



Ragsdale Review



A PTSA Newsletter for Ragsdale Parents, Teachers and Students

Fall 2011

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A Letter From the PTSA President

Dear PTSA Family and Friends,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Ragsdale PTSA invites you to join us in making a difference in the educational experience and quality of life for all children.

We realize how important your children are to you and that you want the best for them. Our PTSA can help you achieve that! We all know that children learn more and are more successful when parents, teachers, students and the community work together.

PTSA brings these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. Our PTSA provides information and resources through workshops, programs, brochures and e-mail as well as our new website, www.ragsdaleptsa.org. Other valuable information can be found at www.gcsnc.com, www.pta.org and gcstv/channel2.

In addition, Ragsdale PTSA proudly sponsors programs such as:

- Classroom Enrichment Grants
- Teacher Appreciation Events

- The Reflections Program This year's theme is "Diversity Means....."
- Campus Beautification. Wouldn't we love to have a new informational LED marquee, picnic tables, umbrellas and benches?
- Academic incentives for Students
- Appreciation Luncheon for Custodians
- Newsletter and Communications
- College Application Aid Night

When you become a member of RHS PTSA, your support enables us to do great things for our Ragsdale Tigers. Dues are only \$6.00 and only PTSA members are able to vote on our budget and other recommendations put forth from the PTSA Board. You can join by filling out the information form and returning it to the front office by mail or in person. Every PTSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

We do not participate in product-based sales to raise money to fund our programs and depend on raising funds primarily through membership dues AND direct donations to our PTSA. 100% of your direct donation stays right here to be used for our Ragsdale Tigers! With a donation of

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A Letter from the PTSA President(Continued from Page 1)

\$20.00 or more, you become a "Diamond Donor" and will be recognized on our PTSA Diamond Board in the RHS front lobby, in the PTSA newsletter and on the PTSA website.

We are all extremely busy, but I challenge each of you to make time to do at least one thing to help RHS. Join PTSA, make a tax-deductible donation (no amount is too small!), go to a game, attend a Booster Club or a PTSA meeting. Most importantly, volunteer your time and talents. During the month of August, RHS had 140 parents volunteer 1069 hours! What a difference these volunteers made! So.....***DO at least ONE THING for RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL!***

For further information on how to get involved, visit our new PTSA web page, created by our web master, Sam Kanakanui. Great job, Sam! You may access our new page through the Ragsdale website or by visiting www.ragsdaleptsa.org. We look forward to a fantastic year, thanks to our talented and dedicated teachers, parents and students!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Scheffer, RHS PTSA President



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Comments and Updates by Dr. Rogers

The opening of school year 2011-12 has been smooth. The ninth graders at the Center are very cooperative and are working hard in their classes so far. The upperclassmen are enjoying less crowded hallways and working hard in their classes too

The building renovation project is progressing on schedule. The construction folks have been great to work with and they have been very mindful of our need for uninterrupted learning time. Roof repair of the former JMS starts in early October and the Link building is currently getting footings.

Our September 19th Walk the Schedule was not well attended by parents and students. Please send me any suggestions you have for our second semester Walk the Schedule. We want all parents to be able to attend.

Algebra I Boot Camp information is sent home by Algebra I students. These are held on certain Saturdays and are fantastic ways to help Algebra I students excel. They are conducted by our math teachers.

The PTSA rocks!!! The PTSA member and friends have been so supportive and helpful as we ventured into our new year with so many changes. Join the PTSA please.

Please contact Ms. Deanne Lowe at lowed2@gcsnc.com if you want information on how to improve your SAT scores for FREE! This is for any student 9th – 12th grade and you can access our program from home as well.

Thank you to all the students who have stayed focused on their school work.

Principal Rogers



Ground Breaking Ceremony - Ragsdale Renovations and Additions

Support Our School

PTSA Membership

Our PTSA Membership team is off to a great start for the year - we have already sold 327 memberships, which surpasses our total for all of last year! Memberships are only \$6, so if you are not yet a member, please consider joining and help us reach our goal of 450 memberships. At Walk the Schedule, a drawing for two \$25 Sheetz cards was held for all current PTSA members and the winners were Jennifer Hackenholt and Denine Howell, both of whom happen to be Ragsdale teachers. Congratulations to these lucky ladies and make sure you are a member before the next drawing takes place!

Ways to Support Ragsdale



HARRIS TEETER

Together in Education

Simply give the cashier the school's code to link to your VIC card. You will earn money for RHS each time you shop. You must "re-link" your card each year. You may also link your card by visiting <http://www.harristeeter.com>.

RHS School Code: 2879

TARGET

Take Charge of Education

Link your Target Visa card to the school's code and you will earn money for RHS each time you use your card to shop at Target. Register on line at: www.target.com/tcoe

RHS School Code: 80071

FOOD LION

Shop and Share

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total purchase will be donated to our school. You can register your MVP card by going to www.foodlion.com.

OFFICE DEPOT

Office Depot offers a percentage of your purchase back to the school of your choice in school supplies. Our school code must be presented at the time of purchase.

RHS School Code: 70061575

Hospitality News

Thank You to Our Hospitality Volunteers!

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping with our first two hospitality events for the year - the Welcome Back Lunch on August 19 and the Teacher Snack on September 14. You made the staff feel welcome and appreciated!

Adele McGugan, Amy Petitfils, Ana Atwater, Angie Mangum, Annette Bryant, Carole Neale, Carolyn Whitaker, Cindy Ellis, Dee Jellicorse, Donna McLamb, Gina Gibson, Jami Adams, Jeannie Hinson, Jennifer Sparks, Jessica Mitchell, Jessica Walsh, Joelle Fucini, Katherine Byerly, Kathie Lukens, Kelley Schaefer, Kelly Mantek, Kelly Redfern, Kim Hunt, Leslie Baity, Libby Merritt, Lisa O'Brien, Nancy Oakley, Pam Hjelmquist, Rebecca Scheffer, Sara Lempp, Sheree Crane, Sue Morrison, Susan Fischer, Tia Crouch, Tonya Thoma, Tracey Weeks, Vickie Ebright, Virginia Kanakanui.

A thank you also goes out to following businesses and organizations who all made donations of door prizes, coupons, or food for the staff luncheon: Chick-fil-a, Toshi's Café, In Style Nails, Harris Teeter, and the RHS Athletic Booster Club. Please support these generous businesses with your patronage.

Custodian Appreciation Day

The hospitality committee hosted an appreciation lunch for the RHS custodial staff on September 21. Mr. Capra, Ms. Terry, Ms. Kim, Ms. Steele, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Risoli, and Mr. Brown got to take a much-deserved break from their work and sit down to a lunch of soup, sandwiches, salad, and homemade banana pudding with the some of our PTSA board members. Be sure to let Mr. Capra and his staff know how much you appreciate all the work they do to keep our school clean.



You are invited...

**PTSA will be hosting a Coffee with The
Principal of Ragsdale High School,
Dr. Kathy Rogers**

**Wednesday, November 2, at 7:40 A.M.
at Perky's Café on
Main Street in Jamestown.**

**Come meet Dr. Rogers and enjoy
muffins, scones and coffee.**



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for...Dr. Rogers' Weekly
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Volunteers Opportunities

Volunteers Welcome!!

Despite what your student may tell you,
YOU ARE NEEDED AT RAGSDALE!!

Volunteer opportunities abound!

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the following areas,
you may email directly the contact listed below.

Beautification

Katharine Byerly—katharinebyerly@earthlink.net

Furniture Market Fundraiser

Kelly Mantek—kmantek@triad.rr.com

Carole Neale—cneale@triad.rr.com

Hospitality

Ana Atwater—ana@theatwaters.com

Teacher Appreciation

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Extravaganza

Lisa Cook—lisac@camco.net

**For information about other volunteer
opportunities at RHS, contact:**

Volunteer Coordinator

Kelly Redfern—krmyboys@aol.com

Parents of 9-11th Graders Senior Project Speech Night

The first semester Senior Project Speech Night will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011. We are looking for parents of 9-11th graders who are interested in sitting on the panel of judges to hear and grade the speeches. Dinner and brief training will be provided. If you are interested, please send your name, email, telephone number and mailing address to:

Deanne Lowe
Curriculum Facilitator
336.454.7054 x4025

Furniture Market Fundraiser

RHS is paid for staffing hospitality carts at the furniture market. This is our main fundraiser for the PTSA. Volunteers are needed to staff hospitality carts for both the Fall and Spring markets. You may sign up for just one day or several. This is an easy and fun volunteer opportunity!

For more information, contact:

Kelly Mantek (kmantek@triad.rr.com)

Carole Neale (cneale@triad.rr.com)

Teacher Appreciation

We are still looking for volunteers for Teacher Appreciation—celebrated during the month of May at RHS.

We often just need folks to drop off food or drink items at the school so this can work with anyone's schedule. Please send Jennifer Sparks an email or leave a message. Thank you! Will be in contact with you in April.

Jsparks4@triad.rr.com or 706.2307

RAGSDALE



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2011-2012 THEME: "DIVERSITY IS..."

Deadline for entries: November 11 (front office)

Information and forms can be found at:

<http://guilfordcountyppta.org/Reflections.html>

Four finalists in each category will receive a gift certificate and their entries will move on to the Guilford County level.

Mary M. Platek - RHS Reflections chairperson - amplatek@aol.com 454-8112

News You Can Use

PTSA Enrichment Grant Program, "Everybody Wins"

The RHS PTSA has budgeted to fund the staff sponsored initiatives which promote learning and enrichment for students again for the 2011-2012 school year. Some of the grants awarded last year included:

- Skills Lab for the OCS program
- Book Sets for the Book Club
- Book Set "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" for Civics and Economics
- Algebra I Boot Camp incentives
- Postcards designed by Computer Apps II students informing parents of "Good News from School"
- Digital Art Production software
- Anatomy Models for Medical Careers

The deadline for the Fall Awards will be October 7, 2011. The Spring Awards will have a deadline of February 17, 2012. We will share the Grant winners on the RHS PTSA website and in the next newsletter.

Joelle Fucini
PTSA Enrichment Grant Program Chair

Way to Go Ragsdale!



Last spring Ragsdale High School participated in the Chevrolet Drive for Perfection. Local area dealers sponsored schools, which were tasked with taking test drives. Terry Labonte Chevrolet sponsored Ragsdale and for every test drive referred by students and faculty, the dealership and Chevrolet donated \$50 to the school. Through Ragsdale's enthusiasm and dedication the school earned \$5,600! We were told that we received the LARGEST amount of any schools in this area!

On September 20, 2011, Ragsdale High School was recognized as a Most Improved School during Guilford County School's 11th annual Celebrating Excellence in Education event. The event is sponsored by Businesses for Excellence in Education. Nine elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools and one middle college were selected for the awards based on their state ABCs performance composite gain from one year to the next. Ragsdale's EOC composite score including the EOC in writing increased from 69.0 percent proficient to 73.2 percent proficient. The school made AYP, meeting 17 of 17 targets. The school's graduation rate increased from 83.0 percent to 84.1 percent, and scholarship dollars for the Class of 2011 totaled \$4,441,105.

Ragsdale received an award of \$9,625 to continue the academic progress of their students!!!

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RHS PTSA 2011-12



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News You Can Use

ONLINE SAT PREP SESSION/FREE ONLINE PRACTICE TEST PROMOTED BY RAGSDALE PTSA

<http://schoolcenter.gcsnc.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=316312&linkid=nav-menu-original-4-40>

Ragsdale High School PTSA Starts the Year with 2 Exciting Projects

The 2011-2012 Ragsdale High School PTSA members have been busy preparing for a new year. On Friday, August 19th members hosted a "Welcome Back" luncheon for teachers and staff which included salads, sandwiches, fruits and desserts. A drawing for door prizes was held with winners receiving Ragsdale apparel and goodies donated from local businesses. At

8am the next morning, members met at the school with shovels, rakes, plants and lots of energy for a beautification day. 15 members (and several Ragsdale football players) worked for hours to spruce up existing flower beds and create 2 natural areas. Under the direction of

President Rebecca Scheffer and Vice President Ana Atwater, PTSA members are looking forward to an exciting year. Whether you can donate a few hours a month or help with special projects (like teacher luncheons), there's a place for you in the PTSA. Being a member of the PTSA is a great way to stay involved with your child's education! If you're interested in finding out about opportunities with the Ragsdale PTSA, contact Kelly Redfern at: krmyboys@aol.com



Become a PTSA "Diamond Donor"



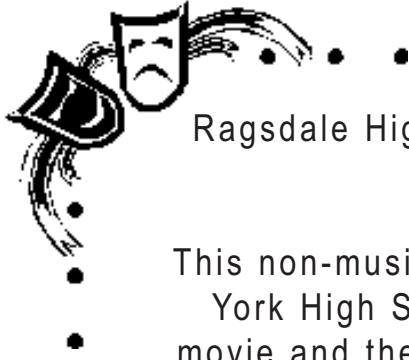
Because Ragsdale does not participate in student fundraising, we depend on the generous contributions of our families and community to fund our enrichment programs and services benefitting the students and faculty of RHS. Make a tax deductible contribution of at least \$20 to RHS PTSA and earn a spot on our PTSA Diamond Donors list which will be prominently displayed at school and in the PTSA newsletter.

Name _____ Address _____
(a receipt will be mailed to you for your tax records)

Amount enclosed: \$20 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other _____

Make checks payable to RHS PTSA

Drama Department News



Ragsdale High School Drama invites you to the Fall Production of the stage play, **FAME**.

This non-musical version gives the audience a glimpse into the New York High School for the Performing Arts. Based on the original movie and the tv show that premiered in 1981, this show will reveal both the challenges and rewards of pursuing a life in the arts.

FAME will be performed one night only, Nov. 17th in the RHS Auditorium at 7pm.

Tickets for students are \$5 and adult tickets are \$7.

PTSA Membership Application

\$6.00 per person *Everyone Can Join!!!!*

Make checks payable to RHS PTSA (Contributions are tax-deductible)

Adult Members:

Student Members

____ RHS Faculty Member?

Total # of Memberships _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ I would like to receive email updates about PTSA events and volunteer needs at RHS.

Return with payment to:
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Attention: PTSA Membership