



Rim of the World High School

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Greetings:

It is that bittersweet time of the year again! It is sad to see the class of 2009 exit our halls as they head out for bigger and better opportunities, some to places such as UCLA and Harvard! This class will be remembered for their focus on academics, and their good-natured spirit of taking care of one another. Yet at the same time, many of us are excited and looking forward to a summer of rest and renewal before welcoming back the class of 2010 and the underclassmen.

As we reflect on this last year, we remember the highlights across all of our extracurricular and sports programs. We received a glowing review from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) midterm report showing that we are on course for keeping our accreditation when it comes due in 2011. We had numerous programs win top awards in the county, from ceramics to drama and band. Our sports programs had great seasons, and won league championship titles in Golf and Softball.

Our outstanding ROP classes awarded students with opportunities to work with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), 3 D Animation in a partnership with Cal State San Bernardino, and the audio visual department joining the automotive students for the exchange program with Sweden. These classes help students focus on fields they may want to work in after exiting high school.

In this time of economic crisis it is important for us to focus on what is important in education. I am excited about bonding together as a school community next year to make sure that our programs remain as strong as ever, even though we are dealing with a budget shortage. In these trying times I am encouraged by this quote from Charles Swindoll: "The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are only in charge of our attitudes." I hope that we all remain positive and look for solutions together rather than blame.

I would like to issue a heartfelt thank you to our stellar staff, superior students, and supportive parents for making Rim High one of the top high schools in San Bernardino County.

Thank You,

David Nygren
Assistant Principal

From the Counseling Department

Seniors: Welcome, Class of 2010, to your last year of compulsory education. It is imperative that you successfully complete all of your graduation subject and credit requirements as well as the California High Exit Exams in order to graduate in June.

Those of you who are preparing for college have the summer to visit prospective colleges and determine what is expected by the colleges for admission. Some web sites which might help you select colleges to apply to are: californiacolleges.edu, aiccu.edu, collegeboard.com, act.org, and nacacnet.org. If you have not already completed your entrance exam testing (SAT Reasoning, SAT Subjects, required by University of California and some other selective universities, and ACT) for the four-year colleges and universities, you must do so this fall. Register online now, or get registration materials from the College and Career Center. California community colleges do not require this entrance testing.

Application filing periods are October and November for the California State Universities, and November for the University of California. Private and independent colleges and universities have various deadlines. You are responsible for knowing deadlines and for filing application materials on time.

Any student who is deficient in subject, credit or examination requirements should speak with your counselor as soon as the fall term begins in order to develop an appropriate graduation plan. A PERSONAL NOTE TO SENIORS AND YOUR PARENTS: This year should be your best year ever. A great deal depends upon your priorities and your performance between now and June 2010, when you expect to graduate. Seniors, commit yourselves each day to your best year ever. Rise above your own expectations for your academic and personal goals. Bask in the joy of your accomplishments next June!

Boys, you are required to register with the Selective Service at 18 years of age.

Juniors and Sophomores who are preparing for college should take the PSAT before taking the SAT Reasoning exam. Some of you may earn National Merit Scholarships, which are very prestigious, and for a few, highly lucrative. There will be a nominal cost for the test, to be paid at the ASB Office at the beginning of the school year.

Reminder: Four year colleges and universities calculate your grade point average and class rank using only your 10th and 11th grade academic courses. If you plan to apply to such an institution, these should be your best academic years.

Welcome, freshmen, to Rim High! We are excited about what is possible for you as you join your Rim Family. The transition from intermediate to high school can be difficult for some students, but is made much smoother and more rewarding for those of you who participate in clubs, class leadership, sports, or some other aspect of school, church or community life. We hope you will commit to your studies, and to activities outside of the classroom and the home.

The counseling office will maintain its policy of making nutrition and lunch times available for students to drop-in for their concerns. It is important to us that students do not miss class time for schedule changes and guidance.

Other notes: Did you know that a grade of “C” or better is necessary in any course you are taking for college admission? Keep those grades up. It is a good idea to set aside some time each day during your summer break to independently review material you covered this past school year. Many courses are sequential and if you exercise your brain, you will retain information longer.

Counselors will return August 12 for the new school year. If there is an error on your schedule, you must take care of it in person during the readiness days in August. Students are assigned to counselors according to last name. Dave Wilder works with students who have last names beginning A-G. Last names H-O are assigned to Ed Strutt and last names P-Z are with Leslie Norton. Voice mail and email delivered prior to August 12 will not be received.

Summer School is available for core courses, repeat credit only. Register now – space is limited. First session is Thursday, June 25 – July 10, with no school July 3 and 6. Second session is Monday, July 13 – July 24.

Readiness Days:

Readiness Days are August 17-21, 9:00 – 1:00. Students will be picking-up schedules and textbooks as well as purchase any items needed in ASB. Students are to come according to the following schedule:

August 17- Seniors

August 18- Juniors

August 19- Sophomores

August 20- Freshmen

BAND

The Rim High Bands will be holding FALL BAND CAMP August 17th through 22nd. This is a mandatory activity for ALL returning Rim Band students as well as our new freshman band members. This activity will focus on a variety of musical and marching skills for the fall season and the year. It is a great opportunity for our freshman to also become acquainted with the program and our fantastic Rim Band. Also, Monday August 17th there is a mandatory meeting for all freshman band parents at 7:00 PM in the band room. This orientation meeting will discuss the activities and performances, booster club goals and participation, and generally just help to understand what a great tradition the Rim High Bands have developed over the years. Please look for information in the mail during the summer for further details. Also, check out www.RIMBAND.com for schedules and other information throughout the year.

PARKING PASSES

Parking passes for those students eligible will be sold two days during the summer. To be eligible, a student must have a 2.5 GPA, be on the list of students with 10 or less absences, and have a valid driver's license. The first day passes will be sold is Tuesday, July 28th, from 8:00am – 12:00pm. The second day is Tuesday, August 4th, from 8:00am – 12:00pm. You must have your registration card filled out entirely; show your car registration, proof of insurance, and your driver's license at this time. There is also a \$25.00 fee for your parking pass. We only have 230 parking spaces available, so first come, first serve. Other students, after all passes are given out will be put on a waiting list. If you are not available to come in at this time, you may purchase passes at the beginning of school, at nutrition and lunch, if there are passes left.

The first day of school is August 25th.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER