



RPS News

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Superintendent & BOE Awards Recognize Student Achievement

Students and families packed the new Board of Education conference room on Monday night to celebrate this year's WCSA and CABE student award winners. Principals Dr. Jake Greenwood, Jennifer Phostole, and Tim Salem shared these outstanding students' contributions to their schools and communities.

Superintendent Dr. Susie Da Silva and principals presented the Western Connecticut Superintendents Association (WCSA) awards to two students from each middle school and two from the high school. WCSA Awards recognize three criteria: community service, academic prowess (relative to ability), and leadership service to the school community. The recipients are: Norah Surette and Abigail Freeman from East Ridge Middle School; Charlotte Osher and Benjamin Olsen from Scotts Ridge Middle School; and Anshuman Suryawanshi and Molly Lyons from Ridgefield High School.



Board Chair, Jonathan Steckler, and principals presented the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) awards. The CABE awards celebrate student achievement and potential, as well as the Board's role as a community leader. The recipients are: Akshay Pertab and Jack DeMarco from East Ridge Middle School; Kayla Jacobowitz and Martim Dias Pinto from Scotts Ridge Middle School; and Lukas Overlock and Hersha Chauhan (Photo above) from Ridgefield High School.



Calendar

May 23, June 13 and 27
BOE Meetings
In Person and Streaming
90 East Ridge Road
[Link to Live/Recorded](#)

[RPS Calendar](#)

May 14
[SES Walk to Water Fundraiser](#)

May 19
Little Doctors Blood Drive
Boys and Girls Club
4-8:30 pm

May 30
No School/Memorial Day

June 24
Tentative Last Day of School
Early Dismissal for Students

6th-Grader Wins ERMS GeoBee in the 20th Round

The 2022 East Ridge Geography Bee may have been the most competitive ERMS Bee ever, lasting until the 20th round, which has never happened before. 19 students, all of whom qualified earlier this year when every East Ridge student took a



written Geography Placement Test in their social studies class, took part in this year's competition in front of the entire student body. Declan G. became the first sixth grader in East Ridge history to win the Geography Bee, edging out seventh grader Andrew C. and eighth grader Shesh S. in the 20th round. According to Social Studies teacher, Will Boylan, this was by far the longest Bee in recent memory. The social studies department could not be more proud of all of the brave contestants and their amazing classmates who cheered them on and showed support during the entire assembly.

Coaches of the Year!



Congratulations to RHS Boys Hockey Coach Shaun Gallagher and Football Coach Kevin Callahan (flanked in the photo above by RHS Principal Jake Greenwood and Athletic Director Dane Street) for being Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Coaches of the Year! They celebrated at an awards ceremony at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on May 5. For more news from the Athletic Department, please tune into [this Tiger Talk Podcast](#) with the Athletic Director and Dr. Wes DeSantis. They discuss multiple topics, including RHS team and individual successes as well as heart-warming volunteer efforts by RHS athletics.

CIAC Scholar-Athletes 2022



Ridgefield High School seniors Liam Harford and Katie Rector are the CIAC Scholar Athletes of the Year. Liam will attend the Herbert Business School at University of Miami where he will be majoring in finance and plans on playing club soccer and/or lacrosse. Katie will continue running at Washington University in St. Louis. Congratulations, Liam and Katie!

Poster Contest

Read about RPS successes in the recent HRRRA Billboard Contest in this [Hamlet Hub](#) article. Great posters and messages by our students!



Sherry Wu

Seniors Act Like Kids at First Annual RHS Field Day

An inflatable slide, cotton candy, a pie-eating contest, three-legged race, face painting, live music, cornhole—the first annual Senior Field Day made the Class of 2022’s last day on the RHS campus special. Rain couldn’t spoil the fun that student leaders and staff planned for seniors. Principal Dr. Jake Greenwood added to everyone’s delight by plunging into the dunk tank in his suit. Seniors, who have completed their academics and AP tests, began internships this week.



Town Passes 2022-23 Budget



Ridgefield residents approved the 2022-23 Town Budget during the annual Referendum.

Middle School Math Placement

RPS curriculum leaders addressed the topic of Middle School Math Placement during a recent BOE Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. In short, middle school math placement is a year-long process that is flexible and ensures that students are in a math course that they are ready for. Please watch the meeting [here](#).

RPS at Battle of Ridgefield



RPS students joined the town-wide celebration of the 245th Battle of Ridgefield. East Ridge eighth graders visited the Patriot Encampment to meet reenactors and learn about medical care, strategy, and the stakes involved for the militia during the Revolutionary War. The RHS Symphonic Orchestra, directed by Michael McNamara, headlined Friday’s kick-off event and a string quartet played at the Musket Ball on Saturday night. Mark your calendars for the 250th Anniversary in 2027!

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