

Richmond Welcomes New Teacher

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banners. At the end of the year she wants all of her seniors to come together and create a banner as a way to leave their mark forever in the hallways they roamed for four years.

She said, "When I was working at Eastpointe all of my seniors loved it. It taught them how to work together and they all felt so accomplished when they finished it before graduation."

Mrs. Belf thinks that by doing a senior banner her students will venture out of their cliques and talk to new people. The banner isn't something that she wants to do just for fun. It's so the senior class bonds in the short time they have left as teenagers.

Mrs. Belf's students agree that she has impacted them. Since the tragic loss of former art teacher, Mrs. Aronson, Mrs. Belf has been supporting the students and trying to keep Mrs. Aronson's memory alive. Brianna Maloney, sophomore, said, "Mrs. Belf has this box that used to belong to Mrs. Aronson and on our birthdays we get a tattoo from it. This way it's like we're getting a gift from Mrs. Aronson. I don't think Mrs. Belf understands how much it means to us that she's keeping Mrs. Aronson's memory alive."

The iPhone Six: To Buy or Not To Buy?

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"I just got the 5s," Trombley said. "Why would I want to spend money on a new phone?"

Toia agrees. He doesn't see the point in getting an iPhone.

Instead of having an iPhone, Toia instead prefers his LG Optimus. Toia likes that the LG Optimus is easily transportable as he can fit it in his pockets even if they are small. Toia also prefers the simplicity of his phone and doesn't want to trade it in for a more complex phone that has the chance of bending.

"I've never had a smartphone before," Toia said. "Why start now?"

The bending factor didn't make Toia or Trombley want the iPhone anymore than they already did. They were appalled by the fact that a phone company would release a phone that can easily bend by simply being in someone's pocket.

"It bends too easily and I don't want a bent phone," Trombley said.

In the end, it would appear that the deciding factor on whether or not the iPhone 6 is worth the buy is mainly based on preference.

Homecoming Events Fire Up Richmond

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The day of the dance, so much is happening throughout the day. Many students will be getting ready, taking pictures, and going out to eat. Each class is having pictures at a certain person's house in their grade.

Freshman, Jessica Weaver said, "Pictures are being held at Sam Christiansen's house and then we are going to Buffalo Wild Wings." This is Jessica's first Homecoming. She will be strutting a short, poofy, orange dress from Marcilles. "Pictures are going to be my favorite part," she added.

Amanda Job, a sophomore at RHS, is going to Adrianna Kunce's house. Many of the sophomores are going there to take pictures because Adrianna's house has a nice pond and it will look nice for pictures. She isn't really sure where she is going to eat. Amanda is borrowing her dress from her older sister who graduated two years ago. It is an off-white lacy dress. Her sister got this dress from Somerset Mall and this is the dress that Amanda will arrive in.

Kaitlyn Griffith, a junior, will be attending Homecoming this year. She will be wearing an orange, short, bejeweled dress. She also bought her dress from Marcilles. Kaitlyn will be going to Allison Swantek's house for dinner and pictures. "I will not be going to Homecoming with a date," Kaitlyn said. She is going with her friends.

I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW: Phobias

- Barophobia is the fear of gravity
- Clinophobia is the fear of beds
- Ephemiphobia is the fear of teenagers
- Koinoniphobia is the fear of rooms
- Pteridophobia is the fear of ferns
- Androphobia is the fear of men
- Scolionophobia is the fear of school
- Noctiphobia is the fear of the night
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Features: Sports

Boys Tennis aces way to States

By **Hailey Dziegelewski**
News Editor

Instead of challenging opponents over a net, senior captains Dylan Yore and Christian Failla stood proudly in front of 600 familiar faces as they promoted their winning team.

A pep assembly was attended on Thursday, Oct. 16 by all students. The purpose of the celebration was to motivate the Varsity Boys Tennis Team for their victory at Regionals and earning a spot in States.

The success started with doubles partners Max Fahmney and Deven Hill and also partners Connor Hill and Brad Pedri. Both pairs came in first at Regionals by winning all of their matches and acquiring enough points to bring their team to States.

"It felt really awesome to win because I'm a senior and I'm going to States a second time," said Connor Hill. Two years ago as a sophomore, Hill made his first appearance at States but lost in the first round. Before departing for States this year, Hill said he is striving to extend deeper into the bracket this year.

On Oct. 15, the team beat their Armada rival becoming champs in the BWAC conference. This was a big win for the boys considering Armada has dominated the conference for the last few years.

"Armada was really tough and they've beat us a few times earlier in the season so it felt great to finally come back and beat them," said junior Ethan Yore. He went on to say that all of his teammates did really well for having to play tough opponents.

Christian Failla, in his speech at the pep assembly, said, "Not only did we do good yesterday but everyone came home with a medal."

Peers and fans congratulated and pumped up the 12 thrilled athletes by creating a tunnel for them to run through and exit the rally.

"It made me really excited and hyped to leave for States later that night," said junior Jacob Ferlito after running through the screaming tunnel.

The majority of the team left for States that Thursday night and stayed at the Fairfield Inn in Fenton, MI. The rest of the team arrived Friday, Oct. 17 wide awake and ready to battle their challengers.

The main site for States was in Holly, MI. All of the teams met there first and then branched off to different sites according to their flight. Unfortunately, the boys were not able to be together on this exciting journey.

Failla, Joey Apigo, Donovan Cmarik and Dietrich Mulzar played singles at Holly, Vince Ottenbacher, with Dylan Yore, and Brad Pedri,

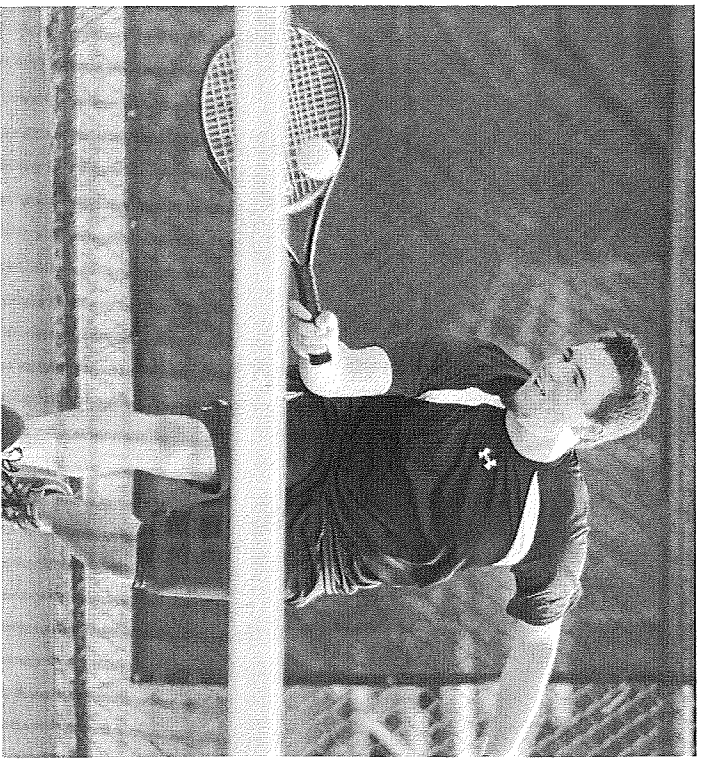
with Connor Hill, played first and second doubles at the Fenton site. Third and fourth doubles Jacob Ferlito, with Ethan Yore, and partners Max Fahmney and Deven Hill battled at the Grand Blanc site.

The two pairs that played out of Fenton won their first matches. The team that advanced had to win two out of three sets. Ottenbacher and Dylan Yore beat Goodrich 7-2 and 6-1. Connor Hill and Pedri lost their first set 4-6 but rebounded with two wins both scores of 7-5 against Plasma Western.

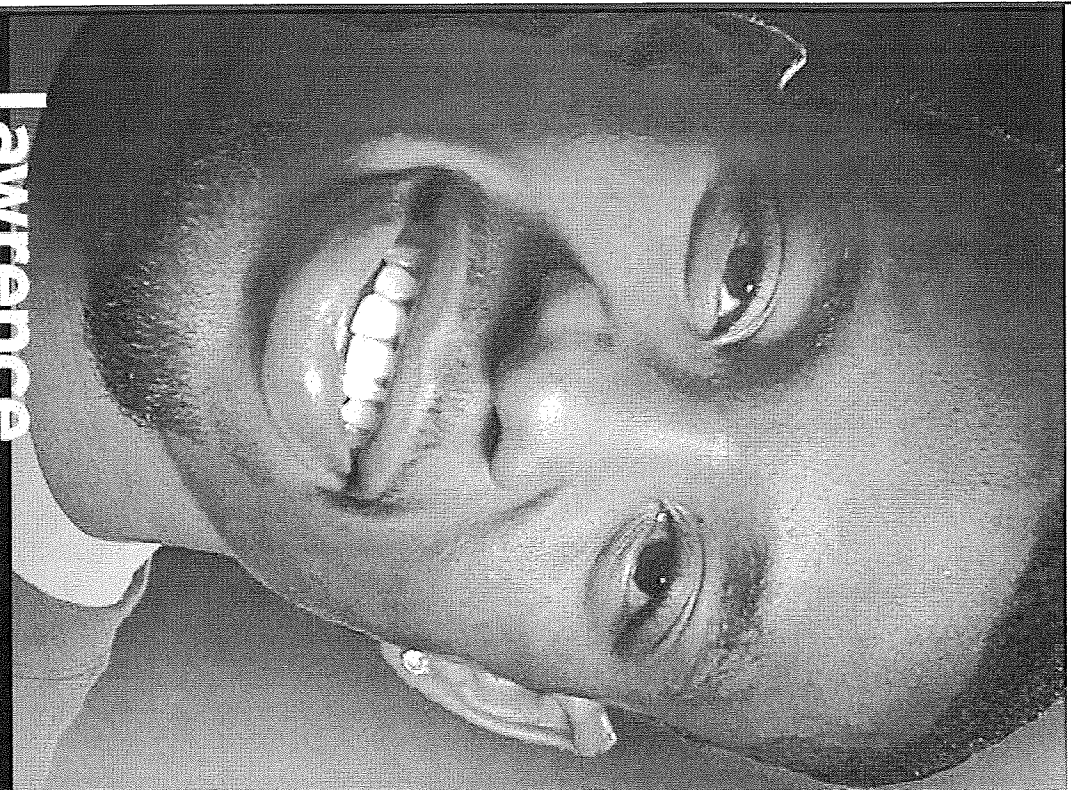
Both pairs lost in the second round but didn't feel defeated. "Winning a match, competing and having fun with Vince" was Dylan Yore's favorite part about going to States. He went on to say that it was kind of sad that it was his last match in high school.

Although Richmond didn't win States, winning and losing was not what the trip was about. Being together as a team and representing their school was very significant to all of them.

"Traveling with the seniors and being with them in their last high school match," is what Fahmney cherished most out of the whole experience.



Donovan Cmerik returns a tennis shot. The senior and the rest of his team made it to States. (Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook.)



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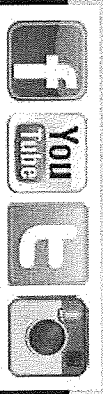
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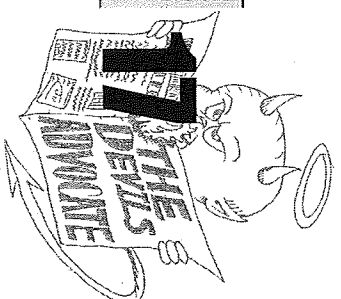
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another safety feature added to the schools. This feature is security checkpoints accompanied by key-swipe access cards.

Each building's doors will be locked during and after school hours. The only way for someone to enter the buildings will be by use of a security card, which is somewhat like a badge. This badge will be scanned at the doors and the doors will unlock if the badge is deemed valid.

Mr. Walmsley said in regard to the security checkpoints, "That will be a huge safety measure for the school and the community."

The school wants to keep the students as safe as possible, and this improvement only heightens the safety of the children while in their learning environment.

Multiple improvements will be made as time passes. The District will be getting other items that are important. One example of this would be the plan to purchase new busses in the future. This purchase will cost about \$100,000 each.

Many smaller issues are set to be fixed in the future too, such as new ceiling tiles and braille on all the signs in the buildings.

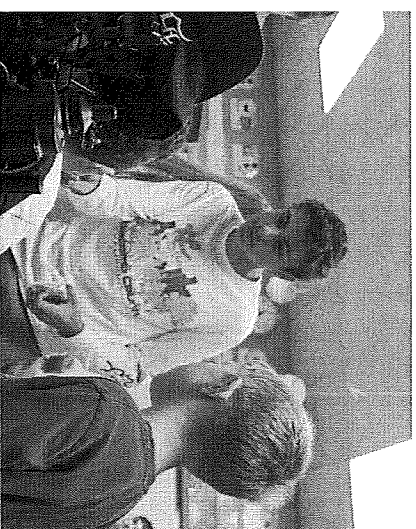
Mr. Walmsley said, "Not all that was directly part of the bond, but as things have come in through the bond that have been under budget, then the dollars that haven't been spent could be used to help support these other projects."

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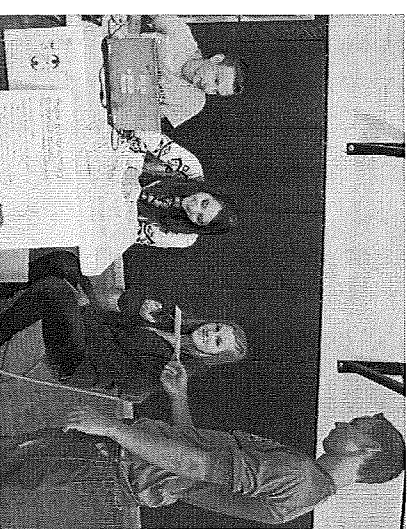
All in all, the bond has already clearly proved beneficial to RCSD. Many physical updates have occurred, giving students a nicer place to spend their days at.

Soon to occur are many more technological and physical changes, such as the exciting and new 1-1 policy.

Even after all this, many other updates will happen. The hope is to make the students proud of their schools and attract more people to Richmond's learning facilities.



Freshman Clayton Maksymiuk works with Lee Elementary School students reading them a book about earth science. (Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook.)



Kevin Maas hands his blood drive information to Thomas Biafore, Hannah Nichter, and Jessica Niebauer.

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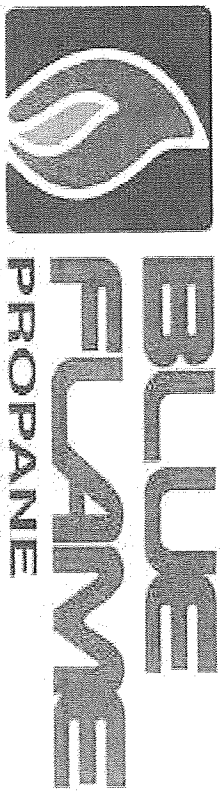
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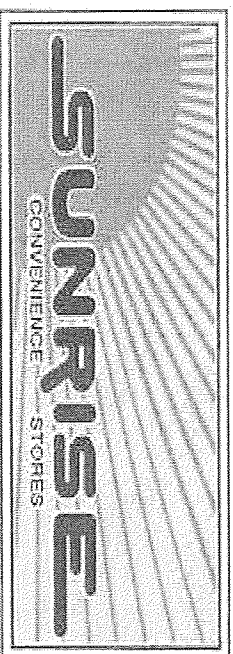
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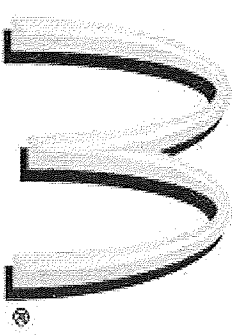
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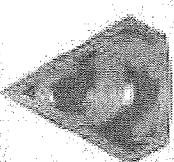


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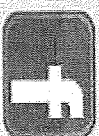
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