Activity Pass!

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MAY 7-11

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You may also mail registration to: 3050 Ridley Wood · Columbia, Mo 65203

Important Back-to-School Dates!

It is not too soon to plan for the 2012-13 school year! Mark your calendars:

Schedule Pick-up — Seniors: Tuesday, August 7, 9 am-1 pm

Schedule Pick-up — Juniors: Wednesday, August 8, 9 am-1 pm

Schedule Pick-up — Sophomores: Thursday, August 9, 9 am-1 pm

Sophomore Orientation: Thursday, August 9, 6:30 pm

First day of classes: Thursday, August 16, 7:50 am

Back-to-School Night: Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 pm

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