



RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW

January 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the New Year! I hope that your family was able to relax and enjoy the break. This first week back has, at times, felt long and overwhelming, and other times it has seemed to zoom by. I find myself saying "It is already the 11th of January!"

As I have mentioned several times in the Raven Review, RSAR is participating in a county program called SBIRT. It is a program for middle-schoolers that helps identify social and emotional needs. Many of the middle schools in our district have taken the first step of the program by giving a small group of students an on-line survey. At RSAR, the 8th graders will be the first group to take the survey at the end of January. Parents of 8th graders will be receiving a separate email with additional details this afternoon.

Mrs. Olson, our school counselor, will be presenting information about SBIRT and its goals at our PTSA general membership meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd. She will be able to answer any questions you may have about the grant.

Again, welcome back. May 2019 bring your family much joy.

Karen

PERFORMING ARTS- MS. DAMAN

DANCE CONCERT 7PM on Tuesday January 15th EHS Theater. There is no cost to attend.

The dance concert is right around the corner. I know many of the students are excited to finally be at performance time this year. Please make sure that your student has all the necessary materials I listed in the previous emails. If you plan to give permission for your student to leave campus at 2:00 to get some food and then return by 3:15 pm, please send Mrs. Daman an email giving the expressed permission. Here is the schedule for Tuesday:

2:00 – 3:15 down time (may be used to get food off-campus, get homework done, take a nap, or go home if you are close enough)

3:15 – 3:30 get into costumes

3:30 – head to the EHS theater

3:30 – 3:40 We go over rules of the theater

3:40 – 5:30 run the show with lights and sound dancers in costume

5:30 – 6:00 dinner time (students need to have a sweatshirt or a jacket to wear over their costumes to eat dinner)

6:00 – 6:45 get in costume with make-up

6:45 – 6:55 warm-up

6:55 walk over to theater

Students may not have electronics back stage during the performance. They may bring something like cards, a book, sketchbook, or coloring book with them to occupy their time. They also need to bring their water bottles to stay hydrated. There is no charge for this concert.

Mrs. Daman

PTSA

There will be a General Membership PTSA meeting on January 22 at 6:30pm in Mrs. Daman's room! At this meeting, we will be voting in a new board member and a nominating committee. At 7pm, we will have Paula Olson, an EHS counselor, come talk to parents about SBIRT. SBIRT is a screening and intervention system to help schools identify students at risk and in need of mental health support. Ms. Olson will provide information on how this system works and benefits students.

Remember, you get TWO hours of volunteer credit for attending the GMM!

PTSA REFLECTIONS:

Congratulations to ALL our students who participated in PTSA Reflections! We had two entries move from district to state.

Award of Excellence- Samantha Reuster

Award of Merit- Julia Versnel

You are invited...

Lake Washington PTSA Council
Reflections Open House & Art Show
Friday, January 11, 2019
4:00pm to 8:00pm

YEARBOOK

There will be no yearbook meeting next week, January 16th.

SKI BUS

Ski bus begins on January 9th. Registration forms are available on their website or in the office if you would like more information. This program is NOT run through the school so please contact WEBBSKI directly for any questions.

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL:

9th grade information night on January 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Eastlake High School Theater

REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

RHS will be having the Choice Middle School registration presentation for any 8th grade students interested in RHS on January 30th, from 1-2pm in the Career Center.

WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

During our first semester we are pleased to have Danny Sherrard teaching poetry to all the classes. Danny is a published poet and has the honor of being both the National and World Champion of Slam Poetry. Ours kids are going to create incredible works...again. Jourdan Keith will return in February to work with RSAR students to produce short stories.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

A) Washington Student Math Association (WSMA) is hosting **Girls Power Math** -- a one-day math fair for girls with fun hands-on activities to encourage interest in math. We would love for you to join us in empowering students around Washington.

Who: 5th-8th-grade girls with ANY level of math experience.

When: Saturday, January 26th, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Microsoft The Commons (Rooms 2011-2015)

15255 NE 40th St, Redmond, WA 98052

Cost: \$10 (pre-pay on Eventbrite)

Why: To empower girls to be involved with interesting math topics.

We would appreciate if you could share this event with any girls who may be interested! If you have any questions, feel free to email girlspowermath@gmail.com.

B) **Seattle Shakespeare Company Opportunity** - In Short Shakes, students age 11-17 rehearse and perform a shortened version of our main stage production, directed by a theatre professional. Students will perform on the set of our main stage production of *As You Like It*, and get the opportunity to mingle with the adult cast at

the Players Feast!

Ages 11-17

\$315 early-bird price before January 1st

Starts March 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm

C) **BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY: THROUGH ISSAQUAH LIBRARY:** 6th grade student Harloe Hockett (under her "code name" Valkyrie.) leads the book club.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY 2020

Mrs. Daman is planning to take a group of students on an trip through Exploria Educational in June of 2020. Last summer she took a group to Washington DC and New York City for the first with Explorica Educational Travel. It was fantastic! Please contact her if you would like additional information.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

Students may purchase food in the Eastlake Commons cafeteria or bring their own lunches. Students can purchase lunch with cash or their student account. Adding money to student account: 1) use myschool bucks or 2) have student bring check to EHS kitchen cashier. **RSAR DOES NOT ACCEPT THE LUNCH MONEY.** If your student brings their own lunch be sure that they pack healthy foods. Please do not allow your student to bring soda or energy drinks.

STUDENT LAPTOPS

Trouble Connecting at Home

If your student is having difficulty connecting to your wireless network at home, please follow the steps below:

- a. Before you leave campus – shut down your computer
 - i. This mean go to the Start Menu>Power Options>Select Shutdown
 - ii. If you do not shut down, then a restart will be needed at home before you try to connect to DirectAccess.
- b. When the student gets home, power on the laptop
- c. Connect to Home WiFi
- d. Then the student will need to wait about 1-5 minutes while the device connects to Direct Access.
 - i. If no connection is made with in 5 minutes, restart the laptop
 - ii. After the restart – connect to home WiFi and let DirectAccess connect (allow the 1-5 minutes)

Laptop Insurance Options

Families may wish to protect against liability for lost, damaged or stolen property by reviewing their insurance options. Some homeowner's policy may offer coverage and some may offer this coverage if a rider is acquired. In addition, Lake Washington School District has arranged for an insurance option for families wishing to purchase a specific additional insurance to cover their student's laptop. This insurance can be purchased from Worth Insurance Group. The premium is \$63.60 per year and covers accidental damage and theft (police report required). The deductible in this policy is \$0. This insurance can be acquired directly by going to <https://www.worthavegroup.com/portal/lakewashington>. The company also offers coverage for other personal technology devices. If you chose not to purchase the optional insurance or do not otherwise have coverage, you will be responsible for fees for damaged or lost/stolen equipment as defined above.

STUDENT ABSENT/LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL:

Students that are taking math over at EHS, if they are absent/late you will need to notify both RSAR and EHS about your students' absence.

Absences- An absence may only be excused within 48 hours. Parent/Guardian communication is required for excusing an absence or late arrival. You can email sasimmons@lwsd.org or leave a voicemail at (425) 936-1544. Please spell the last name of the student clearly and provide a reason for the absence/tardy.

Late Arrival- If your student is arriving to school late they need to check in at the office **before going to class**. You do not have to sign the student in but if the student does not stop by the office the absence put in by the teacher will NOT be changed into a TARDY and you will likely receive an attendance call.

Early Dismissal – Please come into the office and sign your student out. You do not need to call or email ahead of time. Please just come into the office, sign your student out and your student will be called out of class to leave with you. You must sign your student out in order for them to leave campus.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

- **YEARBOOK**: Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 PM
- **LGBTQ CLUB**: Every other Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM
- **FRENCH** Fridays 2:10- 3:10 PM
- **SPANISH** Thursdays 2:10- 3:10 PM
- **JUNIOR THESPAIN CLUB**- Please see Mrs. Daman for more information.
- **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)**- Please see Ms. Bawa for more information.

We are continually looking to increase learning and experiences for our students. We are open to a variety of activities/clubs/enrichment classes. Do you have an idea for a club, let us know!

LOST AND FOUND:

Please remind your student to look in the lost and found for any items they may be missing throughout the year. Items left in the lost and found are donated twice a year.

GIRLS POWER MATH

When: 1/26/2019 1pm - 4pm

Where: Microsoft The Commons (Rooms 2011-2015) 15255 NE 40th St, Redmond, WA 98052

Why: For girls to embrace math in a comfortable, socially-empowering environment

Who: middle school girls with ANY math experience

Sign-up: <http://bit.ly/GirlsPowerMath2019>

Questions?

Email GirlsPowerMath@gmail.com

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HEROES AROUND ME

You are invited...

**Lake Washington PTSA Council
Reflections Open House & Art Show**

Come celebrate all the students who participated in the LWPTSA Council round of the Reflections program.

All participants and their families, friends and classmates are welcome to attend.

Friday, January 11, 2019

4:00pm to 8:00pm

**Lake Washington Resource Center at
Redmond Town Center**

16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052

Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Music, Dance, Film and Special Artist will be on display.

2018/2019 School Calendar

JANUARY 15	DANCE CONCERT @ 7PM
JANUARY 18	8 TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO UW LIBRARY
JANUARY 21	NO SCHOOL
JANUARY 22	PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 6:30 PM
JANUARY 25	LAST DAY OF FIRST SEMESTER
JANUARY 30	EHS 9 TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT @ 6:30PM
JANUARY 30	REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOOL REGISTRATION 1-2PM
FEBRUARY 6 and 13	EHS 9 th GRADE REGISTRATION AT RSAR DURING CLASS
FEBRUARY 14-18	MID WINTER BREAK
FEBRUARY 26	TALENT SHOW @ 7PM
MARCH 9	NO SCHOOL
APRIL 8-12	SPRING BREAK
MAY 5-11	SPRING PLAY PRODUCTION WEEK
MAY 24	NO SCHOOL
MAY 27-28	NO SCHOOL
JUNE 18	8 TH GRADE PROMOTION
JUNE 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL