

# PIRATE NEWSLETTER



## RRHS

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### RRHS Storify:

See what's happening in and around Rocky River High School.

### End of Year Events:

Since this is the final newsletter of the school year, we wanted to make sure all parents were aware of important end of year events. Senior Project Symposium will take place on May 31st from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the high school Commons. Baccalaureate will be held on June 4th at 3 p.m. at St. Christopher. Lastly, Commencement will take place on June 9th at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Dazzle Awards:

The cast and crew of Legally Blonde did it again at the 2017 Dazzle Awards. For the second year in a row, RRHS won Best Musical Tier 1. Senior Brandon Schumacker was awarded Best Actor and will be performing in NYC this June.

### RRHS Recognized by Washington Post:

Rocky River was among the top educational institutions nationally to make the Washington Post's list of most challenging high schools. A link to the article is provided.



This article provides insight for parents into the secret world of teen text message codes.



How are colleges dealing with helicopter parents? Read this article to find out.



### **RRHS Parent Feedback Survey:**

Rocky River High School is always looking to better serve our student population. We would greatly appreciate any advice or suggestions you may be able to offer us. Linked to the right is a brief survey which you can access to provide us with feedback.



### **Final Exam Schedule & Exemptions:**

Final exams for seniors will take place on June 1st, 2nd and 5th. Underclassmen finals will take place on June 6th, 7th and 8th. Senior exams will operate on our regular bell schedule. Underclassmen finals will operate on an adjusted bell schedule, which is available on the high school website. All students are required to take final exams during their scheduled times. The only exemptions are as follows: students who have maintained straight A/A- for the entire year (juniors and seniors only); students in an AP class who took the AP exam and maintained a B- or higher for the entire year; and students taking any College Credit Plus classes.

**Have a great Summer!**

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL UPDATES

## **Just a Little Nicer: Compassion in the Digital Age**

Research shows that people are much less compassionate when they don't communicate face-to-face, rather when they communicate digitally. There is a generation of children growing up now where digital communication is the primary mode of communication they've known. The skill sets of communicating face-to-face, compassion, and empathy may not be learned. The consequences of this are potentially huge.

Krista Tippett, host of *On Being* and recipient of the National Humanities Medal states, "Our culture is obsessed with perfection and with hiding problems. Our problems are probably our richest sources for rising to this higher virtue of compassion...we have to embody this virtue in front of our children". Author Robert Write also states that when it comes to showing compassion, we are designed to display compassion selectively and then justify that display; we only select those we deem deserving. There are more ways than ever to be cruel which is why it has become imperative that we, each of us, rethink the meaning of compassion and model it for our children and students.

The attached link contains an episode of the TED Radio Hour titled *Just a Little Nicer*. In this podcast, the host discusses compassion from a variety of perspectives and with individuals such as Sally Kohn, Krista Tippett, Robert Wright, Karen Armstrong, and Daniel Goleman. It is thought provoking as it encourages us to think about our behavior and how we can better model behavior, especially in the digital age, for our children.



# UPCOMING DATES

## May

May 29: Memorial Day - No School

May 31: Senior Project Symposium - Commons, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## June

June 1,2,5: Senior Exams

June 4: Baccalaureate - St. Christopher, 3 p.m.

June 5: RRHS Senior Picnic - Stadium, 11:30 a.m.

June 6,7,8: Underclassman Exams

June 8: Commencement Rehearsal - Lakewood HS, 10 a.m.

June 9: Commencement - Lakewood Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.



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All Schools Band Concert



Play School