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Welcome to the 1st edition of "The Arts Advocate"

Welcome to the inaugural edition of "The Arts Advocate." The purpose of this newsletter is to bring *THE ARTS* to everyone, providing the reader insight to what is happening in our schools, as well as provide interesting articles about each of the arts content areas. This issue will focus on the Arts programming at Ridge High School with each school in the district to be featured in future editions.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many talented students and educators within our district and we all are appreciative of your continued support.

Michael Fackelman

Supervisor of Fine and Practical Arts

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RHS Drama Club Presents...

"My Sister Eileen"

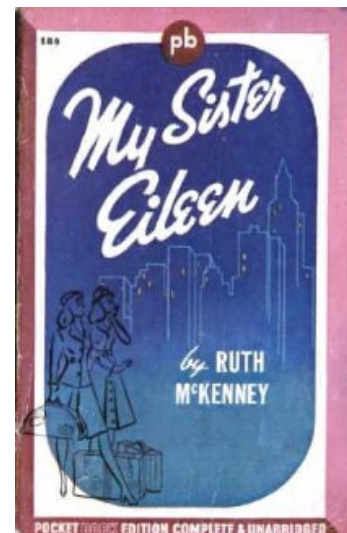
November 18 & 19, 7:00 PM at the Ridge PAC

My Sister Eileen is the delightful story about two sisters and their adventures as roommates in a Greenwich Village basement apartment. Eileen is an aspiring actress and her sister Ruth is a self-reliant young woman who dreams of becoming a great writer. This wonderful comedy paints an indelible portrait of life in the big city while existing under less than ideal living conditions. Follow Eileen, Ruth, and a parade of colorful, unforgettable characters throughout their hilarious escapades.

Written by Joseph A. Fields and Jerome Chodorov, *My Sister Eileen* is based on the work of renowned author and journalist, Ruth McKenney.

My Sister Eileen is a production of the Ridge High School Drama Club under the guidance of director Megan Kern and technical director Jason Stewart.

Tickets are available on-line at www.RidgePAC.com.
Adults: \$10.00; Students and Seniors: \$8.00.





AMERICAN MUSIC ABROAD

Submitted by Barbara Retzko, director, RHS Choral Program

On Friday July 1st, Choral Directors Barbara Retzko, Carol Dory (Liberty Corner School) and eight members of the Ridge High School A Cappella Choir joined 115 high school musicians from the tri-state area at East Stroudsburg University to begin rehearsals for the AMERICAN MUSIC ABROAD Red Tour of Europe! By Sunday, July 3rd, the RED Tour Concert Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble were ready to share a farewell concert with family and friends before a July 4th departure to Paris. The group spent two days in Paris; cruising the Seine, visiting the Eiffel Tower and performing their first concert in Luxembourg Gardens before departing for Brugge.

To learn more, click [HERE!](#)



For more information about program offerings in the Fine and Performing Arts, click [HERE!](#)

Art Links...

[RHS Art Gallery](#)

[Red Studio](#)

[Google Art Project](#)

[Newsweek 2011 Artistic Colleges](#)

[National Gallery of Art](#)

[Philadelphia Museum of Art](#)

[Artcyclopedia](#)

The Art Palette!

There are several special events this fall for many of the visual arts students at Ridge. On Tuesday, October 25th, Detective Larry Boody, a forensic artist from the Bridgewater Police Department, visited our school and gave presentations for both fine art and forensic science students. Det. Boody has been a forensic artist for ten years and trained at the Composite Drawing Workshop at Scottsdale Artist's School as well as at the Forensic Facial Imaging School at the FBI Academy in Virginia which included both composite imagery and 2D & 3D post-mortem facial reconstruction. Please view the Bridgewater Police Department website for more information: <http://www.bridgewaterpd.com/boody.htm>.

On October 27th, fifty of Ridge's fine art students will go on a field trip to New York City to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. While at the museum, they will participate in an interdisciplinary scavenger hunt/ writing activity that combines searching for specific paintings with analyzing their principals of design and painting techniques. The activity also includes questions that encourage the students' creative thinking.

On November 3rd, the A. P. Studio Art and Photo Thesis students will take a trip to Philadelphia to photograph and sketch The Eastern State Penitentiary and The Reading Terminal (farmers) Market. While at The Eastern State Penitentiary, the students will participate in a guided tour of the 19th century prison, on the National Registry of Historical Buildings, which now functions as a museum and alternative art space. The AP Studio Art students will also view an exhibition of large drawings and video installations by Lori Anderson at the Fabric Workshop.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL/WINTER

RHS MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

OCTOBER 29, 2:00 PM, LEE FIELD AT RHS

"MY SISTER EILEEN" – RHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 7:00 PM, RIDGE PAC

For tickets, visit: www.RidgePAC.com

WAMS ORCHESTRA CONCERT

DECEMBER 8, 7:00 PM AT WAMS AUDITORIUM

RHS BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

WAMS BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM AT WAMS AUDITORIUM

RHS ORCHESTRA CONCERT

DECEMBER 15, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

RHS CHORAL CONCERT

DECEMBER 20, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

WAMS CHORAL CONCERT

JANUARY 11, 7:00 PM AT WAMS AUDITORIUM

RHS DANCE SHOWCASE

JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

LIBERTY CORNER SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

OAK STREET SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 17, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 18, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 19, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

OAK STREET SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC

ELEMENTARY STRINGS WINTER CONCERT

JANUARY 24, 7:00 PM AT RIDGE PAC



Fall Master Dance Classes Underway with the hit Broadway Musical...*Memphis!*

Submitted by Rachel Falis, RHS Dance Teacher

The Fall Master Dance Class Series began with Broadway performer Monique Smith. Monique has performed as a featured dancer in Broadway shows, such as, *Hot Feet* and the 2010 Tony Award Winning *Memphis!* Monique brought her talent and years of experience to Ridge at the end of September and taught the dance "Steal Your Rock 'n' Roll". The students had fun learning this high energy showstopper! Students from both William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School attended this class. There are two more master class teachers coming this Fall. For additional information about this program or all things dance, please contact Ms. Falis at rfalis@bernardsboe.com.

PROGRAM ALERT!! "Steal Your Rock 'n' Roll" will be performed in the Winter Dance Showcase 2012 on January 13th at 7pm in Ridge PAC. Come and experience Dance at Ridge!

"I do not try to dance better than anyone else.

I only try to dance better than myself."

- Mikhail Baryshnikov

2nd Annual RHS Marching Band Competition October 29, 2011

The 2nd annual “RHS Marching Band Competition” will be held at Ridge High School’s Lee Field on Saturday, October 29th beginning at 2:00 PM.

20 marching bands will be performing including our own Ridge HS Band, which has won several awards in recent years at competitions throughout the state.

For more information, please visit www.wix.com/rhsmbc/2011. Tickets are available at the gate the day of the show.

Come on out for a great afternoon of fall pageantry, displaying the many talented youth from New Jersey and New York!

**“It’s a GREAT DAY for
Marching Band!”**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

State of NJ	Ridge HS
1 Credit Year of Fine Arts	5 Credits of Visual & Performing Arts
1 Credit Year of 21 st Century Life & Career Skills	5 credits of any Business or Technology Courses
½ Credit Year of Personal Finance	2.5 credit Personal Finance course

Technology and Business Education Corner

Craftsmanship is truly an art form!

Technology Education at Ridge is not just a traditional wood shop class! Students have opportunities to explore advanced courses in “Contemporary Woodworking” and “Cabinet Making.” Once outside of the shop area, you will find a computer lab dedicated to “Architecture,” “Computer Aided Drawing (CAD)” and “Robotics.” Students are engaged in problem solving and design challenges, incorporating many skills and knowledge learned in mathematics and science classes. Another course is “Technology: Design, Engineering and Innovation.” This class will develop a working knowledge of the past, present and future of technology. Students use the design process to arrive at solutions to specified problems, making great use of modeling and computer programs.

Courses in these areas will satisfy graduation requirements, as well as spark a different side of your creativity!

The **Business Education** department offers a variety of courses that provide a foundation in business related applications, as well as prepare those who want to pursue in career in the business field. From “Word Processing” and “Internet and Web Design,” to “Accounting” and “Marketing,” the staff is eager to share their wealth of knowledge of the business world with all! “Personal Finance” satisfies the NJ Department of Education’s *Financial Literacy* requirement, but even more than that teaches all students how to begin the journey of making financially prudent decisions as they become adults. Courses in “Law” continue to be very popular choices at Ridge High School, teaching the learner about insurance basics, juvenile law, and more!■

For more information about offerings in Technology Education and Business Education, click [HERE!](#)