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Bill Boyd, Principal

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Lana Speck, PTA President

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL August 25, 2011

A total of 2,813 students have entered Ronald Reagan High School as of today. We have had the best first week of school that I have ever seen. Our students, teachers, and staff have all made the same comment on what great students we have this year and how well the first week has gone. Of course, we all know it is too hot to stay outside, so our classrooms feel real comfortable. We are all pleased with the smooth transition from summer back into the daily routine of school.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have had our discipline meetings with all students in their English classroom and discussed all school rules and regulations, including dress code. Our PowerPoint presentation will be online and can be accessed at www.neisd.net/reagan. I hope your student(s) will come home and tell you about these meetings; if not, ask them what they remember from our presentation. The North East ISD student/parent handbook is online at www.neisd.net/pupil/documents/SecondaryStudentParentHandbook2011-12.pdf; when you have a chance, please take a look at it. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the school for answers.

Students driving a car onto campus should now have their parking permit and know where they are allowed to park. Please review car safety with your son/daughter and explain the liabilities of transporting other students in

their vehicle. We do not allow students to drive recklessly on campus and remain driving to school. Safety comes first, as always.

Parents, please be reminded that when dropping off or picking up your son/daughter to pay attention to the traffic flow and signs both posted and marked in the driving lanes. Parents may drop off and pick up in our front circle or next to the Reagan Library on the east side of school; however, parents are not allowed to drop off or pick up in our bus lane. We appreciate your assistance, as it will speed up your wait time in this process.

All of the back-to-school activities are in full swing, and we hope to see all of our Reagan parents attending events. Football and volleyball have started, and our students would really appreciate seeing you at their games. Our fans are great and are normally good for a few extra points when cheering on our teams. Go Rattlers!

If you have not become a Reagan school business partner or joined the Best PTA in the state, I encourage you to contact the school and become involved. We only get stronger with your support.

Sincerely,

Bill Boyd
Principal



PTA News -

By Ms. Lana Speck, PTA President
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Welcome to Ronald Reagan High School! 2011-12 is going to be a great year! Reagan students, parents, teachers and administrators make a winning combination. School just started and we've already had a busy several weeks. The kick off breakfast was awesome and was SO appreciated by the faculty; copies were made and the Welcome Packet was stuffed, sent home with the kids and then brought back and unstuffed; Prep Days were successful, we filled every volunteer spot, and lots of charms were sold at Rattler Round-up. We have a new web page, project graduation plans are already underway and first newsletter has been distributed! Whew! Thanks to everyone who helped make all this happen. Make sure you return your Welcome Packets in a timely manner, and please don't forget to join and make a Greenback donation to the PTA. It's going to be a great year!!!

Our OPEN HOUSE/GREENBACK NIGHT will be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 6:30 to 9:00. We will have a short PTA meeting at 6:30 in the cafeteria. After the meeting, parents can pick up their student's schedule at the counselors' table located in the Fine Arts Foyer by the cafeteria entrance and begin visiting classrooms and teachers. Come meet the teachers and get involved in the school. This evening will also serve as PTA's Greenback Donation drive if you have not already donated through the Welcome Packet. Your tax-free donations are the primary fundraiser for all the programs PTA sponsors to benefit all our students and parents at RRHS. We want to continue the wonderful programs and opportunities for the students. There will be a table set up outside the main office during the evening.

I hope that you are reading this newsletter on our great Reagan PTA website www.ronaldreaganpta.org. We email a notice when our newsletter is ready to be read, and you can always go back and check out info on previous newsletters. Be sure to browse around our website where you will find PTA forms, calendars and links to other organizations around campus. You can also contact us if you need any other information.

The PTA officers for this year are:

- Lana Speck - President
- Deborah Kosub - 1st Vice-President
- Cyndi Bush – 2nd Vice-President
- Kendall Schrader - Secretary
- Deanna Miller - Treasurer
- Shonna Jones - Parliamentarian
- Gail Tyburski - Historian

We have a fantastic Executive Board with over 65 volunteers who work very hard to implement all of our PTA programs. We hope that you have filled out the Volunteer Sheet that came home in the Welcome Packet so that you can get involved. You can also find that form on our website. We would love to hear from you. If I can be of any help or answer any questions, please contact me at lspeck@swagtx.com or 481-3010. Let's make this year the best ever!

GO RATTLERS!

Lana Speck
 RRHS PTA President



TEAM UP!

JOIN PTA

PTA Membership

By: Cindy Twomey, cltwomey@sbcglobal.net

The #1 reason to join Reagan PTA is to support our school and your student. The PTA is dedicated to making Reagan the best environment for education it can be. When you join the PTA, you help support this goal. Being a member of the PTA is a great way for parents, students and faculty to be involved on campus. In addition, there are community benefits as well. Companies offer member discounts. A few of these are Dell, Southwest Airlines, T-Mobile SixFlags, Schlitterbahn and SeaWorld.

Membership dues forms were sent home on the PTA envelopes the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Twomey at 210-314-0718 or cltwomey@sbcglobal.net.



Honorary Texas PTA Life Membership Award

Shonna Jones, Life Membership Chair

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Do you know someone who has gone the “extra mile” for our children? Someone who is a valuable volunteer, an exceptional teacher, or an outstanding staff member? Is this person someone who is dedicated to education, or one who shares his/her resources and expertise for the benefit of all children? If so, please consider nominating this individual for this very special award. It is not necessary that this person is a member of our PTA .

An Honorary Texas Life Membership is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual by the Texas PTA for outstanding contributions to the well- being of children and youth.

To nominate someone for this honor, please send us their name in a letter explaining why you believe they should receive a Life Membership. Please include your name, email address, and a phone number. All nominations should be sent to the school office in a sealed envelope marked “PTA Life Membership.” Nominations may also be sent shonnajones@me.com.

If the person nominated has already received a Texas Life Membership, the Life Membership Committee will consider the nominee for the PTA National Life Achievement Award or Texas PTA Extended Service Award.

Nominations are confidential and are due by October 14, 2011.



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Reagan Students: **START NOW!** ~ May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 is our calendar year for PVSA, SO START LOGGING YOUR SERVICE HOURS NOW and continue throughout the school year. All of your SUMMER service projects should be logged too.

PLEASE NOTE: There are new chairman in charge of the PVSA hours and ceremony this year, Mrs. Cindy Tello and Mrs. Michele Horst.

- PLEASE complete the form in the Welcome Packet that lets us know that you will be logging hours this year for PVSA, and /or
- Please email Michele Horst as you start logging hours for this new year (mhorst@sbcglobal.net), so that we can start creating our email database and can send out important PVSA information to you throughout next school year.

Keep up-to-date with PVSA information and deadlines by visiting the Reagan PTA website at:
www.neisd.net/reagan or www.ronaldreaganpta.org



How to Log My Hours:

1. Go to www.presidentialserviceawards.gov
2. Click on "Track Your Hours" (near the bottom right, there is a picture of a girl's face)
3. Enter a username and create a password
4. Enter your first and last names (If you don't, we have no idea who you are; for example: "reagandancer@yahoo.com" doesn't tell us anything about you.)
5. Enter your age
6. Click "Create My Record of Service"
7. On the next page which says "Welcome to Your Volunteering Home," under "Your Account," click "Edit."
8. On the next page, YOU MUST ENTER **Reagan's Record of Service (ROS) Key** which is **KSN-21065**. This creates a link between you and Reagan High School **and it is the only way Mrs. Horst can view your hours and know that you are trying to earn the award!**
9. Click "Update Profile"
10. Send Mrs. Horst, mhorst@sbcglobal.net, an email to let her know you have created a profile or updated an existing profile and will be participating in the PVSA program.
11. If you have not received a confirmation within five business days, please contact Mrs. Horst.



Now You're Ready to Enter Your Service Hours

1. At the top tab, click "My Service"
2. Click "Create New Record"
3. Enter your hours served
4. Click "Add this Activity"

YOU MUST SEND MRS. HORST YOUR FULL NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS ONCE YOU HAVE CREATED A PROFILE OR HAVE UPDATED AN EXISTING PROFILE. SHE MUST HAVE A RECORD THAT

YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PVSA PROGRAM

Any other questions....

Michele Horst at mhorst@sbcglobal.net or Cindy Tello at cyntello@gmail.com
 Reagan PTA PVSA Chairpersons

What is Winners' Circle?

By Mrs. Terri Cirinna and Mrs. Kimberly Jacobs, Mrs. Lynne Connolly PTA Sponsors

Winners' Circle is a student organization at Reagan High School comprised of students who choose to be drug and alcohol-free. Members of **Winners' Circle** will have the opportunity to participate in drug and alcohol free social events, links to new friendships, and receive rewards and recognition because they have chosen a healthy and positive lifestyle. **Winners' Circle** will accept new members, who are willing to make the drug and alcohol-free choice for the entire 2011-2012 school year, during its **Annual Membership Drive from Sept. 13-16 during all lunch periods in the cafeteria.** Members will receive a membership card that has many discounts from local merchants who have chosen to support this valuable organization, plus a Winners' Circle t-shirt with dues of \$10. Membership will again be available during Red Ribbon Week, **October 24-28.**

Encourage your student to make the pledge to be drug and alcohol-free this year and to be involved in the activities Winners' Circle has to offer.



- **CHARACTER** – role models for peers
- **COMMITMENT** – follow year-long commitment to be drug and alcohol free
- **CHALLENGE** – to challenge self and others to resist peer pressure
- **CHOICES** – make choices toward a positive lifestyle
- **CHEMICAL FREE** – pledge to be chemical free for the school

Winners' Circle PTA Sponsors:

Ms. Terri Cirinna (ttwinlou@aol.com) Mrs. Kimberly Jacobs (kimjacobs2@gmail.com) Mrs. Lynne Connolly

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Niki Jackson, STAN Counselor

2011-12 Winners' Circle Advisory Board - The following students were selected to lead Winners' Circle:

OFFICERS: Evan Cirinna, President; Haley Jacobs, 1st Vice-President; Lauren Garza, 2nd Vice President; Brittany Trexler, Treasurer; Christy Cannon, Secretary; and Olivia Abiassi, Historian

SENIORS: Natalie Behnke, Kristen Connolly, Laura Crabbe, Sean Danzy, David Goldhagen, Andrea Halloran,

Cody Heffron, Stephanie Jarvie, Carley Karam, Eina Karstens, David Kerley, Kathleen Knocke, Hannah Koxlien, Madeline Krebs, Riley Langdon, Allison MacKenzie, Michael McGonagle, Pooja Patel, Alyssa Phillips, Evan Shaffer, Erin Stephenson, Alexandra St. Juste, Rebecca Thompson, Danielle VanDeWalle

JUNIORS: Carly Burke, Barbara Ding, Mary George, Bryce Juhnke, Shaya Kara, Claire Kercher, Alan Kosub, Katherine Medell, Claire Mikita, Amber Moody, Amanda Salinas, Reilly Sample, Ally Scruggs, Megan Spaits, Gregory Spies, Courtney Weatherman, Christina Weiner

SOPHOMORES: Kolby Jacobs, Briana Magana, Zachariah Martin, Elizabeth Seitter

Check out Reagan's Winners' Circle on our website at www.neisd.net/webpages/njacks9/winners.cfm.

SENIORS 2012 ARE GEARED UP!

The Senior Class of 2012 is ready to move their way to the final high school year. The new Senior Officers have many activities planned this year, starting with the first senior activity Thursday, September 15 after school in the courtyard. All seniors are reminded that they must show their new senior ID to participate in any senior activity.

If you paid the senior fee during the summer and your Senior was not able to attend Prep Day, he/she will need to stop by OK154, Mrs. Mannheimer's room, to pick up the receipt and t-shirt. If your senior hasn't paid yet, it isn't too late. Again stop by OK154 to take care of the fee. The senior receipt will be turned in at the school store for a new senior ID.

Looking forward to a great 2012!



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RONALD REAGAN STUDENT COUNCIL SENATE 2011-2012



Reagan Student Council Senate 2011-2012

Submitted by: Maddie Krebs-Reporter

This new school year has started off busy for the Reagan Student Council members preparing for Student Prep Days, Button Branding and, of course Homecoming.

The Student Council is also pleased to welcome 28 members, some new and some returning; the council includes: Chelsea Barrera, Natalie Behnke, Anthony Bellm, Ryan Bouseman, Carrisa Caldarola, Caroline Carothers, Trevor Charbonneau, Spencer Copeland, Lauren Garza, Gina Gerhart, David Goldhagen, Megan Grimm, Mikayla Heywood, Mahum Ijaz, David Kerley, Kathleen Knocke, Colleen Konetzke, Brandon Kotara, Madeline Krebs, Adam Lambert, Riley Langdon, Christina Lopez, Marissa Lopez, Abby McAnany, Amanda Salinas, Crystal Saucedo, Lauren Thomas and Daniel Tran.

Officer positions have also been filled as follows: *President*-David Goldhagen, *Vice President*-Amanda Salinas, *Secretaries*-Mahum Ijaz and Abby McAnany, *Treasurer*-Natalie Behnke, *Reporter*-Madeline Krebs, *Parliamentarian*-Anthony Bellm, *Historian*-Megan Grimm, *Motivational Director*-Kathleen Knocke and *Sergeants-at-Arms*-David Kerley and Brandon Kotara.

The Student Council is especially excited to announce our homecoming theme which will be "Highlight the Night." Reagan's homecoming will be at the Blossom Littleton Athletic Center's on October 29 at 8 PM-midnight. Tickets will be sold the two weeks before, during student lunches and at the door.



REAGAN CHOIR NEWS

If you haven't already heard, Mary Cowart is our new choir director and her assistant is Christian

De la Cruz. We are all very excited to have both of them and look forward to another fabulous year!

All of our choirs are going strong and off to a great start. "Soundsations," our show choir, had a great first performance for the year at the Rattler Round-Up. We are working hard on preparing for the Region auditions in the fall and also preparing for our first concert of the year, the Extravaganza Concert on Sept 6th at 7:00 PM in

the Reagan auditorium. We invite you to come be a part of the exciting event.

Don't miss our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on October 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **Our Choir Dads** will be the servers and the singing entertainment during the dinner. The cost of the Spaghetti Dinner is \$10; advanced tickets can be purchased by emailing lkoxlien@me.com. Directly after the dinner, come enjoy our Fall Concert at 7:00 PM in the Reagan auditorium.

Finally, don't forget to purchase your **MUM** for the homecoming football game on October 28th. Any questions, please contact Lydia Perez @ lydiap@swbell.net.



The Reagan Cheerleaders are hosting their 13th annual **Reagan Cheer Clinic** on **Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon** at Reagan High School for all Kinder to 9th grade girls.

The clinic fee is \$25 and participants will be taught various cheers, chants, dances and jump techniques. Each participant will be given a photo with the Reagan Cheerleaders, a light lunch, water bottle and a goody bag with items from our clinic sponsors.



The clinic will end with a "show-off" performance for family and friends in the Reagan gym. All of the cheer clinic participants are invited to cheer on the sidelines at the **Reagan vs MacArthur** football game later that evening at Comalander Stadium.

To download a registration form, visit www.rattlersports.com under "Spirit Group Info."

Email questions to rhscheerclinic@aol.com
Attention: Kandy Roby



REAGAN GIRLS LEARN HOW TO BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR TEXAS GOVERNMENT

Finding their Voice!



True or False: Every citizen knows how to get their great idea passed into law.

Answer: False. (In fact, only about one-third of Texans even vote in state elections.)

Many Americans go through life with only a vague notion of how their state and local government works. Beyond the completion of a single high school government class, only a small percentage of American citizens ever immerse themselves in the study of how ideas become bills, and bills become laws. Selected to attend the 2011 Bluebonnet Girls State camp this summer, six Reagan students, Andrea Halloran, Lindsay Rivera, Erica Phillips, Shauna Kim, Maddie Cole, and Erin Crumm, had this opportunity.

Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works. 485 young women from all over Texas traveled to Texas Lutheran University in Seguin to take part in the 67th session of Bluebonnet Girls State. This once-in-a-lifetime learning experience for more than 400 girls throughout Texas began June 12 and ended June 18 on the campus of Texas Lutheran University. Campers wrote bills, learned how they were processed through the House and Senate, and heard experts speak about legislative practices. Campers gained lifetime friends and memories from the teamwork and leadership experiences.

The program creates a sense of self-worth and pride in citizenship. Girls learn how to use their voice to make a difference in their own communities back home. At the camp, girls became active leaders in a mythical 51st state by popular election. Building from the city level, every girl had the opportunity to run for county and state office. State offices were highly competitive. Each candidate had to win a nomination from their particular party before they were able to run for overall office. Running for elected office allowed each girl to experience decision-making and public speaking in a political environment. The young citizens “learn by doing.”

“It was amazing. My favorite part of Girls State was learning the songs because they made me realize what it means to be an American and citizen of Texas,” said Maddie Cole. “The experience has made me want to become an active and participating member of my state government,” added Erica Phillips. Lindsay Rivera shares similar thoughts, “Girls State was not just about learning how our government works, it was a team-building social experience meeting and working with girls from all over Texas. We all made new friends; Girls State was a great experience.”

Ronald Reagan JROTC Cadets Experience Military Academy Life

By Erin Crumm, Shauna Kim, and Andrea Halloran

Every summer, each of our nation's five federal military academies, play host to high school students about to enter their senior year. These students, having academic, athletic and leadership potential, are of interest to academies as potential appointees. Each academy's summer program may differ in name, but each program offers a unique opportunity for high school juniors going into their senior year to see and experience a realistic picture of what cadet life is about. At the end of each academy's summer program, students have a very clear understanding of the commitment necessary to attend and graduate from a military academy.

Three Reagan cadets attended an academy seminar this summer. Erin Crumm and Shauna Kim attended the Air Force Academy summer seminar June 6-10. Andrea Halloran, a first for our JROTC program, attended the Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) July 17-23.

The mission of the United States Air Force Academy is to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation. Since opening its doors in 1954, the goal of this four-year military academy is to produce officers who have the knowledge, character, and motivation essential to leadership, pride in all they do and, above all else, commitment to serving their nation.

Selection for the Air Force Academy summer seminar is based on a "whole person concept;" academics, athletics, leadership experience and extra-curricular activities. According to the academy admissions office, competition for summer seminar selection was tougher this year than competition for an appointment.

Shauna's thoughts pretty much summarize the importance of students gaining a better insight into what they believe their plan is following high school, as Shauna states, "Ever since 4th grade I have been interested in attending a service academy, and in the beginning of 9th grade, I became set on the United States Air Force Academy. I have been working towards this goal ever since. I was able to fly up to Colorado Springs and attend the Summer Seminar. There, I with an insider's perspective of academy life. I became part of Eagle 6 with seven o

fellow students interested in the Academy. We developed a strong sense of teamwork despite just meeting each other, and we were able to work together to overcome the challenges presented to us while we were there. We had tours of the beautiful Academy campus, challenging physical training with the cadet cadre, and we attended classes taught by the actual professors teach at the Academy, slept in the dorms, and ate in their cafeteria; we were treated as if we were real cadets attending the Academy. Attending the Air Force Academy Summer Seminar was the experience of a lifetime. And now, more than ever, I am steadfast in my dream in attending the United States Air Force Academy."

Fellow classmate Erin Crumm was equally impressed by the realistic view of cadet life she experienced along with Shauna. "As the Summer Seminar program for service academies to recruit potential appointees, I did not expect to experience such an accurate depiction of military life while I was there. The summer seminar program is not a camp as much as it is an orientation to cadet life; we were treated as any freshman or "doolie" would be treated at the Academy. I was introduced to both the soaring and parachuting programs while learning just how much cadets are involved in running daily operations. The seminar experience showed me how much different academy life is from other colleges."

Located on the West Bank of the Thames River, New London, Connecticut, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is one of the smallest of the five federal service academies. This academy is the single accession point for all Coast Guard officers and home to the Leadership Development Center, which touches virtually every aspect of the service through a host of training programs.

Andrea Halloran is the first Reagan JROTC cadet selected to attend the Coast Guard's AIM program. Andrea attended the AIM program July 17-23. Somewhat different from other military academies, the Coast Guard Academy maintains a student to instructor ratio of 8:1. And, typically 50% of students appointed to the Academy attended AIM.

"Attending the Coast Guard Academy sponsored AIM program was probably the most challenging week of my life. Upon arrival, all of our valuables, to include our cell phones, were placed in safe keeping. We were placed into companies of 22 AIMSTERS. It was our primary job, as a company, to quickly learn the rules, regulations, and procedures of the United

States Coast Guard, and work together to complete multiple tasks in seemingly impossible times. But accomplishing what seemed impossible showed us we had what we needed to succeed, and that feeling of accomplishment was one of the best feelings I've had in my life.

"We were awakened each morning at 0600 (6:00 AM) to line up on the bulkhead (hallway) to go out for morning calisthenics and physical training until around 0715. We would then run back up to our bulkhead to be given 07 minutes to shower. If any of our shipmates were late, we were then I.T.-ed (incentive training) by our cadre, until our lost shipmates would show up. We would then run to breakfast, get more I.T., run back to the bulkhead, get more I.T., play an intercompany sport, get more I.T. with the pattern repeated throughout most of the day... To challenge us mentally, we were assigned the task to construct a robotic boat from scratch that was able to complete various missions in a small tank of water. As daunting as this looked, it was actually pretty fun. Our boat, the USCG SWAGGER, earned over 1000 points. This project not only seemed to bring our company closer together but also provided time to ask our cadet cadre questions about the academy, and why it was the right fit for them.

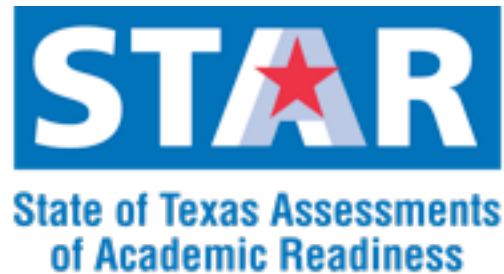
"The AIM program really gave me an academy life experience and I have a new insight into the teamwork and leadership of the Coast Guard. I hope to go back and look forward to applying for the class of 2016."



**GREETINGS FROM THE ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT OF
RONALD REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL**

The English department is anticipating an exciting new year for 2011-2012. This school year will be a year of challenges as 9th grade students will be taking the new state assessment STAAR while 10th and 11th grades will still be assessed through TAKS. Teachers and students will be preparing for these tests in the spring. The district has developed new curriculum

with increased rigor for all students. We are looking forward to a rewarding school year.



**Ronald Reagan
Math Night
September 15, 2011
6 PM – 7 PM
Please meet in the cafeteria.**



The Reagan Math Department will present information on TAKS, the STAAR test and our awesome classes... See you there!

REAGAN LATIN CLUB

The Reagan Latin Club sent 12 students to National Junior Classical League Competition at Eastern Kentucky University this summer, from July 25 - 29. The students competed in many different academic as well as dramatic categories

The following students received awards and honors:

Paul Chung - 2nd place in Latin Literature
KC Pierce - 1st in Sight Recitation and 4th in Dramatic Interpretation
Anjali Prasad - 4th place in Mythology
Ryan Sun - 3rd place in Hellenic History
Lois Woodworth - 10th place in Latin Vocabulary

We are so proud of our Roman Rattlers, since they received these high honors among Latin students competing from all over the nation!

Student Teacher Assistance Network (STAN)

By: Dr. Niki Jackson, STAN Counselor
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Monday Morning Mini-Sessions

Once a month, there will be parent informational meetings in the Faculty Dining Room in the Cafeteria. These sessions will be held before school from 8:15AM-8:40AM.

September 13th – Suicide Prevention

Student Support Groups

Since children experience a variety of concerns at different ages, North East Independent School District offers counseling services to all students to make maximum use of their educational experience. It is small group counseling. The group meets during school hours for approximately six, 40 minute sessions during this semester.

The Below are the groups being offered for the Fall semester:

Real Talk (RT): Males; Healthy interactions (anger management, respect, peer issues)

Girl Power (GP): Females; Self-esteem/respect, peer issues

Transitions (TNS): Mixed; New student group

Grief/Loss (GL): Mixed; Coping (divorce/death)

Champion Choices (CC): Mixed; Chemical resistance/intervention/prevention strategies

These groups are conducted according to the ethical standards of the counseling profession, the policies of North East ISD, and the laws of Texas. Students who participate are encouraged to discuss their learning, ideas, and feelings with their own parent(s). If you would like more information on a student support group, please contact

Dr. Niki Jackson, STAN Counselor at 210-482-2200 ext. 385 or njacks9@neisd.net.

Suicide Prevention Month (September)

According to the CDC 2008, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people age 10-24. It is also the only PREVENTABLE one. In observance of Suicide Prevention Month, an informational session was done for the Reagan faculty/staff and a 2-part guidance lesson was done for all Healthy Lifestyles courses. These lessons entailed vital prevention pieces; warning signs, risk factors, instructions on how to help, and resources for suicide prevention/intervention.

For more information:

American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry

www.aap.org/advocacy/childhealthmonth/prevteensuicide.htm

www.aacap.org/page.ww?name=Teen+Suicide§ion=Facts+for+Families

National Institute of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention/index.shtml

Suicide Awareness Voices of Education www.save.org/

United Way Help Line – 210-227-HELP

The Jason Foundation www.jasonfoundation.com 1-888-881-2323

For immediate assistance:

Center for Health Care Services Crisis Number 210-223-7233; 1-800-316-9241

Police 9-1-1

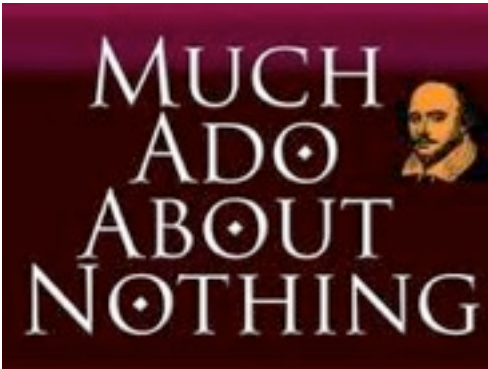
Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th - October 15th)

It is estimated that the Hispanic population of the U.S. is almost 50 million (U.S. Census 2009)! This makes people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic minority. There will be various informational pieces during this month for the students, sponsored by the Unity Club. The U.S. has a website in place for this month www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov/index.html.

Ronald Reagan Theatre

Reagan Theatre to bring Shakespeare, Cole Porter and Classic Greek productions to stage

By C. Stier



Much Ado About Nothing

A comedy, a tragedy and a high-spirited musical on the high seas make up this year's production lineup of the Reagan Fine Arts Department, offering students and the community exciting, live theatrical performances in varying genres.

The Reagan Theatre Department, under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Robinson and new Technical Director Mr. Jim Kaiser, will present *Much Ado About Nothing* October 6 - 8 at 7 PM, and October 9 at 3 PM. In Shakespeare's timeless comedy, gossip, trickery and eavesdropping lead to much mayhem -- and an ultimate happily-ever-after conclusion -- for young couples Benedick and Beatrice and Claudio and Hero.

Medea

Next, the Greek tragedy *Medea* comes to the Reagan stage November 16 - 19 at 7 PM, with an exploration of themes of betrayal and revenge.



Anything Goes

In February, Reagan's Theatre Department, Choir Department and Orchestra combine forces to present the lively Cole Porter musical *Anything Goes*. Set on an ocean liner during a transatlantic voyage, the show features upbeat, tap-dancing performances and memorable songs including "I Get a Kick Out of You," "It's De-Lovely," and of course, "Anything Goes." The production runs February 2 - 4 at 7 PM with a February 5 matinee at 3 PM.

Tickets for *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Medea* are available with General Admission \$6/\$7 at the door and \$10 for Reserved. *Anything Goes* tickets are priced General Admission \$8/\$9 at the door, with reserved tickets at \$12. To order tickets or for more information, contact Theatre Director Mrs. Gloria Robinson at (210) 482-2200 or grobin@neisd.net.

Counselors' Corner

By Mrs. Lucie Dowe, RRHS Counselor



The counseling staff at Reagan High School would like to welcome everyone back to school. We have registered many new students and look forward to working with those students and parents as well as our returning students and parents.

We have a slightly different alphabet breakdown this year. Terry Peel works with students A-BO; Kelly Quiroz with BR-FA; Lucie Dowe with FE-J; Matt Eidson with K-MO; Linda Pratt with MU-SE; and Michelle Tanner with SH-Z. Dr. Niki Jackson is our STAN counselor. We were sorry to lose Cindy Vacek to retirement but are thrilled to welcome Kelly Quiroz who comes to us from Roosevelt High School.

We have been working hard to ensure schedules are correct, but please be patient as schedule changes continue in order to balance classes. Please remember that there will be no "mind changes" for electives and that all students in Pre AP and AP classes need to stay in the class for at least three weeks. During that time, parents and students should consult with the teacher to get assistance. At the end of the three-week period, parents must meet with the teacher by phone or in person to determine if it is in the best interest of the student to move to a regular class.

We urge all students and parents to visit the Reagan website to explore the counseling site for college planning for all grade levels and Senior and Junior booklets. Many questions you may not know to ask will be answered there.

Our tradition of meeting individually with each senior continues at the end of September through October. We will review the information given to them last year in their College Planner to help them prepare for the college application process. Parents might review the planner, too, since it is an excellent reference for important timelines. A monthly senior newsletter can be accessed online that will remind seniors of important deadlines and list dates of campus visits from college representatives and scholarship opportunities. A calendar of college visits is also located in the Career Center.

Many reference books can be found in the Career Center which give useful information about colleges and universities throughout Texas and the United States as well as computers for use in filling out college applications. If your senior has not taken either of the college admissions tests, now is the time to sign up. See www.collegeboard.com for SAT dates and registration and see www.ACT.org for ACT dates and registration.

We understand that the official 6th semester rank for seniors should be on the 3rd week progress report. All other students should receive their new rank on the first report card. A senior letter with a copy of the transcript will be mailed home to each senior's parents.

Transcript requests should not be requested until after that official rank has been released. The first transcript is free, but all others cost \$5.00. We must have a transcript release form on file before the transcripts can be mailed. These release forms are given to seniors at the beginning of the school year, but can also be picked up from the counseling office. Remember that our office needs several days to process official and unofficial transcripts, so please plan accordingly.

Information about rank and other important subjects can be found on the NEISD website: www.neisd.net. Additional information specific to Reagan can be found on the Reagan counseling website. All campus websites can be accessed through www.neisd.net.

Evening school brochures should be available soon. Students needing to attend night school should stop by the counseling office after the second week of school.

Special Parenting Tip

The most important thing parents can do is to stay current on their student's grades. All students receive a progress report every three weeks, but the best way to stay current on a daily or weekly basis is by using the NEISD Parent Portal. Parents and students can access grades online anytime from anywhere. To register or access Parent Portal, go to neisd.net and click on Parent Resources. Then click Parent Portal where you will find online instructions. All families should be registered to access the Portal by November so that students can register for next year's classes when registration opens.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if your student is having problems. Students can come to the counseling office and fill out a slip to see us. We want each student to feel confident, comfortable, and successful.

REAGAN BAND NEWS

WE LIKE IT HOT!

By Liz Napier

The Reagan Band, which includes our fabulous Color Guard, hit the pavement running this summer, and that pavement's HOT! With record-breaking temperatures as high as 113° it's a true testimony of our band's determination as they practice day after day in the blistering heat.

But first, the Reagan Band family has some exciting new additions! Please help us welcome Greg White, Assistant Director of Bands and Christy Tench, Director of Color Guard. Greg, a native of Round Rock, Texas, graduated Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in May of 2011. Greg is a saxophone player and was a drum major at Round Rock High School for the Dragon Band. At Texas Tech, Greg was a two-year section leader in the award winning, 450 members. Goin' Band from Raider Land where he performed in parades and at football games across the country. In his final year at Texas Tech, Greg had the opportunity to work with the staff of the Goin' Band as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Greg also played in several concert bands, saxophone quartets, and sat in the Lead Tenor Chair of Texas Tech's top jazz ensemble.

Christy, a native of San Antonio, started her color guard career at Winston Churchill High School here in San Antonio! After high school she also attended Texas Tech University where she graduated with a degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. In the summers after her junior and senior years of college, Christy marched Drum Corps with the Crossmen (2007) locally in San Antonio and then with the Santa Clara Vanguard (2008) out of Santa Clara, California. She spent last year working with the Wagner High School band and color guard program. Some of their accomplishments from last year consist of winning first place at USSBA Marching Band State Contest in guard and coming in 2nd place at TECA State Winterguard Competition. We are thrilled to have such accomplished individuals join our phenomenal team of directors led by our Director of Bands Levi Chavis.

The Reagan Band was anxious to get started again after a very successful year in 2010-2011. Throughout the summer months, the band has already put in countless hours of practice in preparation for the new marching season. Just a

few days after school let out in June, Mini-Band Camp was held. During this camp, freshmen learned how to march, were introduced to several football stand tunes, and all the band members got the chance to get to know each other. To wrap up the week, a concert was held in the courtyard for all the proud parents and band alumni to enjoy. Our new line up of drum majors Cailey Buck, Rachel Desantis, Alan Kosub and Andrew Swallows led the band in several fun football stand tunes and ended with our stirring school song. The percussion wowed everyone with a sensational demonstration and the colorguard performed a magnificent exhibition which was a taste of what is to come!

But our dedicated students didn't stop there. They continued in the month of July, participated in weekly sectionals and practiced individually for their competitive marching band audition held the last week of July. The Reagan band also participated as a clinic demonstration band at the Texas Bandmasters Association (TBA) convention in July. It is a tremendous honor to be invited to this convention as a clinic band and the band is very thankful for the great opportunity! And just when the heat really kicked in, Band Camp started August 1 for three weeks, every day. The students worked on marching fundamentals, started learning their competitive show, and played in music rehearsals each afternoon. Band camp was a huge success and gave the band a fantastic start to the year!

What would school spirit be without the Reagan Band? The band played at the Rattler Round-Up on August 22! The band supports the Reagan football team at all football games and our first game was August 27. **The Reagan band was proud to announce its 2011 Competitive Marching Show "Spaces"** and perform the opening movement during the halftime show. "Spaces" features the music of Beethoven, Shostakovich, Debussy, Holst and Muse. The band will continue to perform parts of the 2011 show during their halftime performances at football games. This year the band will be competing at BOA Houston (10/8), Vista Ridge Marching Invitational (10/15), UIL Region 12 Marching Contest (10/22) and BOA San Antonio (11/4,11/5). Join us at any or all of these competitions and support the award-winning Ronald Reagan Marching Band!

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The following is our new Reagan Band Executive Board for the 2011–2012 school year. We want to thank our board for all of their tireless hours. We also want to thank all of the band parent volunteers who help in many capacities to provide the students a quality band experience! If you would like to get involved, contact Kelly Lepaska at kalepeska@yahoo.com.

Reagan Band Executive Board

Co–Presidents: Allan Brent & Kelly Lepaska

Co–1st Vice Presidents: Paul Brown & Ron Sandoval

Co–2nd Vice Presidents: Liz Grady & Melissa Reyes

Co–3rd Vice Presidents: Mark Napier & Chris Well

Co–4th Vice Presidents: Tonya Cowger & Shirley Williams

Treasurer: Jill Smith

Secretary: Sharon Houghton

Director of Bands: Levi Chavis

The Reagan band has several fundraisers throughout the year. Starting in September, Reagan band students are selling Super Saver Cards which have discounts with many local restaurants and vendors for \$10. Too busy to make dinner at home, eat at Orderup located at Hwy 281 and Evans Road near Baskin–Robbins from 8/11/11 – 11/11/11 and benefit the Reagan Band! Any time you dine in or take out at Orderup through 11/11/11, write "Reagan Band" on the back of your dine in or take out receipt and drop it in the "Speak Up" box located by the iPod. At the end of the drive, Orderup will donate 15% of the pre-tax total back to the Reagan Band! Another fundraiser will begin in October, the band will be selling the 2011–2012 Enjoy the City book's for \$20!

Need holiday gift ideas...

We have several suggestions. First, band merchandise will be on sale again at every game in the merchandise booth at Comalander and Heroes Stadiums during football games. Please come checkout our display, this really helps to support

our Reagan Band. Secondly, our popular Reagan afghans will be for sale again this year and make a great gift for your student. We also have Reagan decorative holiday ornaments. There were order forms for the afghans and ornaments in the Welcome Packet that came home with your student the first week of school, or to order now, contact Paul Brown at pbrown@esaAmerica.com.

One flavorful fundraiser that will run **all year online**, making it a great gift anytime of the year, is our Ground-to-Cup coffee orders. We have partnered with Ground-to-Cup coffee who has the finest Arabica coffee beans from around the world and is always freshly roasted. Copy this link: www.groundtocupcoffee.com/contact-information/index.php to your browser, click on the "Fundraising Partners Page" button, click on "Ronald Reagan Band," make your order online, and enjoy! To find out more regarding any of our fundraisers, contact our VP of Association Fundraising Paul Brown at pbrown@esaAmerica.com.

Thank you for your support!

The band directors, students and band parents are all working very hard to create a very positive and exciting marching season this year. The band looks forward to the Reagan community's continued support throughout the upcoming year! For more information about the Reagan Band, go to our new website www.reaganband.com!



Ronald Reagan High School Major Events September 2011

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep 2	Cross Country: Friday Night Lights	Woodlands, TX	All Day
Sep 2	Varsity Volleyball: Westwood	Reagan	6:30 PM
Sep 2	Varsity Football: O'Connor	Farris Stadium	7:30 PM
Sep 4	JROTC: Campus Visit	Texas A&M	All Day
Sep 8	Orchestra: ROBC Extravaganza	Auditorium	7:00 PM
Sep 9	Varsity Volleyball: Churchill	Blossom Athletic Center	7:00 PM
Sep 9	Varsity Football: Pflugerville	Heroes Stadium	7:30 PM
Sep 10	Cross Country: North East Meet	Blossom Athletic Center	8:00 AM
Sep 15	Math Night	Reagan	6:30 PM
Sep 16	Team Tennis: NEISD Team Invitational	Blossom Athletic Center	All Day
Sep 16	Varsity Volleyball: Lee	Blossom Athletic Center	6:30 PM
Sep 16	Varsity Football: Alamo Heights	Alamo Heights	7:30 PM
Sep 17	Team Tennis: NEISD Team Invitational	Blossom Athletic Center	All Day
Sep 17	Cross Country: UTSA Romo Classic	UTSA	8:00 AM
Sep 20	Team Tennis: MacArthur	Blossom Athletic Center	4:30 PM
Sep 20	PTA General Meeting	Auditorium	6:30 PM
Sep 20	PTA Open House	Reagan	7:00 PM
Sep 20	Varsity Volleyball: MacArthur	Blossom Athletic Center	7:00 PM
Sep 22	Pep Rally	Reagan Gym	7:00 PM
Sep 23	Varsity Volleyball: Madison	Blossom Athletic Center	5:00 PM
Sep 23	Varsity Football: Churchill	Heroes Stadium	7:30 PM
Sep 24	Aquatics: Fall Invitational	Palo Alto	All Day
Sep 24	Cross Country: SAISD Meet	TBA	8:00 AM
Sep 28	Varsity Volleyball: Johnson	Blossom Athletic Center	7:00 PM
Sep 30	Aquatics: Diving	TBA	All Day

RRHS Phone Number: 210-482-2200

Attendance Office - Grades 9 & 11	x353
Attendance Office - Grades 10 & 12	x355
Attendance Office - Fax	482-2242
Band	x363
Cafeteria	x366
Choir	x364
Clinic	x357
Counseling Office	x251
Counseling Office Fax	482-2245
Dance Studio	x246

Gym - Boys	x231
Gym - Girls	x397
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Main Office	x221
Main Office - Fax	482-2222
Orchestra	x365
Police	x266
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