

Ridge High School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We write to you in an attempt to recruit your assistance in dealing with a problem that has potential for irreparable harm to our children – possession and consumption of alcohol at sporting events, particularly football games.

Homecoming is a week away and we will be celebrating with a senior tailgate party hosted by the SCOPE TEAM and the homecoming football game, both on Friday, October 21. On Saturday, October 22, the Student Council will host the homecoming dance.

Recent incidents with alcohol use by students attending football games made it prudent to disallow all outside beverages from entering Lee Field. Despite this precaution some students were able to possess and consume alcohol inside the stadium. This resulted in some very unpleasant consequences for some of our students.

Therefore, we will be implementing a more extensive scrutiny of spectators as they enter the stadium and we will search all bags. Additionally, there will be added security in the form of Bernards Township Police and RHS faculty.

Any student found to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled dangerous substance will be suspended for ten days and police charges will be filed. Adults over the age of twenty-one suspected of being under the influence will be denied entrance to the game. Those spectators under twenty-one who do not attend RHS but are found to be in possession or under the influence will be arrested.

Please speak with your son/daughter prior to homecoming weekend to clearly communicate the expectations of the school and the possible consequences to their actions should they choose to disregard the law concerning minors and alcohol consumption.

We have long been supporters of Friday night football games and have had some tremendous experiences watching our team compete. We believe that the atmosphere created and the school spirit demonstrated brings our community together on many levels. It is our greatest hope that we can continue to host these night games in that spirit and without incident.

Sincerely,
Francis T. Howlett Jr – Principal

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