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# COMETales

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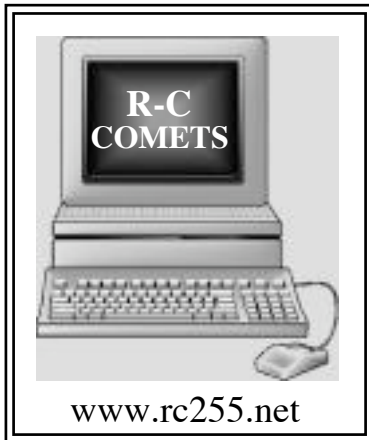
Reed-Custer High School 249 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408

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## **R-C Mission Statement**

The primary purpose of Reed-Custer High School is to prepare students for their following roles in society: to be responsible citizens, to be productive employees, to be effective communicators, and to be informed consumers.

## **Message from the Principal**



Welcome to our first edition of "COMETales" for the 2005-2006 school year! "COMETales" is intended to bring you important information and to highlight the many activities and events that will be taking place throughout the school year.

To ease you into the mind set that school is just around the corner, the articles that follow in our first issue of "COMETales" will highlight all the important information that you will need to know before school starts this fall.

Our first priority of the new school year is always the registration process. Please find the section on registration and read the information carefully. You will also find a MAP of the registration areas and my "Freeman Survival Plan to Registration" to make sure that the registration process goes smoothly for you.

I have also selected a computer to be the icon "highlight" to our first COMETale edition this year. Beneath the computer you will see our school's website address. Please bookmark or make it a favorite site on your personal

computers, as our website is a constant source of timely information on everything that is occurring or will occur : Reed-Custer High School.

During the fall academic term, your home personal computers will also allow you to view your child's weekly grades in all of their classes. More information will be sent home explaining this option to you as we near or begin the month of October. Technology will clearly bring Reed-Custer High School to your homes this year!!

The 2005-2006 school year will certainly be an exciting time for the students, staff, parents, and the entire RCHS community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the high school office [458-2166] at your earliest convenience.

As always, before the doors open for the first day of school, our custodial staff will have finished putting their special "COMET" shine to all the classrooms and hallways at Reed-Custer High School.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will be anxiously looking forward to seeing everyone at registration of the 3rd/4th of August or on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 23rd!!

*Mr. Freeman*

## **Registration**

Registration signals the beginning of every school year, and I have summarized the important registration information below:

*All present Reed-Custer District students, and students new to the district, will be required to register at the Reed-Custer Middle School from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd, or from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4th.*

*This year we are again requesting for you to register on certain days[if this can fit into your schedule]:*

- Parents whose first letter of their last name beginning with the letter [A - M], we would like you to register on Wednesday, August 3rd.
- Parents whose first letter of their last name beginning with the letter [N - Z], we would like you to register on Thursday, August 4th.

We also [as you are aware] have sent home registration and co-curricular information in this mailing for you to review, update, or complete at home. Please be neat [black or blue ink pens to fill out the forms, and **red** pens to make changes on the forms], and be sure to bring all the forms back to the middle school for registration.

*The next two statements are extremely important ... that's why they are in **bold** print:*

- **Class schedules will not be handed out and students cannot start school until the registration fee is paid!**
- **Athletes will not be permitted to practice/participate until the athletic participation fee is paid and their physicals are turned in!**

High School registration fees [per child] are as follows:

Registration	\$60.00
P.E. Uniform (if needed)	\$14.00 (shirts and shorts are \$7.00 each)
Athletic Participation	\$50.00 (if you are going to compete in sports)
Driver's Education fee	\$50.00 (primarily for sophomores)
Band Uniform cleaning fee	\$12.00 (all band members)
Parking Permit	\$15.00
* District Athletic Pass	\$50.00 (family) \$30.00 (adult) \$15.00 (student)
* Students in D-FY-IT	<b>DO NOT</b> need a district athletic pass to attend events

*If you are on vacation, or an emergency situation arises where you are unable to come in and register on the 3rd or 4th of August; you will have to register in the main office of the high school **after** the 8th of August and **before** August 23rd (if you want your son/daughter to be able to start school on August 23rd).*

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# “HOW TO SURVIVE REGISTRATION!!”

## THE FREEMAN REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Please follow the instructions that are listed on this page, which will allow you to be able to easily navigate the registration process.

The **T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6,** and **T-7** areas refer to the **registration map** on the previous page.

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### At T-1 [middle school commons area - room 701/702]:

- This stop is only for new residents to the school district. The majority, if not all of you, can take a deep breath, as this is a stop that you won't have to make.

### At T-2 [middle school commons area]:

- You will receive and sign for student handbooks/new textbooks that students will be using, and insurance forms [if you wish to purchase school insurance].
- You will also receive ONE registration fee form PER CHILD to fill out at this table. The work tables to your right in the commons area are there for you to fill out the fee form[s].

### At T-3 [middle school commons area]:

- You may wish to stop and obtain information/hand-in information concerning free/reduced lunches. This is an important stop, especially if you qualify for free/reduced lunches. You can also prepay into your child's lunch accounts at this time [use the envelopes in the registration mailing], and pick up the high school menu for the first month of school.

### At T-4 [middle school library - west side]:

- You will pay your registration fees. Please make your checks payable to Reed-Custer Unit District 255U.
- You will not be able to continue the registration process until your registration fees have been paid.

### At T-5 [middle school library - east side]:

- You must stop and obtain information about bus routes/approximate pickup times. This is a stop that many missed last year. Even if your child is going to drive to school, you still need to get your bus route and bus number.

### At T-6 [middle school commons area]:

- **FRESHMAN PARENTS** ... you **must** bring your child's physical exams and shot records to the nurse's table.

### At T-7 [middle school commons area]:

- You will go to the high school table and show your yellow receipt from paying your registration fees. At the high school table you will want to accomplish the following:
  - Turn in your student registration forms. These forms should have been reviewed/updated at home as they were enclosed in the registration mailing.
  - Pay any fines from the previous school year [make sure you get a receipt].
  - You will then receive your son's/daughter's class schedule, calendars, school picture information, and class ring information.
- **ATHLETIC TABLE FOR CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION** ... If your child[ren] is/are going to participate in athletics, band, chorus, math, scholastic bowl, speech, student council, or WYSE you **must** stop at the **ATHLETIC TABLE** and turn in your Eligibility and Record Forms, as well as the Drug Testing Consent Form. [these were all mailed home to you]

*NOTE: The Athletic Table will also be the location that you will sign your child up for the random drug testing that will take place this year, if they will participate in IHSA activities.*

- **MUSIC TABLE FOR MUSIC PARTICIPATION** ... If your child is going to participate in band/chorus, you **should** stop at the music booster's table and pick up information.

### **AFTER STOP T-7:**

- Finished!! Take a deep breath, and **CONGRATULATE** yourself on a job well done!! You may exit the middle school from the main entrance where you began your journey.

## A Note From The District Office

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Reed-Custer Community Unit School District serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch at the following prices: Elementary \$1.50, Middle School and High School \$2.00. Children also may receive meals free or at a reduced price. The reduced price is \$.40 cents for lunch.

If your child receives free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50.00 per month or \$600 per year. If your child receives meals because they receive food stamps or TANF, you must tell the school when you are not receiving TANF or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Application materials and further information are available at the school office and will be available at registration.

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## R-C Telephone System

For those of you new to our automated system, or for those who need a quick refresher course on how to beat the system, please keep the following information close to your phone at home.

### REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL

The direct number to the high school office is 458-2166.[as soon as you hear the message begin]

**press 0:** to talk to an office secretary.

**press 1:** to talk to the guidance secretary.

**press 4:** to report your child's absence.

**press 2:** to talk to the athletic director.

**press 5:** to connect to the "Homework Hot Line."

**press 3:** to connect to "Comet News."

**press 6:** to connect to "Transportation."



The direct number to the athletic office is 458-2166 [extension 309].

The direct number to the field house office is 458-4130.

The direct number to the football locker room is 458-4126.

[varsity extension 330 and fr/so extension 328]

### HOMEWORK HOT LINE

The Homework Hot Line is used by the staff each term as a means of communicating to you what your child will be doing in class and what the best time would be to contact the teacher, if you want to talk with him/he

Activating the Homework Hot Line is a relatively simple process.

**Step 1** Call the main number to the high school, **458-2166**

**Step 2** As soon as you begin to hear the automated message, **press 5**

**Step 3** Listen to the directions, which will tell you to **enter the 3-digit number** of the instructor that you would like classroom information from.

Listed below, you will find the listing of the 3-digit numbers for the Homework Hot Line. Again, I would highly recommend that you cut these numbers out and place them on the refrigerator, or by your telephone in order that you can easily refer to those numbers during the school year.

### HOMEWORK HOT LINE NUMBERS

500 - Library	501 - Sweeney	502 - Boward	503 - M. Mitchell
504 - Bugg	505 - Burgess	506 - Cougill	507 - Davis
508 - O'Riordan	509 - Klover	510 - Higinbotham	511 - Engfer
512 - Fetterer	513 - N/A	514 - J. Grace	515 - A. Smith
516 - Hogan	517 - Guidance	518 - Johnston	519 - Jones
520 - N/A	521 - Benoit	522 - Young	523 - Orwig
524 - N/A	525 - Marsaglia	526 - McCowan	527 - Leveille
528 - Cappel	529 - M. Smith	530 - Nyhoff	531 - Peterson
532 - Plant	533 - Chasteen	534 - N/A	535 - Ricketts
536 - N/A	537 - Schultz	538 - Henry	539 - Gibbs
540 - N/A	541 - Boer	542 - Kettwig	543 - T. Smith
544 - Stafford	545 - Evans	546 - N/A	547 - N/A
548 - Dennis	549 - Vana	550 - Varland	551 - Voris
552 - Ward	553 - Richey	554 - N/A	555 - N/A
560 - Freeman	561 - M. Grace	562 - Cancellations	563 - Yard

## School Safety!!

School safety is always a concern and always a number one priority at Reed-Custer High School. We will continue to “daily” monitor the safety of the students while they are in the building. This year, as in the past, we will be conducting the following:

Random metal detector tests: Metal detector tests [by use of a wand] will be performed periodically during the school year, as students enter the building, by the Braidwood police officers and a district administrator.

Random locker checks: Teachers and administrators will routinely inspect student lockers with at least one major inspection during each nine week grading term.

Random checks by the police dogs: Each year we allow the state police “whenever they are in our area” to bring their dogs to the high school to search cars, lockers, and classrooms.

Random checking of the security cameras: Cameras are placed throughout the building and are monitored by the school resource officer and school administrators.

Random lock down simulations: This year we will continue to familiarize students with lock down procedures during one or more simulations.

Constant hallway supervision: During each passing period teachers are assigned stations in the hallways to supervise the students.

School safety, however, is much more than random checks or supervisory duties. It **must** be a team effort between students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators to call attention to or to alert someone to a situation before it occurs.

*School safety is **EVERYONE’S CHALLENGE!!***

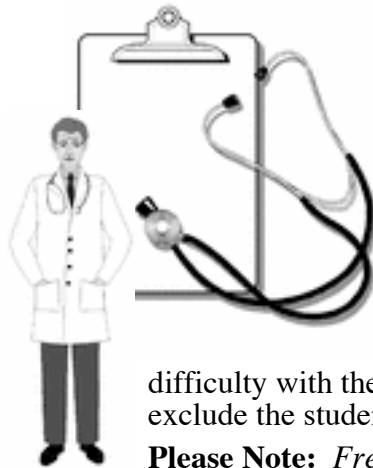
*Please help us in our efforts to make Reed-Custer High School a sanctuary for learning!!*



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## Medical Alert "Freshman Parents"



Recognizing the importance of sound health and its direct relationship to satisfactory school progress, the State of Illinois Health Examination Law requires **ALL** students entering **9th grade** to have a health examination. If proof of this examination is not submitted to the school, the student is subject to exclusion from school. Any families needing health examination forms should pick them up at the high school office **prior** to registration.

In assuming its responsibility for the enforcement of the Health Examination Law, Reed-Custer High School is requiring parents of **9th grade** pupils (or students new to the district) to submit a properly completed health and dental form to the high school prior to the start of this school year.

If for some unavoidable emergency it is not possible to obtain a health and dental examination prior to school's starting, the parent should discuss this difficulty with the school nurse, Mrs. Kathy Jones (458-2145); otherwise, it will be necessary to exclude the student from school. It is our hope that will not be necessary!!

**Please Note:** *Freshmen* athletic physicals **do not count** as a 9th grade health exams.

Make sure that you have a complete physical exam [all your shot records must be up to date], before you come to registration!!

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## Student Schedules

**Scheduling:** Students new to the school district, or students who did not have a schedule made for them last spring, may call the high school to make an appointment beginning the week of August 15th. Appointments will be scheduled by our counselors August 17th through August 19th.

**Remember** ... schedules **cannot** be given out or adjusted until a student's registration fees have been paid!! The counselors have also made every possible effort to make the best possible schedule for each student.

**Important Note:** On the first day of school, students **must** report to the classes that were scheduled for them during the summer or were assigned to them at the end of last year's school year. Schedule changes will be very difficult this year. Many of the high school teachers also teach at our middle school during the day. Flexibility in moving/changing schedules [that we have enjoyed over the past few years] is no longer easy to do and sometimes impossible to do.

## **Parent Advisory Link [PAL] News**

The first **PAL** (Parent Advisory Link) meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

This is a chance for you to find out "What is happening at RCHS!" The meetings last approximately one hour [but my stories may last ...?...] and the format is one of informal discussions. There is no risk!! Bring a friend, bring your ideas and questions, and have a treat or two as we discuss current issues at Reed-Custer High School.

*"Hope to see you on the 21st of September ... our first meeting!!"*

As you circle the 21st of September on your calendar, please take a few extra minutes to circle the dates for all of the PAL meetings during this year school year:

### **PAL Meeting Dates for the 2005-2006 school year:**

Wednesday, **September 21st** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

\* Topics: We will talk about registration and preview the Homecoming schedule and activities. The college selection process will be presented @ 7:30 p.m. the high school library.

Wednesday, **November 30th** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

\* Topics: We will review the school report card and evaluate the Prairie State Exam results from last year. Our ACT review program, "The Comet Challenge," will be discussed at this time.

Wednesday, **February 15th** 7:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

\* Topics: Financial Aid programs for college years. This is a topic that is presented by our guidance department each year. We will also review the Parent/Student Handbook and make recommendations for next year.

Wednesday, **April 26th** 8:00 p.m. High School cafeteria

\* Note: Later start due to Annual Awards Night being held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\* Topics: Sharing thoughts and ideas for the 2006-2007 school year.



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## **Student Orientation Tour and Locker Decorating**



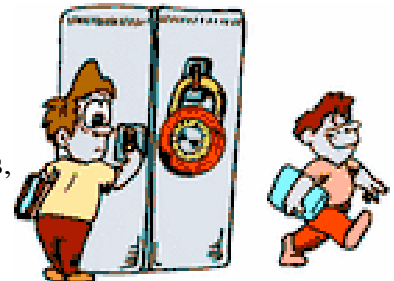
*Confused???* Not sure where your classes will be? Afraid that you will get lost in the building? You think that you will never find your locker; and when you do, you will never be able to get it open!?!

Don't worry -- help is on the way!! On **Thursday, August 18th**, National Honor Society students will be giving a tour of the high school building. Students are to meet in the commons area at 10:00 a.m. (parents are welcome, too -- the tour will take less than an hour)

Students may also come on the 18th to find their lockers and begin the decorating process. Remember ... if you are going to decorate your locker, you must use magnets to hold up your pictures. If you don't have a lot of magnets, the most creative locker decorators have used wrapping paper on the inside of their lockers, and then used scotch tape to fasten their pictures to the wrapping paper.

**Warning!!** Marking the inside or outside of the lockers with pens, pencils, or markers is not allowed [as well as hanging inappropriate material ... such as signs/posters dealing with drugs or alcohol]. You are responsible for your locker, and you will be asked to clean it before or after school if we see markings on or in your locker. Also, do not store used gum, empty cans/bottles, and clothes in your lockers!

A map of Reed-Custer High School is located in this issue of COMETales that will help you get your bearings of where your classes will be located.



## Schedule for the First Day of School

The first day of school for Reed-Custer High School students will be **Tuesday, AUGUST 23rd**. Don't forget .. school starts at 7:50 a.m., and our first day of school is also a **full** attendance day.

Students may go to their lockers when they arrive at school, or they can remain in the commons area and visit with their friends. When the music stops playing in the hallways, the students will have one minute to report to their first class or instructional block of the day.

The schedule the students will follow on the first day is outlined below:



### REGULAR SCHEDULE

<b>Block 0</b>	<b>7:00 - 7:40</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	<b>7:50 - 9:20</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>9:26 - 10:56</b>
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>11:02 - 1:08</b>

Lunch A	11:02 - 11:32
Lunch B	11:34 - 12:04
Lunch C	12:06 - 12:36
Lunch D	12:38 - 1:08

<b>Block 4</b>	<b>1:14 - 2:44</b>
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- Bus transportation “**before school**” will drop the students behind the middle school.
- Bus transportation “**after school**” will pick the students behind the middle school.

### Special Instructions for the first day:

- Schedule changes will occur AFTER 2:44 p.m. today.
- WILCO students will meet with Mr. Grace in the cafeteria @ 10:45 a.m.  
**Note:** There **IS** WILCO on the first day
- CO-OP students will meet with Mr. Grace during Block 3 in room 501, @ 12:00 p.m.
- Philosophy students will begin class on Wednesday, August 24th, @ 7:00 a.m. in the library.

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## Lunch Program at RCHS

Once again the high school will be using a prepay food service program for the student. Students may pay with cash, but a personal check is the desired method of payment. Make you check out to **Reed-Custer High School Food Service**, and make sure that you list the name of your child and his/her account number in the check memo space. All money transactions should take place in the main office, and your canceled check will be your receipt.

### Points to remember:

- Prepay on the first day of the week.
- Memorize your account number.
- Drop off payment in the high school office.
- Use your student I.D. card for efficiency.
- For additional information visit our web page: <<http://www.rc255.will.k12.il.us/lunch/lunch.htm>>



## Driving to School?

Reed-Custer High School students who plan on driving a car to school must have a parking sticker for the 2005-2006 school year. The parking stickers can be obtained in the main office from Mr. Grace, the assistant principal. The cost of the parking sticker will be **\$15.00**.

*Each student will also be assigned a numbered parking space this year. Seniors will be given first priority, with the juniors and sophomores to follow.*

During the first week of school, Mr. Grace will also register your cars in the cafeteria during the four lunch rotations in Block 3, or before/after school.

**Parking:** **Only seniors** may use the lot to the south of the high school, next to the administration center. The lot in front of the high school is **only** to be used for teachers, staff and visitors. All other students need to park in the north lot, across from the Dairy Queen and enter the building by the back auditorium entrance.

Remember to make sure that you park in your assigned parking space this year!!

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## Dress Code and School Rule Reminders!!

Mr. Grace would like to stress the following excerpts from the student handbook and the school board policy concerning the **DRESS CODE**:

The dress code at Reed-Custer High School is the same as last year. The policy continues to be:

***“UNDER CLOTHING MUST BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES, WITH THE PANTS WORN AT WAIST LEVEL AND WITH BELTS IF NEEDED. THE SHIRT/BLOUSE WILL BE OF A LENGTH TO COVER THE STOMACH AND THE LOWER BACK AREA COMPLETELY.”***

The best rule to follow will be the one that states: **“All students should wear a top long enough to be able to be tucked into his or her pants so that no bare skin will be able to seen on an individual no matter if they are standing, sitting, or bending over.”**

Lastly, parents please do not continue to purchase the “short shorts” .. “baggy-low cut jeans” .. or .. “low V-cut tops as school clothes. We realize the styles change from year to year and it is “vogue” or the “in thing” to fit in with the crowd. However, each and every year the styles of clothing are more and more revealing and although appropriate to wear on the weekends or after school, the clothing selections **ARE NOT** appropriate attire during the school day.

- Students **will not** be permitted to wear tank tops during the school day.
- Students **will not** be permitted to have any type of chains hanging from their clothing or from their body while on school property or at any school event.
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear mushroom necklaces while on school property or at any school event.
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear hats during the school day [7:50 a.m.- 2:44 p.m.]
- Students **will not** be permitted to wear any type of clothing representing inappropriate subjects such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products on school property or at any school event. This **includes** the following:

\*\*\* Co-Ed Naked shirts

\*\*\* International 420 shirts

\*\*\* Mushroom shirts

\*\*\* Big Johnson shirts

- Students **will not** be permitted to wear any type of clothing, jewelry, or make-up that the administration deems inappropriate to wear in school.
- Students **are not** permitted to bring beverages/treats into their classrooms.
- Students **are not** permitted to have video cell phones on school grounds at any time.
- Finally, the **#1** reason for detentions last year continues to be... **being tardy to school and to class.**

*We certainly expect improvement in this area, TARDIES, this year!!*

Please remember to review the entire handbook with your son/daughter during the first week of school. We firmly believe that the new changes in our rules and regulations will improve the academic atmosphere in the high school.

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## Class Ring Orders



Mr. Patrick Buschette, our Josten's representative, will be at Reed-Custer High School Wednesday, August 24th to present ring information to sophomore students. The presentation will take place from 9:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium. Ring orders will be taken during lunch periods on Friday, August 26th.

Remember, a \$40 deposit is required when you order a class ring. If you are not going present on the 26th, you may leave your deposit and ring information in the high school office. We will process your ring order for you.

To allow you a little extra time in your planning or decision, Mr. Buschette will once have ring information available at registration this year.

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## School Pictures

Prestige Portraits by Life Touch will again be our high school's photography company this year.

Senior pictures will have been taken July 11th - July 15th in the high school auditorium from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you missed your appointment and need to make another appointment, please call Prestige Portraits at 630-910-3277 [press 1 for high school portraits and press 2 for all other inquiries].

If you want to have your senior picture appear in the yearbook or on the graduation print in the commons area, you must have your picture taken by Prestige. You don't have to purchase the pictures, you just need to have them take your picture.

Underclass school pictures will be taken **ONLY** on Thursday, September 8th. The pictures will be on a prepay program. The day your child has his/her picture taken, you will need to send picture money to school with your child in the envelope supplied by Prestige Portrait. Extra envelopes will be available in the high school office.

Remember, you will again be under no obligation to purchase the pictures that are taken. However, if you want your child's picture to appear in the school yearbook, please encourage your son/daughter to have his/her picture taken when the school photographer is here taking the pictures.

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## Music Notes



### Fall Band Practice Begins:

The marching Comets should keep the following dates/times in mind, as practice will begin before school starts this fall. Please remember to bring water bottles, sunscreen, and dress appropriately with socks and tennis shoes!!

\*\* Drumline and Colorguard will practice August 1st, 2nd, 10th, 11th and 12th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\*\* The entire band will practice August 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, and 9th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### 2005-2006 Registration Fees:

The uniform cleaning fee of \$12.00 will be collected during Registration. The School Instrument Rental Fees will also be collected at this time. This includes: Tuba, Euphonium/Baritone, Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass/Contra Bass Clarinet. The rental fee is \$55.00 for the school year and \$27.50 for the semester. If you are playing an instrument during jazz band that is different from your own or playing an instrument for marching band that is different from your own, pay only the semester fee.

### Band Homework Hotline Number:

This is a great way to get important information about an upcoming performance or homework for Theory Class. Mrs. Dennis updates the hotline message weekly, and if there is a performance upcoming, she will give detailed information. The hotline number is 458-2166 X548.

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## Theater Department

This year's fall play? Ms. Henry has decided on "Don't Drink the Water", a comedy by Woody Allen (his first, I do believe). Here's the synopsis: "The Hollanders are on a family vacation in Europe when suddenly, after taking pictures of a sensitive military area, they are mistaken for spies. Desperate, they run into the closest American Embassy, temporarily being run by the Ambassador's incompetent son, Axel Magee, during the Ambassador's absence. Mr. Hollander is paranoid, Mrs. Hollander wants to clean everything and their daughter, who is already engaged, falls in love with Axel, much to her father's horror. What follows is a hilarious series of encounters with a by-the-book Russian agent, a refugee priest who does card tricks, a chef who cries when you enter his kitchen, a Sultan who likes his liquor too much, an executive assistant who is accident-prone and a host of other unusual characters. This is a very funny play based on the idea of what happens to ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.



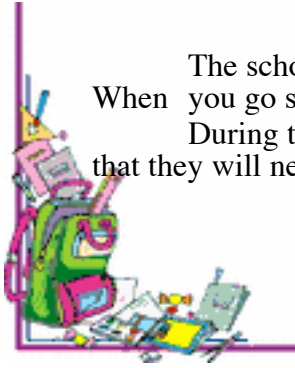
Auditions will be Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31. The fall play will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 3, 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm each night."

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# School Supplies

The school supplies listed below will get your child off to a great start at Reed-Custer High School. When you go shopping, please remember this formula..DnOb.. "**Do Not Over Buy!!**"

During the first week of school, the teachers will provide your child with a list of items (supplies) that they will need. To get started, I would suggest the purchase of the following items:



1. Depending on how you organize yourself:
  - \* Buy a 3-ring binder with multiple dividers (sections). -or-
  - \* Buy separate notebooks or folders for each class.
2. Two packages of lined theme paper (with holes).
3. #2 lead pencils and black/blue pens.
4. A box of Kleenex for the students to keep in their lockers.
5. **Math** classes will require: [We highly recommend that each child owns their own TI-83 Plus Calculator]
  - \* Rulers with inches and centimeters marked on them, a protractor, and compass.
  - \* Advanced Algebra, Advanced Math and Trigonometry, or Calculus: 4 AAA Batteries
  - \* Advanced Algebra: 5 or 6 colored pencils (recommended)
  - \* Dry erase markers for seat work and board work [please, no permanent markers]
6. **Physical Education** classes will require:
  - \* Complete physical education uniforms (shirt and shorts). A complete uniform will cost \$14.00 (\$7.00 for a shirt and \$7.00 for a pair of shorts).
7. **English** classes will require:

Students to purchase a Macintosh disk for writing assignments and the paperback novels that will be used in class. The following list of novels will be used this year (approximate costs of each novel is also listed). If you wish to purchase the novels on your own, you may do so - but wait until the teacher confirms the novel that you will be using in class.

* <u>9 Prep English and 9 Regular English</u>	* <u>11 Regular English</u>
Of Mice and Men - \$5.00	The Great Gatsby - \$8.00
To Kill a Mockingbird - \$5.00	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - \$6.00
* <u>9 Honors English</u>	* <u>11 Honors English</u>
To Kill a Mockingbird - \$5.00	TBA
* <u>10 Regular English</u>	* <u>12 English Communications</u>
Bean Trees - \$9.00	TBA
* <u>10 Honors English</u>	* <u>AP Literature and Composition</u>
Frankenstein - \$9.00	TBA
8. The **Criminology** class will require:

Students to purchase the paperback novels that will be used in class. The following list of novels will be used this year (price of each novel is also listed). If you wish to purchase the novels on your own, you may do so.

  - \* Hound of Baskerville \$4.00
  - \* Ox Bow Incident \$6.00
  - \* Murder on the Orient Express \$6.00
9. The **Philosophy** class will require:

Students will need to purchase one paperback novel.

  - \* Sophie's World \$7.00
10. **Foods I and II** classes will require:

Students will have a \$10.00 lab fee in each class.
11. **Photo Tech, Metals, Ceramics, and 3-Dimensional Design** classes will require:

Students will have a \$10.00 lab fee in each class.



## Special Notes:

1. Make all checks payable to Reed-Custer High School.
2. **DO NOT** have your son or daughter give his/her teacher the check or the money to pay for their book(s)/materials.
3. All money must be brought to the main office.
4. Make sure your son or daughter gets a receipt from the main office.

# Sports

## Physical Examinations for RCHS Athletes

One thing that has to take place before the 2006-2006 sports seasons can begin in an orderly fashion is for our athletes to have physical examinations on file in the RCHS Athletic Office. IHSA regulations stipulate that athletes must have a current physical on file in order to practice or play in contests. The following information is very important to all RCHS Athletes and their parents:

The St. Joseph's Medical Center physicals will be conducted on Tuesday, July 26th, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., in the Reed-Custer High School Commons and Gymnasium. The cost for these exams will be \$20.00.

The Braidwood Medical Service physicals will be conducted in August at the high school. Please check the local papers for the correct day and time. Thank you for your patience on this last physical date.

We encourage all athletes at RCHS to take advantage of the physical examination date. The exams will meet requirements for Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports for the 2005-2006 school year. Please remember that you can't participate in a sport without a physical examination.

Don't wait until the last minute to fulfill this requirement! If you have any questions about the Physical Examinations feel free to contact RCHS at 458-2166 Ext 309.

## REMEMBER

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN PRACTICE WITHOUT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ON FILE !!!!

### RCHS Drug Testing

All students participating in IHSA sponsored activities will participate in random drug testing this year. At registration, parents will be required to sign their children up for the random drug testing, if their child plans to participate in any IHSA sponsored activities during this school year, 2005-2006. Failure to sign up for the random drug testing will **stop** your child from participating this year in all of the IHSA sponsored activities.

## RCHS Athletic Record Forms and Athletic Ineligibility Forms

RCHS Interscholastic Record Forms, Eligibility Forms, and Random Drug Testing Consent Forms were mailed home with registration materials and will also be available at the District Registration on August 3rd/4th at the middle school. Parents who have a child[ren], who will be participating in an extra curricular activities, (All Sports, Band, Chorus, Scholastic Bowl, Speech, Student Council, Math, or WYSE) must fill out both forms for each student.

You will also be able to pay your Athletic Participation Fees (\$50.00) at Registration. Finally, you will receive a copy of the Athletic Handbook (1 per family) which has a copy of the Code of Conduct in it at Registration.

## Reed-Custer Unit District 255-U Athletic Passes

Reed-Custer District Athletic Event Passes will be on sale at the District Registration Days in August. The passes are good for all Regular Season Home Contests for Reed-Custer High School (This does not include any of the tournaments that are hosted by Reed-Custer High School) The prices are as follows:

Family Pass: \$50.00 (Each member of the family will receive a pass.)

Adult Pass: \$30.00

Student Pass: \$15.00 (D-FY-IT members **do not** need this pass)

Senior Citizens who reside in the Reed-Custer District can obtain a Reed-Custer Athletic Event Pass for no charge by stopping at the Stephen Hanks Administration Center with proof of age and residence. Please remind any grandparents who reside in the district about this fabulous bargain. Out-of-District grandparents can purchase Adult Passes, which still provide substantial savings.

## Athletic Booster Club News

The RCHS Athletic Booster hope that support for working in the concession stands will continue during the 2005-2006 school year. There can never be too many workers in the Concession Stand in any one night!! The Boosters will be asking parents to help out at any of the athletic events during the school year (especially important now are the Football and Volleyball home dates.) Remember. **NO** experience is necessary!

# Fall Practice Times



## Football News

Coach Cappel would like football players to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 9th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

August 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th - Practices will be from:

\* session 1: - 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

\* session 2: - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 13th and 20th - Practice will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 18th - Meet the Comets at 6:00 p.m.

## Volleyball News

Coach Boer would like girls interested in trying out for the volleyball teams to keep the following dates and times in mind:

July 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th - "Volleyball Camp" Grade level/times are listed below  
9-12 [8:00-11:00 a.m.] and 6-8 [12:00-1:30 p.m.]

August 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th - Practice begins: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 20th - Car Wash



## Soccer News

Coach Randall would like athletes interested in playing soccer this fall to keep the following information, dates, times in mind:

August 11th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

August 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th - Practice will be held from

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## Cross Country News

Coach Ward would like athletes interested in running cross country this fall to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 11th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:40 p.m. [room 608]

August 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th - Practice will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
in the fieldhouse



## Golf News

Coach Ricketts and Coach Vana would like all golfers interested in playing golf this fall to keep the following dates and times in mind:

August 9th - Parent/Player Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

August 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th - Practice will be held from  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ High Point Golf Course and from  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. @ the Braidwood Recreation Club

## Cheerleading News

Coach Malloy and Coach Lebron would like all cheerleaders to be aware of the following information:

August 1st - Practice begins at 3:30 p.m.

August 18th - Meet the Comets at 6:00 p.m.



# Reed-Custer High School

## CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

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### August

- Monday, 1st Cheerleading practice begins
- Wednesday, 10th Football and Golf practice begins
- Monday, 15th Cross-Country, Soccer, and Volleyball practice begins
- Thursday, 18th Freshmen/new student tours of the high school @ 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 23rd First full day of school
- Wednesday, 24th Last day for schedule changes

### September

- Thursday, 1st Freshmen Assembly “Making your high school days count!!”
- Monday, 5th No School - Labor Day
- Thursday, 8th Underclassmen school pictures
- Tuesday, 13th Senior Picture Retakes [3:00 - 8:00 p.m.]
- Wednesday, 14th Senior Picture Retakes [3:00 - 8:00 p.m.]
- Monday, 19th No School - Teacher’s Institute
- Wednesday, 21st Parent-Teacher Conferences [4:00 - 7:00 p.m.]  
Parent Advisory Link Meeting [7:00 - 8:00 p.m.]  
College Selection Process Meeting [7:30 - 8:30 p.m.]
- Monday, 26th Homecoming - Day 1
- Tuesday, 27th Homecoming - Day 2
- Wednesday, 28th Homecoming - Day 3
- Thursday, 29th Homecoming - Day 4
- Friday, 30th Homecoming - Day 5

### October

- Saturday, 1st Homecoming [parade, football games, and dance]
- Wednesday, 5th Fall Choral Concert
- Monday, 10th No School - Columbus Day
- Saturday, 15th PSAT Exam
- Tuesday, 18th Joliet Junior College Fair [5:30 - 8:30 p.m.]
- Thursday, 20th Underclass Picture Retakes
- Tuesday, 25th District Exams [Blocks 2 and 4]
- Wednesday, 26th District Exams [Blocks 1 and 3]
- Thursday, 27th Term 2 begins
- Friday, 28th Last day for schedule changes
- Sunday, 30th Daylight Savings Time Ends