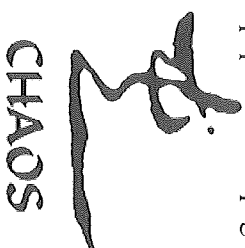
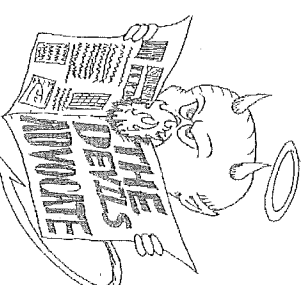


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Retirement at RHS

Hanging up the oven mitts

Ms. Dymnslager retires from RHS after 20 years of teaching here.

By: Caitlee Hawley
Opinion Editor

This year, RHS says goodbye to two teachers who have made an incredible impact on our educations, our lives, and our community. Retiring from her position in our Health and Family/Consumer Sciences department is Ms. Gretchen Dymnslager, but no one here calls her that.



"Ms. D is really kind, caring, and sunny," says Jordan Zachow, junior. "She brings a certain warmth to

her classroom. She has so much patience and she'll do everything she can to help you succeed."

Her Passion

The warmth and happiness Ms. D brings to her teaching comes from the dedication she has to her subject. When she talks about earning her Bachelors of Applied Arts in Home Economics, she smiles.

"I really wanted it. I waited for it for a long time, and it had always been a dream of mine," she says. After 20 years of fulfilling that

dream here at RHS, she has decided to retire - but that does not mean letting go of what she worked so hard for. "I will always be teaching," she clarifies. "I just won't be in a classroom anymore."
Her Students
"Life is what you make it, and you can't wait for someone else to do it for you."

Ms. D wants her students to "not to rely so much on other people. It may take you while get where you want to be, but if you work hard enough, you'll get there."

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Painting the picture

Art teacher Mrs. Cole retires after 38 years on the RCS staff.

By: Olivia Kesler
Features Editor

After 38 years of teaching in the Richmond District, art teacher Mrs. Cole has decided that she will retire at the conclusion of this school year. Over the years she taught 8th grade Social Studies, 7th grade Math, a Student At Risk program, and other positions throughout the district. However, she loved being an art teacher the most.

"I'm going to miss the art students and the competitions," said Mrs. Cole. "I liked seeing the students develop artistic abilities and skills." Of every aspect of teaching art, Mrs. Cole says she will especially

miss the art room. "I love it," she said. "It has everything—a darkroom, an office—it's a really nice place to work."

As Mrs. Cole's final year teaching in the Richmond District draws to a close, her students are preparing for their final days under her guidance.

"She's the only art teacher I've ever had," said senior Alex Wofford. "She gave me the confidence to try to compete. I'm really going to miss her."

Mrs. Michon, the principal, will also miss Mrs. Cole after this year. "She's a very dedicated teacher," she said. "I am amazed at the quality of work that comes out of the art department."

Mrs. Cole is also very proud of the art department and the students' accomplishments. "I'm proud of the fact that we have been able to maintain a very strong art department over the years," she said. "The art students from Richmond are recognized as being the best."
Mrs. Cole's retirement has inspired her to reflect on her accomplishments as a teacher in the Richmond District. "It's allowed me to keep changing and growing," she said. "I haven't just stayed the same."

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Summer vacation approaches as school year ends.

By Rosie Urban
Staff Reporter

Summer Vacation is only a few weeks away and people are already making plans.

"My Grandpa and I go camping for 8 days every summer in Canada Creek Michigan," said Amanda Hingo, junior. "My mom and I go to Frankenuith every summer. I really enjoy walking around and seeing all the stores, because everything's really pretty and interesting. I really like the

German influence." For some, summer is just about making the most out of the time you have left.

"I'm not doing anything really that big," said Kurt Misteravich, senior. "I might take trips to some places, but I mainly am just going to have fun this summer. It's the last three months I will have to see all of my friends for a while."

To some, summer means relaxation. But to others, it's a time to prepare for life changing decisions.

To the beat of his own drum

Senior Steve Radzom wins State competition, moves to compete at Nationals.

By: Adam Boyd
Sports Editor

Senior Steve Radzom will be showcasing his skills at drumming nationals for two days in Toronto, at the end of July.



Radzom has been drumming since he was in fourth grade. "My dad got me started, he played and got me into playing," he said.

To qualify, Radzom had to place either first or second in both classes. "I came from the American guilding of music," he said. These classes consist of a drum set, and a drum snare solo. "I got first in both the drum set and snare drumming," said Radzom.

Radzom looks up most to his teacher and mentor, Keith Ottenbacher.

He has been taking lessons from Keith Ottenbacher at KO Music. "I've been taking lessons, still do actually, for five years now," he said.

Radzom has a "checklist" version of practicing. He said, "I always start off practice with some stick warm-ups. After sticks, I'll read and practice from certain drum books and readings, and then I just jam out."

He likes to practice for about an hour every day for six days a week.

"Drumming is my life; I love it. Practice doesn't seem like practice because I have fun and I enjoy it," said Radzom.

At the national tournament, Radzom will have to do more drumming than before. He said, "I have to do two drum solos and a memorized snare piece."
Radzom said, "I'm capable of placing top six at nationals, so that's my goal."

He wants to keep drumming in his life, even into college. He said, "I'm going to try to keep drumming in with my schooling."

Radzom plans on going to Macomb. "After Macomb, I want to go to an artsy school in Canada called Stratford University," he said.

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Cole

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She gives credit for this growth in part to her students.

She said, "As much as I help them, they help me."

Her students also have grown over the years along with her.

"I've molded into someone like her over the years," said Wofford.

"She's taught me to open up my eyes and try to be artistic in everything."

After over 30 years of teaching, Mrs. Cole is ready to retire from this responsibility and focus on other aspects of her life.

"I'd like to visit with friends," she said. "You don't really have time when you're working."

She also plans to travel after retirement, and has tentatively planned to go to Greece with her husband.

"I'm really happy for her," said Mrs. Michon, who is tasked with finding a replacement for Mrs. Cole

over the summer.

"We want the program to remain successful," she said. Almost every year since Mrs. Cole has taught art at the high school, she has had students win awards in many levels, including earning national recognition for student art.

Filling Mrs. Cole's position in the art department will be a challenging position for the new teacher, who will hopefully be appointed by July.

"I'm nervous about having a new teacher," said Wofford, who said Mrs. Cole is her favorite teacher.

"But I'll adapt."

Before the position is filled at the end of the year, Mrs. Cole is appreciating her final days and prepares to say goodbye.

"Over the years, I've developed many friendships with the staff and students," she said. "I hope to keep in touch."

Mrs. Cole has been an inspiration to the school, both artistically and academically. She will be greatly missed.

Ms. D

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This is advice from someone who did it herself. She worked and saved for a long time to pursue her education at Central Michigan University, something that she reflected on during her interview.

"Having been an older student, I think I put a lot more into it than the younger people did. So I got more out of it. Working hard got the respect of professors so I got more from it."

Now she works with some of the youngest students in our school. As someone who works primarily with freshmen, she has a big impact on the first year of their education. She wants them to know is that high school will not be the best four years of their lives, and that it really does get better from here.

"They'll survive and things will be okay. They shouldn't be nervous - they should be growing and changing and things will be okay."

She emphasizes this and glances at me as I click away on my laptop, like she knows it's the advice I need, too. That is part of what I will remember - the compassion and empathy that only comes with years of caring for her students.

"I think the thing I'll miss most is probably the thrill when a student just gets it. The light goes on, you know? It's when you know you've reached a kid. That's hard. When you know you've touched at least one student."

And Ms. D has reached us. Julie McCuiston, a senior, had no idea how much work went into raising a child until she took Parenthood.

that I'm excited about would be extremely difficult," said Misteravich. "I'm excited about everything that will happen this summer. I know that's vague, but honestly, just everything."

Summer is a time to not worry and have a great time with everyone you care about.

"The care freeness of summer is

Kelsey Williams is going to miss helping her with costumes for the shows.

Literally everyone in Richmond is going to miss her cooking.

Ms. D's ability to teach about life, about the things that matter, has made her a singular and essential part of our school.

Her Colleagues

"I hope you keep loving what you're doing."

She says this with a quiet laugh, and goes on to talk about the changes our teachers are about to face.

She wants them to learn how to embrace change - something she admits to being challenged by herself.

"It took me a long time to learn that," she confides. "I was reluctant to change. And you have to. You just have to learn that."

Regardless of what the future holds for them, the staff here knows what the past did.

"There are things I did in her classroom I still remember," says Mr.

Whitney, who built a house out of Skittles and AirHeads in a nutrition class when he was still a student at RHS.

"She's always caring and not about herself - she always asks about my family and that means a lot," says Mr. Delore. He's going to miss her french toast, a sentiment that Mr. Roodbeen was eager to repeat.

Mr. Schleder, recalling his experience teaching alongside Ms. D, is also sad to see her go.

"She always takes care of us. She's like mother earth."

the best," said Misteravich. "I love it."

Summer is special and means sometimes different to everyone.

"The best for me is being able to walk around with no shoes on," said Rusk.

Summer

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"My friends and family have a lot of bonfires," said Kurt Misteravich, senior. "Every summer we go to my Aunt and Uncle's house for a family day, at their private community lake."

Rusk's family takes an annual family camping trip every year.

"My family and I go up to Lake Port for camping, which is north of Port Huron," said Rusk.

"I also take a trip to the New Baltimore beach with my friends every summer."

Some people set goals for the summer, in hopes of accomplishing something good.

"I want to get a job this summer," said Hugo. "Once I get a job, I can get my license."

Summer time leads to lasting memories for all different reasons.

"I really want to have a really great and memorable summer," said Misteravich. "Every summer so far has been memorable, but I really want this one to be great, because it's my last one before college." The summer, for most, is used for relaxing and having fun.

"I'm looking forward to spending time with the people I care about the most."

Amanda Hugo

"There's no stress about school, which is really nice," said Hugo. "I also really enjoy the warm weather. Summer vacation is a time to spend time with friends and family."

"I'm looking forward to spending time with the people I care about the most," said Hugo.

Summertime holds many promises to many different things that you will do.

"Picking one thing about summer

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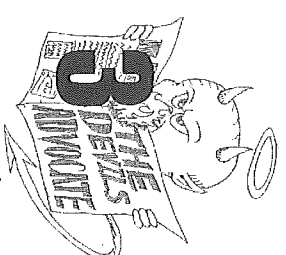
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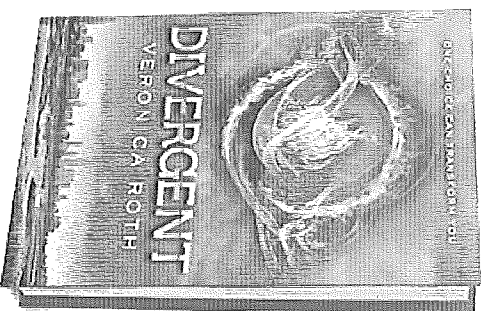


Caitlee's Corner

Book Review: *Divergent*

A novel by Veronica Roth

What if your fate was decided for you? In Veronica Roth's dystopian novel, *Divergent*, this is the reality for the people who live in what used to be Chicago. Each person is born into a faction - Amity: the kind, Erudite: the intelligent, Abnegation: the selfless, Candor: the honest, or Dauntless: the brave. Each faction has a purpose with which to serve society. The Abnegation are the selfless leaders, the Erudite are the inventors and doctors, and the Dauntless are the fearless protectors. For Beatrice Prior, it seems as though fate read her wrong. Born into Abnegation, Beatrice Pri-



or has never been able to practice the patience, selflessness, and tolerance of her faction. No, Beatrice wants to be brave. Fearless. *Dauntless*.

When she turns sixteen, she has the chance to change her faction and her fate. Little by little, through endless trials, weeks of hard work, and the help of a young man named Four, Beatrice makes the transformation into Tris, the courageous girl she's always wanted to be - but is it that easy? There are things that Tris doesn't know about herself, about her faction, and about the society she lives in.

This book is relevant to people in our age group, especially young women, because it strays from the typical

"damsel-in-distress" theme that is so frustratingly present in modern Young Adult fiction. It tells the story of a girl who comes from meek beginnings and builds herself up to something more. I can't stress how important that is for girls to hear right now. As we get ready to graduate and go out on our own, empowering stories like this give us some kind of hope for the future. Tris struggles with finding her identity after she leaves her family, something that most of us will experience in one form or another while we make the transition into independence. She questions herself and her ability. She even doubts her own morality at different points in the novel, when faced with either being a brave Dauntless or a self-sacrificing Abnegation. Throughout the book and its sequel, *Insurgent*, Tris has to reconcile her past with her present to decide her future, and I know many of us could learn a lesson from a story like that

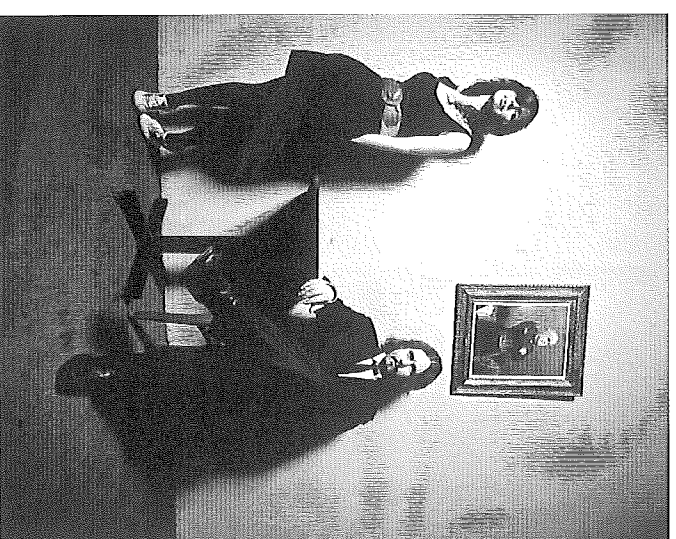
Music

Review

The Civil Wars

I love this band. Love 'em. There's really no snappy way to start of this review because I just love this band. My music tastes range from Florence + The Machine to Nero to The Avett Brothers and back again. I grew up on Billie Holiday and Aerosmith. Clearly it's often hard to find something that I can enjoy across that spectrum. The Civil Wars have accomplished it, though. They're not quite rock and not quite folk but they're not folk-rock either. It doesn't get much simpler when it comes to music - two people, traveling without a band, making good music. The group is from Alabama, but with the recent success of their album "Barton Hollow," they

have travelled across the entire country to make their music. It's definitely worth a listen!



On This Day

May 21, 1980—George Lucas's *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* premieres in theaters.



May 10, 2013: Shedd Aquarium field trip to Chigago, IL

Two Sports; One Season

By: Hunter Barjakarovich
Features Editor

Playing two sports in one season is an unimaginable task for most athletes.

Junior Emily Swantek is participating in two sports for the high school this spring: soccer and tennis. Swantek originally decided to play soccer before being convinced to do tennis as well by some of her friends and the coach.

"I planned on playing soccer since I played it last year and I really enjoyed it. Then, Mr. Pearson (tennis coach) convinced me to try and do tennis too," said Swantek.

Senior David Schroutd also did his part in trying to convince Swantek to play tennis.

"Dave Schroutd said it was easy to pick up on and thought I should try it. He said that I would like it, so I decided to do it," said Swantek.

Schroutd is a tennis player himself and often goes to the practices to help out.

"I told her she should try tennis because I like playing tennis and think more people should try playing it," said Schroutd.

Swantek also had many other friends that were doing tennis who convinced her to give it a shot, including Lena Muhsmann and Natasha Woodruff.

Muhsmann, a foreign exchange student from Germany, wanted Swantek to play because she is good friends with Swantek.

"Emily is fun to hang out with and she is always there to encourage the team," said Muhsmann.



Two Sport athlete Emily Swantek goes for ball against an opponent
(Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook)

When playing two sports in one season, time can be hard to manage. Swantek has to practice from 3-5 p.m. for tennis, go home to eat, and then be back for soccer practice, which goes from 6-8.

"It's a lot of practicing and time, but I enjoy playing both the sports

so it's worth it," said Swantek.

Swantek has soccer games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while tennis matches are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Though the sports do not usually conflict, when one sport overlaps with another, Swantek has to go to

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the soccer event because it is her primary sport.

Before the season started, Swantek had to choose a primary and secondary sport.

"The soccer coach made me choose soccer as my primary sport or else I wouldn't be able to do it. Tennis is my secondary sport, so I go to that as long as I don't have soccer game or practice," said Swantek.

Swantek is glad she made the decision to participate in both sports. It is a way for her to stay active and keeps her busy.

"I like learning to play new sports. I enjoy playing tennis, and it is something I can play for the rest of my life now," said Swantek.

Swantek plays doubles for tennis. She hasn't had a regular double's partner all year, it has changed depending on who is available.

"I like doubles because you have a partner there to help you out. I also love playing with my friends," said Swantek.

Though she likes playing tennis, she enjoys soccer more.

"I also love playing soccer, because it's more contact and similar to basketball. I play left mid-field in soccer which I like because you are always very involved with the play," said Swantek.

Unfortunately, Swantek recently injured her ankle while playing the sports.

She went to kick a ball and rolled her ankle.

"I originally hurt my ankle while playing soccer and then pivoted wrong on it at tennis trying to hit a ball out of my reach," said Swantek.

Swantek has a long history with sports injuries as she has been injured multiple times in the past.

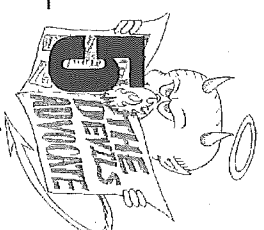
"I have broken my ankle 5 times, sprained my knee and have sprained my wrist twice," said Swantek.

Though all these injuries have held her back at times, Swantek has tried her best to not let it get in her way and continue to play.

"Being injured so many times has taught me to always get back up and work to get even better and stronger than before. Sometimes you have to fight through the pain but it's worth it," said Swantek.

When going to the doctor, Swantek was told that she had sprained a ligament around her fibula. She has a bone contusion on her talus.

"I hope to be able to play both sports this week. The doctor said I should be able to play soon. I already have the boot to support my ankle off and am no longer on crutches," said Swantek.



NBA and NHL playoffs heat up

By: Jacob Thomas
Hunter Barjaktarovich
Sports/Features Editors

The spring is a coveted time of year for sports fans across the country. Playoffs for both the NHL and NBA are in full stride, as well as the MLB regular season.

Fox Sports Detroit even makes up an "April in The D" celebration with the Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers all in action.

However, most sports fans at RHS are excited about the NBA and NHL playoffs.

The Red Wings extended their playoff appearance streak to 22 consecutive years finishing seventh in the Western conference. The Wings trailed the Columbus Blue Jackets for a spot in the postseason with three games left to play. They went on to win all three games earning the seventh seed in the playoffs.

The Red Wings first playoff matchup pitted them against the Ducks of Anaheim, who were the number two seed in the playoff bracket. Anaheim was the popular pick among sports analysts and the media, however the Red Wings overcame the odds winning in 7 games advancing to play the Chicago Blackhawks in the Western Conference Semi-finals.

Junior Kieth Milke may be the biggest Red Wings fan at RHS and has already attended two playoff games this postseason.

"I went to games 4 and 6 against the Ducks. The atmosphere was very hostile and scary at Joe Louis Arena," said Milke.

Even when the Red Wings were down 3 games to 2, Milky believed

a comeback was sure to happen. The play of veteran Henrik Zetterberg was key down the stretch scoring two goals in the final two games of the series.

"Zetterberg has been playing amazing lately, and his playoff beard is amazing as well. I mean look at it. I swear he has had it since he was ten," said Milke.

Milke expects another series win from the Red Wings against the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I think they will win in either 6 or 7 games. Datsyuk will have to be a big impact for them to win but I think he will have a great series," said Milke.

Senior Keenan McCloskey also went to game six of the first round series.

"The atmosphere was the best part of the game. The fans were going crazy and the game was great," said McCloskey.

McCloskey believed Zetterberg's play in game six was the most impactful.

"Zetterberg's snipe of a goal in overtime was the best play of the game," said McCloskey.

McCloskey believes the Red Wings won't let their fans down as they continue to power their way through the playoffs.

"I have faith in them. I think they can beat Chicago in a seven game series. I really believe that they are going to hoist the Stanley Cup one more time," said McCloskey.

Senior Dave Shroud voiced his excitement about the NBA playoffs this spring.

"I enjoy the NBA playoffs because the season is on the line and they play with more heart and pas-

sion," said Schroudt.

Schroudt is hoping the Bulls continue to have postseason success, but getting through the talented Miami Heat is a tough task for any team.

"I'm hoping that the Bulls are able to beat the Heat in the playoffs, but it is going to be very hard," said Schroudt.

Schroudt is an avid Chicago Bulls fan and believes that Nate Robinson of the Bulls is the NBA's most exciting player right now.

"Right now, Nate Robinson is the most exciting player in the NBA because he is playing at a high level, and is underrated," said Schroudt. Robinson has put up career high numbers averaging 17 points per game in the playoffs.

Schroudt also voiced his opinion towards Derrick Rose sitting out for the playoffs

"Yea I think he should because if he is not mentally ready to play, then he should not play," said Schroudt.

Sophomore Brett Zihlavsky is rooting for the New York Knicks throughout the rest of the playoffs.

"I wanted the Los Angeles Lakers to win, but they got swept by the Spurs so now I'm rooting for the Knicks," said Zihlavsky.

Even though the Lakers are out of the playoffs, Zihlavsky still believes he should root for someone in the playoffs.

Zihlavsky enjoys the faster pace and high intensity of playoff games in both the NBA and NHL.



Joey Ottenbacher

Nickname: Mr. Fundamental

Age: 15

Grade: 9

Sport(s): Football, basketball and baseball

Favorite pump up song: Eye of the Tiger

By: Survivor

Favorite Food: Ribs

Favorite class: Math with Mr. Germain

Future Goals: Go to college, get a good job, and make lots of money

Star Athletes



Kylie McCloskey

Nickname: Kys

Age: 14

Grade: 9

Sport(s): Volleyball and Softball

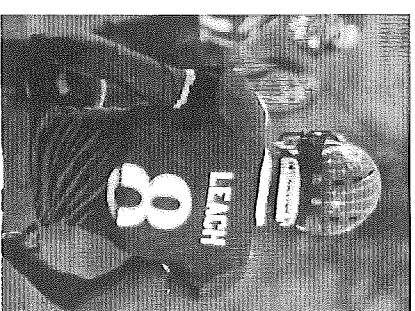
Favorite pump up song: Kick It In The Sticks

By: Brantley Gilbert

Favorite food: Pancakes

Favorite class: World History Honors with Dr. Ladd.

Future goals: Go to college and play volleyball.



Three sport athlete Dustin Leach talks sports

What sports do you play?
Football, basketball and baseball.

Which is your favorite sport?
I don't really have a favorite sport. They all have their great moments.

How difficult is it to play three sports?
It is really difficult because you don't have a lot of time off to rest.



Which sport has the longest season?
Basketball



What do you enjoy most about playing sports?
The best part of competing is winning.