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Reading Away the Month of March

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Ready.... Set.... READ.
Richmond High School is hitting off their first annual March's reading month competition.

The competition includes "running" each base around the field. First base is taking a creative picture with your book in order to be put into the raffle of winning a \$10 gift card.

Second base is writing about why you picked your book in order to be put into the raffle to win a \$25 gift card.

In order to be put into the raffle to win a \$50 gift card, you have to write a quote that you liked from the book.

"Everybody loves gift cards and they're so easy, so we figured this would be a good prize, which is smaller than the free Tiger's tickets," said Mrs. Szlachtowicz.

Lastly, in order to hit a homerun, students have to write a paragraph summarizing what the book is about to be put into the raffle to win four free tickets to the Detroit Tiger's Game which is perfect for the baseball theme.

"Mr. Walmsley wanted it to be a baseball theme so the free Tiger's tickets were a good motivation for the students," said Mrs. Szlachtowicz.

Another baseball stadium is being built in Utica, The United Shore Baseball League, which was going to be the final prize for home base, but students do not know about it.

The United Shores Baseball League is a new smaller stadium for minor league baseball being built in Utica.

"The Tiger's tickets are a lot more motivation for the students especially for baseball lovers. Since they didn't know about the smaller league, we changed the prize but are still able to include the United Shore Baseball League into our prizes," said Mrs. Szlachtow-

icz.

District wide, the winners are going to be able to go to one of the games at that stadium

"The goal of the prizes are to get more students to get involved," Principal Mrs. Michon said in an interview. "I'm hoping 50 or more kids get involved. 50 kids would be reasonable and if there was more than 50, I'll be happier."

The papers to fill out about the book you read can be found in the media center from Mrs. Szlachtowicz and Ms. Denapole. Also, to know for sure that you finished each base, one of the two ladies must sign that you reached each base.

Mrs. Michon said, "The biggest goal of bringing March's reading month is to get students to read more. Getting more kids to read is our biggest goal."

The other Richmond schools have always done something during the month of March with reading. This is the high school's first and if it is successful, it won't be the last.

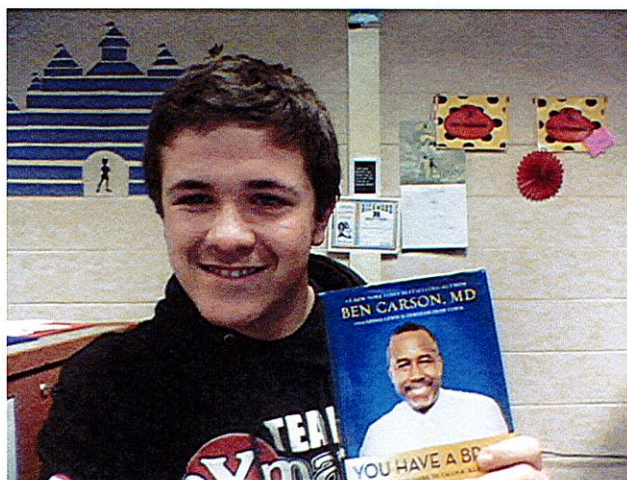
"In the elementary school, they have always done March's reading month. Usually I go there and read to them every year," said Mrs. Michon.

Senior Joe Ottenbacher has submitted three papers into the raffle so far to win the free Tiger's tickets.

"I've read The Great Gatsby, Freaks like Us, and Think Big," said Ottenbacher. "The free Tiger's tickets are definitely my motivation."

The deadline to submit your papers to enter into the raffle is March 31st, so make sure you finish reading your books, write out your papers, and submit them to Mrs. Szlachtowicz or Ms. Denapole in the media center.

The winners will be picked after school March 31st and be announced April 1st during school.



Senior, Joey Ottenbacher takes a selfie for the March's Reading Month contest. (Photo courtesy of RHS year-book)

On The Case

By: Lauren Duche
Opinions Co editor

Detective Rory Riley received a call on the Park Lane City Police Department's anonymous tip line informing the detective of a suspicious container near the high school cafeteria. It is a clear container holding liquid and taped around the container was a wristwatch, wires, a battery, and metal igniter strip. The school is evacuated.

The next day, RHS's Mock trial was called onto the case.

Mock trial is a fictional trial of a realistic court case that could potentially happen.

Students get to work on the floor, prosecute, defend, call witnesses to the stand, object, and even get impeached.

Sophomore Haley Fortuna, has been on the mock trial team for two years.

"I joined mock trial because I always thought being an attorney would be a cool job, so mock trial would give me a taste of what being an attorney and working in the court is all about," she said.

Learning everything to know about the trial doesn't happen overnight. Months of preparation and studying is required to succeed.

"We started preparing about five months ago. We had to learn about the case, take notes, learn the amendments, and rules of the courtroom. You really had to be on top of your game otherwise you fell behind," she said.

Last year, the Mock trial team placed third, one spot short of going to the state competition.

"I was really proud of what we

accomplished. We were a fairly new team so being third was really good," she said.

This year, their few seniors had left making this team consist of mostly underclassmen.

"Even though we lost our seniors, I still think we have a pretty good chance of doing well. Everyone's been working really hard and I hope it shows on competition day," she said.

Sophomore Anna Maxwell is also an active member of the mock trial team.

"This is my first year on the team, so I'm a little nervous about competing," she said.

Maxwell was a defense attorney, so she had to learn about the criminal justice system and how to not let her emotions get the best of her.

"I had to defend the criminal in this case, so I had to learn to make the case legal and not personal because otherwise my argument would be invalid," she said.

The mock trial team didn't end up placing, but the program is about to gain much more momentum going into the next year.

Junior Daniel Seguin said, "This year we didn't have the experience to get as far as we did last year. Next year though, the whole team is planning on coming back so having a team full of returners will help a lot."

The goal for next season is clear: making it to the state tournament.

"We had high hopes for this year, so falling short is only going to make us work even harder to get to where we know we can be," said Seguin.



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Students of RHS to the Rescue

By: Christina Thomas
Advertising Editor

In the 2016/2017 school year RHS will be introducing multiple new classes to their program

These classes will include Dance, EMT, Criminal Justice, Guitar, and many more.

"I would really like to see enough kids sign up for the class and see it run," said Mrs. Michon, principal of RHS.

There has been conversation for about a year now in trying to offer this specific class to the students.

The EMT course will be offered a Career and Technical Education (CTE) class.

All CTE classes are two year classes, with the exception of Criminal Justice.

A state test at the end of each CTE class is needed in order to fully

complete the course.

The state requires each student to complete two years of foreign language in order to graduate. If a student takes a CTE class and completes the two years along with the state test at the end, they will waive one year of foreign language for that student.

This is beneficial to any student because this way they can take more classes that will go towards their future goals.

The students will have 162 hours of learning content and 32 hours of practice procedures on the job for a total of 194 hours.

Things in saving someone from choking to treating an overdose will be taught in the class.

"A lot of background knowledge is presented in this EMT class and will only benefit the students in their future, even if they don't go in the medical field. Other careers such as

being a police officer would benefit from this class," said Mrs. Michon.

Some students are just buzzing over the new EMT class being offered.

Juniors Mary Gaffney and Amanda Gorr are both enrolled in the EMT class for the following school year.

"I am really interested in the medical field and I feel like this class will give me the upper hand when I go to college," said Gaffney.

Both Gaffney's parents are in the medical field and seeing what they do has inspired her to follow in their footsteps.

Unlike Gaffney, Gorr was just recently engaged in the medical field for a possible future career.

"I want to be a neuropsychiatric in the future," said Gorr. "I like learning about the brain and the interactions with it as well; it's one of my goals to pursue that interest of mine

further."

Gorr volunteered at McLaren Hospital in Port Huron last winter which sparked her interest in the medical field. From that point on, she investigated in the field more and found what really interested her most.

Gorr is also enrolled in Psychology next school year which will educate her on the scientific study of the human mind and its functions, something that will only help her in being a neuropsychiatrist.

Gaffney is interested in being a nurse anesthetist, an administer for medication before during and after surgery.

Through the procedures she has been exposed to through MAAS and the inspiration of her parents, Gaffney is very excited to go into the medical field when she gets older. The EMT class will only help her further.

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Richmond Runs the Show

By: Hailey Dziegelewski
News Co-Editor

Lights. Camera. Action.

RHS is happily welcoming a new broadcasting class to students for the upcoming year.

This class is a combination of news casting, editing, clip development, TV broadcasting, motion graphics, final cut pro-editing software and many more features.

"I hope to see our students eventually running/recording board meetings and working to help produce the local cable channel," said Principal Mrs. Michon. "There isn't a limit as to what our students can do."

The course will offer a broadcasting one and broadcasting two.

"Over a two-year period, I want the first-year students to develop the skills of producing and production and also find an area that they develop a passion for and stick with it," said Richmond's Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley.

Mr. Walmsley envisions the class

branching off into two sections: theatre/production and writing/journalism. That way students can study in a specific area of their interest. Hopefully in the future, students will produce a digital yearbook, a digital newspaper and have the opportunity to make movies.

"The second year students will hopefully come together as writers, newscasters, software editors and theatre students to produce projects together," said Mr. Walmsley.

The classes are being offered to give the students more electives to choose from. The laws have changed where students can waive one credit of foreign language if completed a two-year program after taking the state test. Some other classes that are being offered next year are EMT, Dance class, Guitar class, Intro to American Music and the middle school students are being offered a Sign Language course.

"Our goal is to offer as many electives as we can to get students to find a career and develop a passion

for the careers as well," said Mrs. Michon. "I can only hope that some students will graduate from high school and be able to find a job right after with these classes."

Similarly, Mr. Walmsley wants students to explore new options to see if the class is an area they would like to go into.

"I want them to be self-motivated, determine their own destiny, become entrepreneurs and if they love what they do, then they're successful," said Mr. Walmsley.

The technology that the broadcasting class will require is digital cameras and software purchases.

"The city is working with us on an agreement to help pay for the technology," said Mrs. Michon. Since the class is vocational, the school will receive vocational money if it is successful after one year.

The credit for the idea of the class goes to Mr. Walmsley.

"I first went to surrounding businesses, introduced myself and asked them what their opinions were on

the school," said Mr. Walmsley. After seeing how involved the community is during the Good Old Days Festival, he thought that it would be awesome to have the students be involved with the digital part of the events.

The planning, expenses and visions were not the only tasks that needed to be done before enrolling the class.

A teacher that had qualifications to teach this course and yet inspire the students to strive in this field was top on their list.

Jason Robbins, who is also the cable coordinator for the City of Richmond, is the one they're looking for to do the job.

"We needed someone who worked 9,000 work hours to teach the class," said Mrs. Michon. He is perfect for the job because he is already in charge of the videotaping that goes on in the school.

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Classes held spring, summer, and fall. See Mr. R. Hamblin for details on upcoming classes.

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