

Families For College Event

- The families For College Informative Event was a huge success! Courtney Bertoni won the iPod Touch! Parents & students had a great time and had their college questions answered.
- Thank you to the CupCake, Costco, Glanbia and Fred Meyers for making this event so wonderful!

GEAR UP Happenings!

Dual Credit Scholarships for Spring Semester

The dual credit scholarships for the spring semester were made available on Monday, January the 9th, 2012 in the Ridge Center. If you are

GEAR UP will pay for some, if not all, of your credit fees for each class. Canyon Ridge High School & the GEAR UP Program encourage all students to invest in their collegiate futures and take a dual credit class!

Scholarship Board

Check out the scholarship board located in the Ridge Center! There are various local and national scholarships displayed. Some scholarships are for 9th-12th grades and some are strictly for the seniors.

Get a jump on your fu-

taking a dual credit class for the spring semester, please come to the Ridge Center and pick up an application.



Applications are due to Ms. RayBourn, in the Ridge Center, by January the 26th, 2012.

Campus Visits

7th grade students will be attending the CSI campus and enjoying a behind the scenes tour, as well as receiving lunch and a memory bag.

The 10th grade students will be attending Boise State University. They will enjoy lunch on campus. The 11th grade students will be visiting Idaho State University. The 11th grade students will enjoy a lunch on campus. The 7th grade campus visit will be mandatory,

The 10th and 11th grades campus visits will be by voluntary sign up only. Each 10th and 11th grade campus visit will be an all day event. We will leave the Canyon Ridge High School parking lot by 8:30 am and will not return until after the school day has concluded. Students will need to have alternate means of transportation at the conclusion of the trip. We would like to spend as much time

as possible at each campus, enjoy a lunch within the schools cafeteria (provided by GEAR UP) and have the opportunity to truly see what each campus may have to offer our students.

Each trip is in the planning process and will be announced as soon as the trips dates can be set on a calendar.

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GEAR UP , Canyon Ridge & Robert Stuart give back!



Canyon Ridge Service Learning Projects

A strong sense of pride in ones community is what the CRHS Service Learning Projects are all about. Each 10th -12th grade advisory class has chosen a Service Learning Project that they can do for their community. Some classes have chosen to write letters to the US Soldiers who are serving our country over seas, some are giving their time at the local HEAD

START, while others are making blankets for the cancer unit in the hospital. Each class has chosen a different project, but every class is in unity about the message that these projects represent- give to others, do for others, and show pride in your community.

GEAR UP Funds cover the cost of the Service Learning Projects. Buses and materi-

als are paid for by the grant.

It is never too early to plan for your students education!

Post Secondary Planning Sessions to begin!

The Canyon Ridge High School Junior class can look forward to meeting individually with Ms. RayBourn in the Ridge Center to discuss their plans for college and career. As always,

snacks will be made available for each student during the meeting times.

Please be prepared with any questions you may have about scholarship

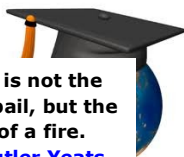
opportunities, college applications, and any questions about the college/university that you may want to attend.

Robert Stuart Service Learning Projects

The 7th grade Robert Stuart students and staff will begin the planning of their Student Service Learning Projects soon! The GEAR UP Grant is backing their plans with funds.

Projects with your students!

Parents- please discuss ideas for Service Learning



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
William Butler Yeats

Robert Stuart Middle School Activities

The following are some of the amazing activities planned for the 7th grade students at Robert Stuart Middle School:

- **After School Opportunity**
– paying for the after school busing for all students that utilize the after school tutoring system.
- **In the Know About the Dough– Financial aid event.**
- **College Up Close**– the 7th grade college campus visit
- **Idaho Career Information System**– by creating a CIS portfolio, the 7th grade students will be able to take the career test, study for the ACT test, start their college resume, and many other awesome activities that this program provides.
- **Engaging Parents Event**– Graydon Stanley, the Dean of Students at CSI, will be the guest motivational speaker.

This event will host all 7th grade students and their parents.

These activities are only a few of the activities that will be happening on the RSMS campus this school year!

Engaging Parents Event

The Engaging Parents Event

February 29th, 2012

6:00- 7:30 pm.

At the CSI Campus

Further information will be on the weekly announcements' through Robert Stuart.

Graydon Stanley, Dean of Students at the College of Southern Idaho, will be the guest speaker for the event. Dean Stanley will give a motivational presentation about college. There will be snacks, prizes and a wealth of knowledge for the 7th grade parents and students that attend!

**It is better
to light a
candle than
curse the
darkness.**

**Eleanor
Roosevelt**

If you have any questions about any of the activities that your student or students are involved in, or would like to volunteer at any of the activities, please contact Ms. RayBourn.

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Some Information on Education! Taken from College World News.

Reasons for Going to College that were Very Important:

	2010
Ability to get a better job	84.7%
Learn more things that would interest them	82.8%
Train for a specific Career	77.6%
To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas	72.4%
Ability to make more money	71.2%
To prepare for graduate school	60.2%
To become a more cultured person	50.9%