



# Ragsdale Review



A PTSA Newsletter for Ragsdale Parents, Teachers and Students

Winter 2012

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## A Letter From the PTSA President

Dear Ragsdale Families and Friends:

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the 2011-2012 school year. However, when we pause to consider all that PTSA volunteers have accomplished for our parents, teachers and students, it is even more extraordinary! I am proud to mention a few of their projects.

- awarded \$2,438.00 in grants to teachers for enrichment programs
- earned NCPTA membership awards
- assisted the counselors with College Application Week
- volunteered at the Fall Furniture Market to earn funds for programs
- hosted a community coffee with Dr. Rogers to discuss construction
- awarded academic incentives to Honor Roll students
- planted and maintained additional landscaping
- hosted numerous snacks, including a fabulous holiday buffet, for the entire staff (125+)

- hosted an appreciation luncheon for Mr. Capra and his custodial staff
- participated in the Reflections Program

I would like to thank all of our 175 volunteers who gave over 1050 hours of their time and creative talents in the month of December!

As parents of students at Ragsdale, we have a wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives of our children and teachers and to strengthen the bonds to our Jamestown community.

As we move forward with the exciting growth and changes that 2012 will bring to Ragsdale, PTSA needs your support more than ever. Please visit [www.ragsdaleptsa.org](http://www.ragsdaleptsa.org) to join, volunteer or make a tax deductible donation. Let's work to make Ragsdale the best high school in Guilford County!

Thank you for making a difference!

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## *News You Can Use*

### **TCA SAT Preparation Course**

All Ragsdale students have an excellent opportunity to take a SAT preparation course online from Triumph College Admissions (TCA). The tuition for this course has been paid, and log on information is available on the home page of the Ragsdale HS website.

Students should make sure they indicate their high school, Ragsdale High School, when they register to take a SAT test – then we will receive scores and can work with students on improvement.

Please contact me with questions, or advice about how to best utilize the TCA online preparation course.

Deanne Lowe  
Curriculum Facilitator  
email:  
lowed2@gcsnc.com  
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### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Become part of your Child's success at school without having to leave home!**

Studies have shown that children whose parents are actively involved in their education show higher test scores and lower dropout rates. We believe that our Ragsdale parents would like to have every opportunity to become more involved in what their child is doing at school every day. We also know how busy parents are today and how difficult that can be.

PARENT ASSISTANT is a wonderful resource that allows you to know the following information about your child every day, every week or every month.

- Student Grades
- Assignment Scores/Late or Missing Assignments
- Attendance/Being late to class
- Standardized Testing Results
- And much more

Please go to our Ragsdale Home Page and click on the link to Parent Assistant (right in the middle of the home page) [pa.gcsnc.com](http://pa.gcsnc.com) to get started on this absolutely free and vital resource in ensuring your child's successful high school experience. You will need your student's school ID# which can be found at the top of their report card.

You can also phone Julie Miles, our Data Manager, at 336-819-2960 if you need any assistance in logging on or have further questions about this wonderful program.

Start 2012 with the security of knowing how your child is doing every day at Ragsdale!! Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children in partnership with you.

Di Hicks  
Graduation Coach  
Ragsdale High School  
336-819-2960

# *Congratulations*

## **2011-12 REFLECTIONS COMPETITION**

We have the final results for the 2011-12 National PTA Reflections Competition for Ragsdale High School. The theme for this year was "Diversity Is...".

For the six categories of: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and the Visual Arts, finalists were selected for the categories of Literature, Visual Arts, and Film Production. Judges selected the following finalists:

**In the Literature category:**

- Jasmine Beck

**In the Film Production category:**

- David Goolsby

**And in the Visual Arts category:**

- Jessica Askew

- Lucy Kennedy

- Tessa Platek

We would like to congratulate these finalists that have had their work sent on to the Guilford County Competition to represent Ragsdale High School. Certificates and gift certificates will be presented to these Finalists. Congratulations to our winners!

Two of Ragsdale's AP English students from last semester were the contest winners of North Carolina A&T's annual Sit-In Essay Competition entitled "What would you be willing to sit-in for today?" The contest was open to all Guilford County School students, so we are beyond proud of their achievements! The second place winner of a \$500 scholarship is Steven Walsh, and the first place winner of a \$1000 scholarship is Parker Hudson. Parker and his parents attended the Celebration breakfast read his essay aloud to a packed banquet hall. Afterwards, he had the honor of shaking the hands of the three living "Greensboro Four" as well as the fourth's son, and he was also sought out by NC Senator Gladys Robinson who is currently fighting to reverse the unjust legislation that his essay criticized. All in all, it was a powerfully moving experience!

**Congratulations to Steven Walsh and Parker Hudson!!**

## *Hospitality News*

### **Thank You to Our Hospitality Volunteers!**

The following volunteers provided snacks for the Ragsdale teachers and staff on the Early Release Day on October 12 and for a Holiday Party on December 12. As always, the staff was very appreciative. A huge thank you to all of you!

Amy Petitfils, Angie Mangum, Annette Bryant, April Davis, Carole Neale, Cindy Ellis, Donna Blizard, Donna McLamb, Gracie Womack, Jeannie Hinson, Jennifer Sparks, Jessica Walsh, Kathie Lukens, Kelley Schaefer, Kelly Redfern, Kelly Mantek, Kim Hunt, Leslie Baity, Leslie Williams, Libby Merritt, Lisa Cook, Lisa O'brien, Marsha Kerr, Mary Overbey, Mary Platek, Nancy Oakley, Pam Foster, Rebecca Scheffer, Sara Lempp, Shannon Dryden, Sheree Crane, Sue Morrison, Susan Fischer, Tamra Bingham, Tia Crouch, Tonya Thoma, Tricia Hayes, Tracey Weeks, Vickie Ebright, & Virginia Kananui.

### **Sign Up to be a Hospitality Volunteer**

If you would like to help out with future hospitality events sponsored by the PTSA, contact Ana Atwater at [ana@theatwaters.com](mailto:ana@theatwaters.com) or Annette Bryant at [kearney1212@aol.com](mailto:kearney1212@aol.com).

## *Ragsdale By the Numbers*

**1959** Year Ragsdale opened

**1365** students

**441** families have linked their Harris Teeter VIC card

**338** PTSA members. Join Today. Only \$6.00.

**36** students received Microsoft Word Certification

**30** students received Microsoft Power Point Certification

**39** used DVD's donated by NHS to DVD's4Vets

**7** bags of trash collected by NHS for Adopt-A-Highway

**48** Percent of Parents enrolled in Parent Assist Program

## *Volunteer Opportunity*

### Teacher Appreciation

We are looking for additional volunteers to help with Teacher Appreciation that will take place the Month of May. Please email your name and phone number if you wish to help: [jsparks4@triad.rr.com](mailto:jsparks4@triad.rr.com). We will also be collecting items that can be used for drawings during the month, so please keep your eyes open for great deals and hold onto them for May. If you know of a restaurant/company that would be willing to help us with food for a teacher-faculty breakfast, lunch or after school snack please let us know. Thanks again!

## *Senior Extravaganza*

Please support RHS Senior Extravaganza by purchasing tickets for the following fundraising events!

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Lisa Cook at [lisac@camco.net](mailto:lisac@camco.net) or 908-2011.

### **Applebees Flapjack Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 3**

**7:30-10:00 am**

**Applebees Restaurant on Hwy 68**

**\$7.00 per ticket**

### **Outback Dinner To Go Night**

**Tuesday, April 3**

**Pick up will be 5:30-7:00 pm  
by the Ragsdale front entrance**

**\$15 per meal or**

**4 meals for \$50**

**Dinner includes steak, chicken, green beans,  
mashed potatoes and cheesecake!**




## Tiger Pride – The Next 52Years.....

January 2012

Dear Ragsdale Families, Alumni, and Ragsdale Community,

In 2011, Ragsdale High School celebrated 52 years of service to our community. As you may be aware, Ragsdale is in the midst of a much deserved renovation project! We are very excited about the changes taking place around us and look forward to a greatly improved facility by the fall of 2012.

While ever grateful for these long-overdue upgrades, we must also acknowledge the fact that the bond money earmarked for a project originally presented in 2004 falls a bit short of meeting our current 2012 project needs. The scope of the current construction project includes a long list of updates to the Ragsdale campus but is missing many of the finishing touches needed to provide our students and community with the facility that they deserve.

The PTSA sponsored **We  Ragsdale** campaign is dedicated to raising the additional funds needed to go “beyond the bricks and mortar,” providing project enhancements that will make Ragsdale’s finished product a source of pride for our students and community.

Our wish list includes the addition of a digital LED message board to the school’s new entrance sign, exterior campus directional signage, picnic tables, benches, exterior trash receptacles, and some minor landscaping. Our current goal is to raise \$52,000 by May 2012 in order to make this wish list a reality by opening day of school in the fall.

Investing in our community’s public schools makes financial sense for all of us. We all know that real estate values reflect the state of our community’s schools and, in turn, local businesses depend on a thriving community to realize financial success. We invite all families, alumni, businesses, friends, and neighbors of the Ragsdale and Jamestown community to join us in the effort to make a long-term investment in our community.

Attached is a form suggesting several levels of contribution for your consideration. Every dollar counts, so please take time to complete the form and return with your tax-deductible donation made out to RHS PTSA. An addressed return envelope has been enclosed for your convenience and a receipt will be mailed to you for your tax records.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of Ragsdale High School! For further information, contact us at [we.r.ragsdale@gmail.com](mailto:we.r.ragsdale@gmail.com).

Sincerely

Ragsdale PTSA –  
We  Ragsdale Committee

*Don Swain*      *Ana Atwater*  
*Karen Kautzger*      *Mike Elho*      *John Thwaiter*  
*Dea Cook*      *May Brooke Guinner*  
*Rebecca Scheffer*      *Jeff Scheffer*



2012 Fundraising Campaign

Tiger Pride - The Next 52 Years

Name/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (if business): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am (check one):  Current Student/Family  Current Faculty  Alumni

Community Member  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make this donation (check one if applicable):  In Honor of  In Memory of

Name for donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose a contribution level:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Diamond - \$5,200 and above**

**You receive:**

- \*Your name/business displayed on the RHS digital message board. Donor names will rotate periodically.
- \* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.
- \*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.
- \*A family **Tiger Pass** for the 2012-2013 school year (*Admits up to 6 family members to all home sports events for the entire year!*).

**\_\_\_\_\_ Blue - \$2,500 - \$5,199**

**You receive:**

- \* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.
- \*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.
- \*An individual **Tiger Pass** for the 2012-2013 school year (*Admits one adult or student to all home sports events for the entire year!*).

**\_\_\_\_\_ White - \$1,000 - \$2,499**

**You receive:**

- \* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.
- \*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Tiger - \$100 - \$999**

**You receive:**

- \*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Paw Prints – under \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to RHS PTSA and return with form to:**

**Ragsdale High School  
602 High Point Road  
Jamestown, NC 27282  
Attention: PTSA - We R Ragsdale**

## *You're Invited!*



Ragsdale Drama invites you to come to this year's Spring Musical,  
**LEGALLY BLONDE!**

Inspired by the movie of the same name, starring Reese Witherspoon, "LEGALLY BLONDE-the Musical" is a humorous look at how things are not always as they appear and reminds us not to judge people by how they appear because we may be pleasantly surprised by what they are capable of!

Dates for the performance are March 29-30 at 7pm in the auditorium.  
Come and support the fantastic cast!!

## *News You Can Use*

The newly-revised GCS Student Wellness Policy is available -  
<http://schoolcenter.gcsnc.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=305179>.

NC Public Schools Standard Course of Study, Healthful Living  
Resources:<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/healthfulliving/resources/>.

Fitnessgram Reports: <http://www.ispod.info/parents/fitnessgram-reports>

Energizer resources:  
<http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/Energizers/Middle.html>

<http://www.beactivenc.org/getactive/youth/schools/energizers/>.

Guilford County Cooperative Extension School Garden Network: <http://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/content/SGN>

FoodCorps: <http://foodcorps.org/>

Tobacco Reality Unfiltered: <http://www.realityunfiltered.com/>

QuitlineNC: <http://www.quitlinenc.com/>

National PTA Health & Wellness Resources: [http://www.pta.org/topic\\_health\\_and\\_wellness.asp](http://www.pta.org/topic_health_and_wellness.asp).

Nancy L. Kondracki, MS, RD, LDNHealth & Safety Chairperson, Guilford County Council of PTAs



# Construction Photos



# *What's Important to Seniors Right Now*

## **Fill Out the FAFSA**

- It's time to do the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This is a federal online form that each student and their family should complete if they are planning on going to a 2-year or 4-year college. The FAFSA must be completed in order for students to be awarded any grant money from the federal government. Students and parents should go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to begin the process. The sooner the FAFSA is completed, the better the chance for getting federal money.

## **Bring In Your Acceptance Letter**

- Seniors should begin receiving letters from colleges regarding whether or not they have been accepted. Once a senior makes his or her final decision about the college he would like to attend, he should bring a copy of his acceptance letter to Room 1. Mrs. Quick will give him a tiger paw to decorate for the Senior Board.

## **Read the Senior Newsletter**

- Seniors should be reading the Senior Newsletter to learn about MANY scholarship opportunities and other information important to seniors and their families. A new edition of the newsletter is published about once a month. All newsletters can be found at:  
<http://schoolcenter.gcsnc.com/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=62911&>

## **Document Your Financial Aid**

- After you complete the FAFSA, you will begin to get award letters from colleges telling you how much federal money you qualify for and how much you will need to pay out of pocket. Guilford County keeps track of how much scholarship and grant money is earned by the seniors at each school. We know our seniors will be awarded lots of money! In order to record this information, seniors should bring copies of ALL grants and scholarships that they receive from schools and from private scholarships. This even includes schools that the student chooses not to attend. We will include anything that does not have to be paid back, such as work study, grants and scholarships. If in doubt, just send a copy to Room 1. We will honor the award money that each senior receives in our Senior Awards Night Program toward the end of the school year.

## **If You Feel Behind...**

- Go back and read previous Senior Newsletters. All of these can be found online on the Ragsdale Counseling Website.
- Call school counselors Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Reid at 336.819.2962. School counselors are glad to answer any question you may have and help guide you in the right direction.

## News You Can Use

### PTSA Enrichment Grant Program, "Everybody Wins"

The RHS PTSA received many excellent applications this past Fall for staff sponsored initiatives which promote learning and enrichment for our students. The Board was thrilled with the level of participation this year and the dedication of our staff to enhancing our students' potential. The Fall Enrichment Grant winners include:

- Equipment for a new Rugby program for the Physical Education classes
- Incentives for the Algebra I Bootcamp program
- Camera for the Yearbook staff
- Incentives for the College Application Week program
- Book Sets for the Book Club
- Enhancement materials for Advanced Placement classes
- Book Sets for OCS and Literacy classes
- Rewards for the "I SPY" kindness program
- Masks for the Theatrical classes

The Spring Awards application deadline was February 17, 2012. The Grant winners will be listed on the RHS PTSA website and in the next newsletter.

Joelle Fucini  
PTSA Enrichment Grant Program Chair

### **WALK THE SCHEDULE NIGHT AND GENERAL PTSA MEETING** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012 6:00 – 8:00PM

- MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 6:00 PM FOR A VERY BRIEF PTSA MEETING AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVENING
- PICK UP A SCHEDULE OF THE NIGHT'S OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MAIN BUILDING OR THE CENTER
- BRING YOUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE WITH ROOM NUMBERS AND VISIT SECOND SEMESTER TEACHERS IN ANY ORDER YOU WISH!
- ATTEND PARENT EDUCATION MINI-WORKSHOPS ON INTERNET SAFETY, TEXTING AND DRIVING, ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM . . . AND MORE
- GET HELP SIGNING UP FOR PARENT ASSIST
- MEET WITH SCHOOL COUNSELORS OR ADMINISTRATORS
- STAY INVOLVED!

All current PTSA members attending will be entered in a drawing for two \$25 Sheetz gift cards! Not a member? Don't worry, we'll let you join and then enter! PTSA memberships available for just \$6.00. Additional Sheetz Coupon booklets (\$25 value) will be given away as door prizes in the informational workshops! Don't miss out!

# Support Our School

## 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:**

Ragsdale High School  
602 High Point Road  
Jamestown, NC 27282  
Attention: PTSA Membership

## 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](http://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](http://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**