

WELCOME TO RIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the home of the Green Raiders where spirit, pride and tradition are synonymous with excellence in a school in which the entire community takes pride!

This handbook is a very important document that will orient you to Ridley High School and to help you get acquainted with the Ridley tradition. This valuable resource will guide you through the year, as it is intended to highlight those guidelines and standards that have produced Ridley High School's well-established reputation for excellence. It is a valuable tool for organizing your academic, co-curricular and out of school time and assignments. It will also serve as your hall pass. Please keep it with you and utilize it to the fullest extent.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this handbook and the Activities Booklet distributed in homeroom so that you may take full advantage of the many opportunities Ridley has to offer. Feel free to ask any staff member for information or help. We are here to assist you and provide you the best high school experience possible. Ridley High School is an outstanding high school. We offer you as full and fine an education as you can find anywhere in the state. Get involved and both you and Ridley will benefit.

My sincere best wishes to each of you for a year of academic achievement, success in all activities and fulfilling relationships both with your peers and the entire staff at Ridley High School. Remember, good things happen when you wear green.

Sincerely,

William E. Mills

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RIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

With its rich multigenerational tradition of academic and extracurricular excellence, Ridley High School fosters a safe and caring comprehensive learning environment. Through the guidance of faculty and staff, and the support of parents and community members, all students will be provided diverse and challenging learning experiences, which will afford them the opportunity to become productive and responsible citizens. It is our mission to empower all students to achieve their fullest personal and academic potential.

SCHOOL COLORS

Hunter Green and White

SCHOOL IDENTITY

The Green Raiders

SCHOOL LEGACY

The Green Mystique

SCHOOL SYMBOL



ALMA MATER

To Ridley High we pledge our faith,
And raise our voices high;
We'll honor thee and loyal be
And praise thee to the sky.
Let ev'ry son and daughter stand
United e'er for thee,
And hail our school throughout the land,
Here's to you, Ridley High.

RULES AND **R**EGULATIONS

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Regular attendance is essential for success in school. While students are enrolled in school, their first priority is attending classes regularly and fulfilling all class requirements. Regular and prompt attendance is a habit, which should be practiced throughout the years of schooling. Excessive absence, even though excused, is bound to have a negative effect on one's grades. Good attendance and good academic performance are usually synonymous. **The high school does not sanction so called senior cut days, prom cut days, or junior cut days.**

Parents are asked to call the attendance office (610-237-8034-3-1262) between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. when a student is absent. This provides a safety valve for the parents in case of a dilemma the child might encounter. It also isolates truancy. The caller must indicate the student's name, the parent's name, and the date(s) of absence, daytime phone number and type of illness.

Absence

In accordance with guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the following are considered legal excuses for absence from school: (1) Illness, (2) Death in the immediate family, (3) Impassable roads, (4) Quarantine, (5) Unusual circumstance (approved by the school administration).

Absences of one to three consecutive days will be excused upon receipt of a phone call or message to the late/attendance office from the parent. Absences due to illness that exceed three consecutive days will be excused upon receipt of a written statement from a licensed medical practitioner. Notes will NOT BE ACCEPTED more than two weeks after the absence has occurred.

Students who are legally absent from school may make up missed assignments; however, it is the student's responsibility to see his/her teachers to obtain the required work. Students who are absent without legal excuse will be cited with trancies, and will not be granted permission to make up missed work. Students who fail to make-up work after suspensions or absences *will* be given grades of zero for the assignment. Students below age seventeen (17), who have been cited with trancies, are subject to penalties under the compulsory attendance laws. Missing 10% of instructional time (5 days), excused or unexcused, may result in a lower grade. Students missing ten instructional days in a marking period will fail the marking period.

Absence (Planned)

Parents may request in advance a legal excused absence for students for Career and Technical Education activities, college visitations, and family travel. Students or parents may pick up the appropriate form from the principal's office. The completed form must be returned to the office 48 hours prior to the date of the request.

- a) Career -Tech Ed activities: forms obtained from Career-Tech Ed School
- b) College visitation: senior's only, juniors in special cases
- c) Family travel: all trips should be planned to coincide with scheduled school vacations

Compulsory Attendance (Truancy)

In accordance with Section 1354 of The Pennsylvania School Code, the school may report to appropriate authorities' infractions of the law regarding the attendance of students. Parents or guardians found guilty of an infraction may be fined up to three hundred dollars per day.

If parents or guardians can show that they took every reasonable step to ensure attendance for children thirteen years of age or older, the student can be fined three hundred dollars per day and lose driving privileges up to six months per incident.

Parents having difficulty ensuring their student's attendance should contact the Assistant Principal responsible for attendance. Early intervention on the part of the parent/guardian may avert court action.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Students privileged to represent Ridley High School in athletics and other activities are charged with a special responsibility to uphold the highest standards of personal conduct in and out of school. They enjoy the respect and admiration of their fellow students and adults. Also, they are subject to the scrutiny of others because of their positions of influence and leadership.

In order to be eligible to participate in activities and/or athletics, a student must have passed at least 3 full-credit subjects during the previous grading period. A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of 20 or more school days shall not be eligible. Participation is further governed by:

- a. A student who arrives before 11:00 a.m. and is excused for medical/dental appointments, or court appearances may participate in game and/or practices with written note from physician approving such participation.
- b. Student suspended from school may not participate on day(s) of suspension.

c. Students will receive an activities booklet outlining all activities, clubs, etc. offered by Ridley High School.

Students who participate in athletics and activities not only provide service to the school and community, but also learn important lessons that will transfer to real-life situations beyond the school. Students not participating in an activity need to clear the building no later than 3:00 each day.

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Drugs/Alcohol

Any student participating on an athletic team or in a co-curricular activity who is reported to a Ridley School District administrator or designee by district personnel, Intermediate Unit personnel, administrators from other districts, or the police and found to be guilty of any of the violations listed below will lose his/her eligibility to participate in the sport or co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season or semester in which the offense occurs or 30 days, whichever is the longer period of time.

1. Violation of the drug/alcohol policy.
2. Convicted of consumption of alcoholic beverages.
3. Excluding alcohol, convicted of possession, use, distribution of illegal drugs or mood altering substances.
4. In possession of performance enhancing substances (for example, Creatine and like substances), steroids or synthetic steroids

Tobacco

Any student participating on an athletic team who is reported to a Ridley School District administrator or designee by district personnel, Intermediate Unit personnel, administrators from other districts, or the police and found to be guilty of smoking or tobacco use, both on or off school grounds, will lose his/her eligibility as follows:

1st Offense: one (1) week practice and game suspension

2nd Offense: loss of eligibility to participate in the sport for the remainder of the season or semester in which the offense occurs or 30 days, whichever is the longer period of time.

Other offenses of a serious nature that discredit the students or our school will be referred to the athletic director/activities coordinator whose responsibility it will be to judge the nature and seriousness of the offense and the appropriate disciplinary action, after consultation with the principal.

BELL SCHEDULES

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell	7:40	
Block 1	7:45 - 9:13	(Announcements: 9:06 - 9:13)
Block 2	9:18 - 10:54	(Ridley Reads: 9:18 – 9:33)
Block 3	10:59 - 12:59	
A Lunch		10:55 - 11:25
B Lunch		11:26 - 11:56
C Lunch		11:57 - 12:27
D Lunch		12:28 - 12:58
Block 4	1:03 - 2:24	
Advisory	2:24 - 3:00	(M, W, R)

FLEX DAY and TWO-HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE

Flex/Delay Time	7:30 - 9:35	(Teachers Only on Flex Days)
Warning Bell	9:40	
Block 1	9:45 - 10:21	(Announcements: 10:13 - 10:21)
Block 2	10:26 - 10:54	
Block 3	10:59 - 12:59	
A Lunch		10:55 - 11:25
B Lunch		11:26 - 11:56
C Lunch		11:57 - 12:27
D Lunch		12:28 - 12:58
Block 4	1:03 - 2:24	
Advisory	2:24 – 3:00	

HALF-DAY IN-SERVICE BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell	7:40	
Block 1	7:45 – 9:06	(Announcements: 8:34 – 9:06)
Block 2	8:46 - 9:35	
Block 3	9:40 - 10:29	
Block 4	10:34 - 11:23	
In-Service Time	11:23 - 3:00	(Teachers Only)

ONE-HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell	8:40	
Block 1	8:45 - 9:51	(Announcements: 9:43 - 9:51)
Block 2	9:56 - 10:54	
Block 3	10:59 - 12:59	
A Lunch		10:55 - 11:25
B Lunch		11:26 - 11:56
C Lunch		11:57 - 12:27
D Lunch		12:28 - 12:58
Block 4	1:03 - 2:24	
Advisory	2:24 - 3:00	(M, W, Th)

BUS CONDUCT AND PASSES

Riding a bus is a privilege, not a right. Severe or repeated violations of school bus safety rules may result in temporary or permanent suspension of bus transportation privileges. In the event of privilege suspension, a parent conference will be required to reinstate privileges.

Only those students residing two or more miles from the high school or who live east of Route 420 (Kedron Ave.), below Chester Pike or west of the Blue Route (476) will be provided with **free** transportation aboard the Ridley School District busses. Bus passes are distributed through the main office. Students are to carry the pass as proper identification when riding to and from school. A request for replacement of a lost bus pass may be made at the principal's office. Lost passes may not be replaced immediately on the day of request.

CAFETERIA

Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria during block three (3) that is divided into several lunch periods. Students must report to the cafeteria at the beginning of the lunch period and remain there for the duration of the period. Any student wishing to leave the cafeteria must secure a pass from a paraprofessional or dean on duty. It is a violation of school regulations to eat lunch anywhere other than in the cafeteria. Good conduct is expected of all students during lunch.

After eating, it is the responsibility of each student to clear the table of food particles and return trays, dishes, and utensils to their proper locations. Staff supervising the cafeteria will dismiss students. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers when traveling to or from lunch or during lunch. Breakfast is served from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. Lunch is served daily except on half-day in-service days.

CARS

Students are permitted to drive to school. Cars may be parked **ONLY** in the designated parking area. Parking is reserved in the faculty area. **The**

speed limit in the school zone is not to exceed 15 mph. Driving students will be required to register their car with the Principal's office. Violation of parking/driving rules may result in disciplinary action including fines, suspension, loss of driving privileges or towing at his or her expense.

CHEATING

Cheating is dishonest. It misrepresents your work and the work of others. Violators will receive a zero for the specific assignment with no opportunity to make up the assignment. Depending on the assignment, this may result in a course failure. Disciplinary action will also result including, but not limited to, suspension and/or a conference with the parent/guardian. Ridley High School will utilize many resources to determine if cheating has occurred. Some examples of cheating are sharing answers to a test or homework; procuring a test from a student who has completed the course; discussing test questions and answers with students in the same class, another block; removing a test from a teacher's desk, etc.

CLASS CUTTING

The faculty and administration of Ridley High School regard unexcused absence from class as a very serious matter. Attendance in class is the very foundation of a quality education. Students choosing to absent themselves from class must realize the **seriousness** of their misbehavior and its effect on their overall progress. All offenses will result in disciplinary action. Students will be prohibited from making up missed work.

CONDUCT

1. When you enter the building, go to your locker and report to 1st block. Students not in 1st block by 7:45 am will be marked late.
2. You may not leave school after your arrival unless you have permission from the office.
3. **You will not be allowed in the hall during class time unless you have your handbook as a pass. All students must sign out before leaving class and sign in when returning.**
4. Wearing of caps, hats, bandannas or sweatbands in the school building is not permitted during school hours. They should be taken off upon entering the building.
5. Water devices (water pistols, squirt guns, etc.) are prohibited.

DANCES/PROMS

No money will be refunded to any student leaving a dance under any conditions. The price of admission will be posted for each dance. Students owing fines/obligations or in violation of the student activities policy will not be

permitted to attend dances and/or proms. **On occasion, guests are permitted to attend high school dances. Students wishing to bring guests that do not attend Ridley High School must complete a prior approval form one month before the dance or prom. These forms are available through the Principal's office. Also, in order to be admitted to the event, the guest must present photo identification in the form of school ID or driver's license. All forms should be submitted to the principal's office no later than two weeks prior to the date of the dance. Once approved, no substitutions may be made. All alumni are considered guests. *All guests must be under 21.***

DETENTION

Detention is held at 7:00 a.m. in the cafeteria, at 2:35 p.m. in the suspension room and from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday in the Community Center. The daily afternoon detention ends at 3:30 p.m. (as assigned by the deans). The principal may arrange special detention days (e.g. teacher in-service days). Students who arrive late will not be admitted. **A student should attend a teacher detention if assigned on the same day as a school detention.** Teacher detention always takes precedence over school detention. The student must notify the dean of any such changes to reschedule the school detention. To effectively utilize detention time, students are encouraged to bring schoolwork. If you are absent on the scheduled detention date, you automatically serve your detention on the next scheduled detention day you are in school. You will NOT receive notice of the make-up date.

DISCIPLINE

Proper student conduct and behavior are fundamental to the educational process. Teachers will maintain and control a system of classroom management and discipline. The teacher will handle initial breaches of classroom rules and regulations. Students persisting in violation of rules will be referred to the deans. Delayed compliance toward a staff member's instruction constitutes insubordination that may result in an increase in the severity of consequences.

The school owns all campus buildings and grounds, both interior and exterior. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy while on school property. As a component of a comprehensive safe school plan video surveillance may be used on all campus grounds, building classrooms, commons rooms, hallways and on school buses to maintain the security of students, staff members and visitors. Students are hereby notified of the school's intent to use the video surveillance equipment in the investigation of violations of the rules and regulations. Students may receive discipline as a result of what is recorded.

DRESS CODE

To facilitate a safe, orderly environment; reduce distractions in the classrooms, corridors, and public spaces; and promote appropriate dress habits for the workplace a uniform dress code is enforced. Students who are not in compliance will be required to wear and purchase a school issued uniform (or appropriate parts) on the day of the violation. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. (*See Fines/Obligations*)

Shirts:

- Shirt must be solid, striped, or plaid ONLY. No flowers, writing, or other prints are permitted. No writing is permitted on shirt except small logo.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- Shirt MUST have a full collar. Turtlenecks and mock-turtlenecks are also permitted. Crew neck sweaters MUST be worn with a collared \ shirt.
- Stomachs and backs must be COMPLETELY covered.
- Shirts must be buttoned.
- Girls' shirts must be of an appropriate cut around the neckline.

Pants:

- No pockets at or below the knee are permitted.
- No large zippers, buckles, chains, or other objects may be attached to pants.
- Pants must be corduroy or khaki/cotton material. No fleece, sweat, or other types of material may be worn.
- Pants must have a zipper at the waist. No elastic or tie-waist pants are permitted regardless of material.
- Shorts must hit the top of the knee; anything shorter is NOT permitted.
- Shorts may not have an elastic waist/tie waist.
- No basketball shorts are permitted.
- Pants must be size appropriate. Extremely baggy/oversized pants are not permitted.
- No camouflage pants or shorts are permitted.

Skirts:

- All skirts must hit the top of the knee. Anything shorter is NOT permitted, even with leggings.
- No camouflage-print skirts are permitted.

Shoes:

- Closed toe
- No slippers...all shoes must have hard soles

- No shower shoes or flip-flops

Jackets:

- Light fleece, cotton, nylon, or corduroy button or zip-up jackets may be worn in colder months. Under no circumstances are outer coats to be worn or carried during the school day.
- Jacket may not have any writing larger than a small logo on the front or the back.
- No hooded sweatshirts, jackets, or sweaters are to be worn or carried at any time during the school day.

Head coverings:

- No hats, sports headbands, “do-rags,” or scarves are to be worn or carried during the school day.
- No bandannas

Bags:

- No student, girl or boy, is permitted to wear any kind of bag or purse on his/her back or carry in his/her hands, regardless of the material. All bags are to be placed in locker at the student’s arrival to school and are to remain in the locker THROUGH FOURTH BLOCK UNTIL THE DISMISSAL BELL RINGS. No book bags will be permitted in classrooms during fourth block.
- Girls are permitted to carry small purses with short handles. No shoulder bags are permitted.

****No denim may be worn in any form; no denim jackets, vests, or pants.**

****No camouflage prints are to be worn on any article of clothing.**

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Awareness of Alcohol and Other Drugs

The Ridley School District recognizes the increased use of drugs and alcohol and believes the educational program should be augmented so that students know the physical and psychological dangers caused by alcohol and other drug use/abuse.

This policy is an effort by the Ridley School District to openly and effectively respond to the potential and current uses and abuses of alcohol, other drugs, mood altering substances and health endangering compounds by students.

Drug and Alcohol Policy Violations

This policy is violated when any student, visitor, guest, or and other person unlawfully manufactures, uses, abuses, possesses, constructively possesses, distributes, or attempts to distribute alcohol, other drugs, mood altering substances, performance enhancing substances (for example Creatine and like substances), steroids or synthetic steroids or drug paraphernalia on school premises, or on any school property even if student is not attending an event, or at any school sponsored activity anywhere, or while traveling to and from school or school related activities, or who conspires, aids or abets the use, abuse, active possession, constructive possession, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or any mood altering substances and health endangering compounds.

If school authorities have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules, regulations or policies of the School District or secreting evidence of an illegal act, a search may be made of the student's clothing, handbag, wallet, locker and desk and any materials and articles contained therein which are in violation of the law or the rules, regulations, or policies of the School District may be seized. Student lockers and desks may be searched without prior warning to the student. This does not preclude a police investigation.

NOTE: Any student in violation of the drug and alcohol policy while in attendance at any school function or school-sponsored activity, such as but not limited to proms/dances, banquets, athletic events or practices, performances or ceremonies will be denied the privilege of participating in graduation and/or attendance at or participation in subsequent school-sponsored events at the discretion of the high school administration.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students are not permitted to leave school between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 2:24 p.m. without first obtaining permission from the late office. If a student intends to be excused during the day, he/she must bring a written note from the parent/guardian requesting the sign out to the attendance office the morning of the early dismissal. The note should include: student name, grade, date and time of early sign out, parent signature, phone number to confirm note with parent, and doctor's name if appropriate. **No excuse to leave will be given without prior parental approval.** Students who return to school must report back to the Late Office for a pass. Any early dismissal prior to 9:30 a.m., from which a student does not return, will count as a day of absence. Anyone leaving school without permission will be considered truant and will be subject to disciplinary action. Unless directed by the principal's office, **students are not allowed to call home to secure permission to leave.**

ELECTRONICS

CD players, MP3s, iPods, cell phones and other electronic devices are **NOT** to be used or carried in school between the hours of 7:45 – 2:24. Faculty members have been advised to confiscate electronic devices from students who fail to comply with this regulation.

1st offense: Teacher sends electronic device to student's dean.
Item returned after 2:24pm.

2nd offense: Item returned after parent contact. Parent must pick up item.

3rd offense: Item returned at the end of the school year after conference with parent.

All subsequent offenses will result in an escalating scale of out of school suspensions. Any items not claimed by the end of the school year will be discarded.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Pennsylvania state law requires that all schools have emergency drills. There are times throughout the school year when such drills are conducted. At the sounding of the alarm students are to follow the instructions given by the principal's office and the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher may assign specific responsibilities to students.

If exiting the building is part of the drill, students are to follow the information printed on the posters located in each room. Students should pass quickly and quietly to their assigned areas and remain together as a group. Teachers will assist in moving students out of the pathway for emergency vehicles. The entire building should be emptied in approximately four minutes.

EMERGENCY CLOSING

In the event that weather or other circumstances force the closing of Ridley High School, an announcement to this effect will be made over area radio and television stations. District residents may also tune into the Ridley School District Cable TV channel for information regarding emergency school closings. The code number for:

Ridley High School is 453. Folcroft Technical School is 269.

Aston Technical School is 469.

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

Suspension is exclusion from school for a period of one to ten consecutive school days. Expulsion is exclusion from school for more than ten days. It may be temporary or permanent. If a student is placed in the alternative education room beyond one day, he/she should make arrangements with his/her teachers for work he/she may complete while under suspension. These

assignments should be secured before or after school. In all cases, students should occupy their time with textbook reading, reviewing class notes, working on a project, or any other classroom-related activity.

Types of offenses that may lead to exclusion from school:

- Violating school rules and regulations
- Creating a serious threat to the health and safety of school community
- Endangering, destroying or attempting to destroy school property
- Selling or attempting to sell, distributing, using, or possessing illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and/or paraphernalia. Any student who violates this regulation will be suspended out-of-school for up to 10 days. During the period of suspension he/she will not participate in or attend as a spectator any school-related or school-sponsored activity. Violators of the drug and alcohol regulations face additional disciplinary action as outlined in the District regulations governing this area. As a condition for readmission to school after the suspension, students are required to obtain a drug and alcohol assessment and comply with all assessment recommendations.
- Smoking.
- Using or possessing any weapon on school property, or committing or threatening an act of violence against a member of the school staff, faculty or student body.
- Committing an act of insubordination.
- Committing a serious disruption of the educational program.
- Frequently being absent from school or specific classes, or frequently arriving late for school or specific classes.
- Leaving the premises without permission.
- Possessing and/or exploding firecrackers on school premises.
- Throwing objects that may cause injury, e.g., snowballs.

This list is intended to indicate the nature of the offenses that will result in disciplinary measures. It is not intended to be a complete listing of all possible violations, nor is it intended to replace or defer other actions as may be required or permitted by law. This determination of whether the offense will result in suspension or expulsion will depend upon the seriousness of the offense or offenses, as indicated by the evidence presented. Students suspended for one day will be placed in the alternative education room. This is a closely supervised classroom facility where students may spend their time in a productive manner. This type of suspension is not considered a school absence. Certain violations will result in an out-of-school suspension. School policy allows students to make-up work while under suspension. However, it is **the responsibility of the student to arrange** to make up work missed within three (3) days of his or her return. Otherwise, no credit will be given for work missed while under suspension. Also, any student who is given an in-school suspension and fails to

report to the alternative education room, or leaves without permission, will be counted as a truant, forfeiting his/her right to make up work.

Note: Students serving suspensions will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school activities for the duration of the suspension period. If a suspension spans a weekend or school holiday, the student will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school activities during that time.

FINES/OBLIGATIONS

Any student with outstanding obligations will not be permitted to:

- Purchase dance tickets (including, but not limited to, the Snowball, Freshman Dance, Soph Hop, Junior Prom, Senior Prom, and Class Night).
- Participate in any graduation activities
- Receive transcripts or have transcripts sent to requesting institutions or organizations.

FIELD TRIPS

Students must return a signed permission slip to attend a trip. **Students participating in field trips are subject to the same rules of conduct and dress code expected on school premises.** Offenses of a serious nature that discredit the students or our school will be referred to the deans for disciplinary action.

FOOD IN THE HALLS OR CLASSROOM

Food and drinks are **NOT** allowed in the hallways or the classrooms. The cafeteria is the designated food area. Students caught with food or drink outside the designated food area will be subject to detention, campus beautification or suspension. Any food in the student's possession will be confiscated.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Parents of eligible students may apply for free and reduced meals at the start of the school year. Information and applications can be obtained from the cafeteria manager.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

All visitors are required to register at the security desk in the main hallway. Anyone in doubt about visitation privileges should direct inquiries to the principal or designees. Students are not permitted to bring guests (siblings, relatives, friends) to visit or shadow them during the school day.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Each student is assigned to a specific counselor, as follows:

A – DEM 10 th – 12 th Grade	Mr. Frimmer	Ext. 1219
DEN – HO 10 th – 12 th Grade	Mrs. Kotzsen	Ext. 1215
HU – MAN, 10 th -12 th Grade	Mrs. Golden-Rigby	Ext. 1218
ES & Alternative School		
MAR – ROW 10 th -12 th Grade	Ms. Maginnis	Ext. 1216
G - Z, Grade 9	Mr. Lubas	Ext. 1214
RU - Z 10 th - 12 th Grade	Mrs. Werts	Ext. 1213
ATP, PTLS, & Emerald Academy	Mrs. Wagner	Ext. 1219
A-F Grade 9		
Work Study Coordinator	Mrs. Mattson	Ext. 1278

Each student is urged to consult with his/her counselor for assistance. Counselor's individual appointment books are located in the reception area of the Guidance office. Conferences with individual teachers may be arranged through the Guidance office.

Students must make firm choices in electing courses during program planning. Because of class size and master schedule complexity **NO schedule changes can be made after July 15.** No parent/guardian override to a teacher's scheduling suggestion may be reversed prior to the end of a full semester. Any change made after the July 15 cutoff will result in a WF designation on the student's transcript for the dropped course. These changes will only be made with the approval of the principal and will only be approved if the requested course is a part of the core academic curriculum.

Students must earn a minimum of 28 credits during grades 9-12 as indicated below:

Arts/Humanities - 2 credits	English - 4 credits
Mathematics - 3 credits	Social Studies - 3 credits
Science - 3 credits	Health/Physical Education - 2 credits
Electives - 11 credits	

Promotion to the next grade will be based upon an accumulation of credits **as well as a passing grade in English. 6 credits** are required for promotion to grade 10, **14 credits** to grade 11 and **20 credits** to grade 12.

HALL REGULATIONS

Students are not permitted to loiter inside the building, especially in congested areas, or outside in the parking lot or across the street from the

property. Students failing to abide by these regulations will be subject to disciplinary action. Work/Study and Technical School students may not be in the halls other than the regular passing time or after 11:00 a.m.

1. Always keep to the right and do not run.
2. Avoid displays of affection.
3. Use conversational tones - no shouting or obscene language.
4. Avoid congregating at lockers, drinking fountains, or at specified locations.

HEALTH SERVICES

Students must secure a pass from their classroom teacher to see the nurse. The nurse will evaluate the symptoms. When appropriate, the student will be returned to class after treatment. If the student continues to feel ill he/she should secure another pass and return to the nurse. Family contact is made prior to sending an ill student home. **Under no circumstances should a student leave the building without the nurse or principal's permission.**

HEARINGS

All suspensions will result in a phone contact to a parent/guardian. Out-of-school suspensions of three or more days will be followed with a written notification to the parents or guardians of the student informing them of the reason for the suspension. If a suspension exceeds three days, the parent/guardian will be given an opportunity to meet with the principal (or his designee) to discuss ways by which future offenses can be avoided.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a natural extension of the educational program and is primarily assigned for the benefit of students. It should contribute to the development of independence and responsibility on the part of the student. Homework is assigned on a regular and consistent basis. Failure to complete a homework assignment may result in a detention. Students are encouraged to get the name and phone number or email address of one or two students in each class to contact for missed homework in the event of an unplanned absence.

LATENESS

Students late to first block must obtain a pass from the Late/Attendance Office. Lateness will be excused for medical/dental appointments, or court appearances **only**. Other urgent reasons must be approved by the administration. Students must submit a note from the examining doctor or dentist or paperwork from the courts explaining the lateness. Unexcused lateness, e.g., oversleeping, missing a ride, etc., may result in the lowering of students' grades.

Lateness after 10:30 a.m. will be recorded as an absence. Lateness after 8:30 will be recorded as a first period class cut. (*Refer to Cutting*)

LATEX POLICY

Ridley High School is a latex-safe environment. Ridley School District prohibits the use of latex products such as gloves, balloons or similar products in or around the high school building.

LIBRARY

Teachers will schedule some time for research and projects in the library. There are also occasional extended evening hours for the library. Copies may be made for 10¢. Students must pay all fines prior to receiving transcripts. No eating is permitted in the library. All bulky coats, bags, etc., are to be left at the entrance for space and security reasons. It is preferred that students not bring coats to the library. Maintain quiet at all times. Ask the librarian for help, not your friends. Students may be required to sit in specific areas in order to maintain order and discipline.

LOCKERS

Hall: At the beginning of the school year, students are assigned hall lockers where coats, books, and personal items may be kept. Students are to be warned against opening a locker of another student, revealing their combinations to another student or leaving valuables in their lockers. The school merely assigns lockers to students for their use and does not take responsibility for the students' property or belongings. It is the responsibility of students at all times to safeguard their own property and property issued by the school. Lockers are the property of the school district and may be opened by school authorities whenever justifiable reasons exist. Restitution will be required to repair all damage to lockers (graffiti, stickers, gum, etc.). (*See Fines/Obligations*) The condition of an individual's locker will be the responsibility of that individual student.

Gym: All students will be expected to provide locks for gym lockers in conjunction with physical education classes. In order to protect personal property, students are asked to use the available lockers and keep them locked at all times. These lockers are property of the school and will be inspected periodically. Report any faulty lockers to the office by the end of the school day and the necessary repairs will be made immediately. **The Physical Education staff is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings, valuables, money, etc.**

LOST AND FOUND

Ridley High School is not responsible for items stolen or misplaced. If you lose or find something you should report it to the Attendance Office. Lost items may be claimed before or after school in the Attendance Office. Items are held for two weeks. Unclaimed items are donated to charity. Confiscated hooded sweatshirts will be returned **only** after a student has served their detention.

MAIN OFFICE

The main office is a busy place where a wide range and variety of school activities take place. You can cooperate by observing the following:

1. Calls are only taken in the event of an emergency. In an effort to minimize disruptions to the educational process, messages will be taken for students during school hours; however, they will not be delivered until after school (2:24).
2. To assure the availability of the person to whom you wish to speak, parents are requested to make appointments prior to arrival at the school.

MEDICATION POLICY

Each year we have a number of requests from parents to give students medication during school hours. Please abide by the following policy;

1. Only medications prescribed by a medical provider for a particular student will be given during school hours.
2. Every effort should be made to give all doses of medication at home.
3. Students should not carry medication to school. Parents should bring the medication to the Nurse or the Principal's office.
4. All medication must be clearly marked with a prescription label bearing the student's name, type of medication, dosage and time to be given.
5. Written instructions from the medical provider are required. If you do not obtain these at the time of your visit, a form will be provided to you. A note from the provider must accompany any change in dosage or medication.
6. We will NOT administer over the counter medications in school **unless accompanied by a note from the medical provider**. The note must include a contact number for the medical provider. Students will not be permitted to take self-administered medication during school hours.
7. When the school nurse is in the building, she will administer the medication. The principal or his/her designee will administer medication on the other days. Any parent who wishes to come to school and administer medication to their child may do so. Please check in at the Principal's office first.
8. Teachers are instructed not to permit students to take medication at school. Please do not place yourself in an embarrassing situation by bringing medication to school without proper instructions.

PEER MEDIATION

Peer mediation is a program to help students resolve conflicts. It is a voluntary process designed to teach students how to resolve their differences nonviolently. Information about this program can be obtained from the guidance office or from the deans.

PLAGIARISM

Many students believe that if one “changes the words around” that plagiarism is avoided. This is a false assumption. **Plagiarism is defined as using the words or ideas of another without giving him/her proper credit, whether that person is an adult or another student.** Certainly, it is important when doing research to authenticate your writing through the use of expert opinion, analysis, and quotation. To avoid plagiarism, always do the following:

1. Put the words of others in quotation marks.
2. Parenthetically document sections where you use the ideas of others (even if you’ve paraphrased or reworded those ideas).
3. Cite your sources.

Plagiarism is dishonest. It misrepresents your work and the work of others. Violators will receive a zero for the specific assignment with no opportunity to make up the assignment. Depending on the assignment, this may result in a course failure. Disciplinary action will also result including, but not limited to, suspension and/or a conference with the parent/guardian. Ridley High School will utilize many resources to determine if plagiarism has occurred. This policy applies to any and all work submitted to teachers including but not limited to homework, tests, projects, essays etc.

Grades

Final Marking Period grades are posted to PowerSchool the Wednesday after the making period ends. Assignment grades are posted on PowerSchool on a regular basis and should be checked by both parent and student. If you need the code and password to access PowerSchool please contact the main office secretarial staff.

SCHOOL BAGS

Backpacks, large pocketbooks (8”), briefcases, and similar book carrying devices may not be carried during school hours. Backpacks should be placed in the lockers before homeroom and picked up at the end of the school day. Those students who violate this procedure will be subject to disciplinary action.

SEARCHES

School officials have the authority to search, if they have reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, a student’s clothing, handbag, wallet, locker, desk and car and any materials and articles contained therein which are in violation of the law or the rules, regulations or procedures of Ridley High School. Reasonable suspicion shall be based on such facts and circumstances as would lead a prudent person to conclude that criminal activity exists. The reasonable suspicion should be directed to a specific person or group of persons. School authorities may search a student’s locker without prior warning on

seeking contraband because, standing “in loco parentis”, school authorities are charged with the safety of all students under their care and supervision. A search is a reasonable exercise of school government in the interests of the health, welfare, and safety of all students.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment constitutes unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, inappropriate verbal conduct, inappropriate physical conduct or unwanted communication of a sexual nature. The behavior is harassing when it interferes with a person's education or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment. Sexual harassment is a behavior of a sexual nature that is unwanted, not liked, and unwelcome. Sexual harassment is from the perspective of the person being harassed. If you believe you are a victim of sexual harassment you should notify a teacher, Deans or principal immediately. Participating in sexual harassment, alone or as part of a group, will result in disciplinary action.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Ridley Educational Support Team is a program designed to help school personnel to identify issues including alcohol, drugs or other behavioral concerns or other issues that pose a barrier to students learning and success in school. R.E.S.T. offers support to students and their families.

The Student Assistance Program is not a treatment program. Rather it is a systemic process using effective and accountable professional techniques to mobilize school resources to remove the barriers to learning, and/or, where the problem is beyond the scope of the school to assist the parent or student with information so that they can access services within the community. The R.E.S.T. team members do not diagnose, treat or refer for treatment but they may refer for an assessment to determine if treatment is needed. Parental involvement in all phases of the Student Assistance process is the key to the successful resolution of identified problems.

SUSPENSION

Students serving suspensions will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school activities for the duration of the suspension period. Suspension is not a deprivation of the right to learn but a temporary denial of social interaction through school contacts. Students who fail to make-up work after suspensions or absences *will* be given grades of zero for the assignment.

Out of School Suspensions

1. Students are expected to contact their teachers to get assignments.
2. Students are not permitted on school grounds before, during or after the school day.
3. Students may not participate in school related activities (i.e., practice games, production events, etc.) home or away.
4. Suspension may carry with it conditions that must be met to reinstate the students.

TECHNOLOGY

Students have access to a wide variety of technological resources. All students are expected to adhere to the Appropriate Use Policy on file in the main office, the computer labs and the library. All computers and computer related equipment must be used in the approved manner. Any violation will result in the revocation of access

privileges. Additionally, restitution and other disciplinary action may be applied. *(See classroom Read and Post for details.)*

TEXTBOOKS

All basic texts are lent to students for their use during the school year and are to be kept clean and handled carefully. Free book covers may occasionally be available from teachers and the guidance office. A student will be subjected to a fine if a textbook has been damaged or lost. Students must turn in all texts or pay restitution prior to taking the final exam (**NO TEXT, NO TEST**). In order to receive a report card at the end of each semester, a student must pay all costs for damaged or lost books. Transcripts may not be released until all financial obligations are met. *(See Fines/Obligations)*

THEFT

All personal property that a student brings to school is the student's responsibility. The school provides a combination locker. The office issues all locker combinations to the homeroom teacher. Students are discouraged from sharing their lockers and combinations with other students. Ridley High School is not responsible for personal belongings or money brought into the building. Students are discouraged from bringing valuables or carrying large amounts of cash in school. Missing items should be reported to the principal's office. An investigation will be conducted.

TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

In accordance with Pennsylvania state law, a fine will be assessed each and every time a student is caught using tobacco products or in possession of tobacco products on or around school grounds. First offense: \$50.00; second offense; \$75.00; third and each additional offense; \$100.00. For the purpose of this and other regulations, school grounds are, but not limited to, across the street from the school property or any of the side streets, the 7th Ave. Bridge and it may also extend to that portion of the community, which we deem necessary. It is also prohibited while on school buses, on tours, field trips or at school dances. The jurisdiction extends far beyond what most students realize.

VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or repair of damages. If you should happen to damage something by accident, you should report it to a teacher or the office immediately. If students **willfully** destroy school property, suspension and subsequent expulsion may be necessary. *(See Fines/Obligations)*

VIOLENCE PROCEDURE

Ridley High School recognizes the increase in violence in schools and believes the educational program should be augmented so that students know the physical and psychological dangers caused by violence. These procedures are an effort by Ridley High School to openly and effectively respond to the potential for violence by students.

Procedure is violated when any student, visitor, guest or any other person knowingly, willfully and with malice aforethought instigates or participates in a physical altercation with another student, teacher, administrator or any other staff member, unlawfully assaults or attempts to unlawfully assault or conspires, aids or abets another to unlawfully assault another student, teacher, administrator or any other staff member with the intent to cause bodily harm. The high school will utilize the Pennsylvania Department of Education definitions of misconduct in determining violence procedure violations.

If school authorities have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student, in instigating or participating in a physical altercation with another student, teacher, administrator or any other staff member, unlawfully assaulting or attempting to unlawfully assault or conspiring, aiding or abetting another in unlawfully assaulting another student, teacher, administrator or any other staff member

with the intent to cause bodily harm has violated, is violating or planning to violate either the law or the rules, regulations or procedures of Ridley High School or secreting evidence of an illegal act, a search may be made of the student's clothing, handbag, wallet, locker, desk and car and any materials and articles contained therein which are in violation of the law or the rules, regulations or procedures of Ridley High School may be seized. Student lockers and desks may be searched without prior warning to the student. This does not preclude a police investigation. The local police department may remove the student and criminal charges may be pursued by Ridley High School. Victims and their parents or guardians may be encouraged to file a complaint with the local police department and pursue legal proceedings against the alleged perpetrator. Students who repeatedly and chronically instigate or participate in physical altercations may be subject to arrest at the discretion of the administration. Students may also be referred to the Ridley High School Student Assistance Program for assessment prior to returning to school.

WEAPONS

Possession of Weapons: The Ridley School District prohibits the possession of weapons on any school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity. A "Weapon" shall include, but not be limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. Students should also be aware that the Superintendent or his designee would report the discovery of any weapon to the local law enforcement officials.

The Board of School Directors may expel youngsters who violate the policy from school for a period of not less than one year. The Superintendent may recommend discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis and may offer educational services in an alternative fashion or setting.

Whenever a Ridley School District pupil transfers to another school entity, a certified copy of the student's disciplinary record shall be transmitted to the school entity to which the pupil has transferred. The School entity to which the student has transferred should request the record. The sending school entity shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the request to supply a certified copy of the student's disciplinary record.

A student's disciplinary record as well as records maintained under Section 1307-A shall be available for inspection to the student and his parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of the student, to school officials and to state and local law enforcement officials as provided by law. Permission of the parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of the student shall not be required for transfer of the individual's student record to another school entity within this commonwealth or in another State in which the student seeks enrollment or is enrolled.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

1. Parents are requested to inform the Guidance Office of intent to withdraw.
2. On the day a student plans to leave, he/she must pick up a withdrawal form from the office to be signed by:
 - a. All classroom teachers, b. Nurse, c. Librarian, d. Counselor, e. Principal
3. Parents are requested to inform the Guidance Office and come in to sign withdrawal form and release of information form.
4. School records will not be released without a parent or guardian signature.
5. All fines and obligations must be cleared before any records will be released. 6. Students lockers must be emptied and all Ridley High School property (text books, team uniforms, etc.) must be returned to the appropriate location.

SCIENCE LABORATORY SAFETY REGULATIONS

- Adhere strictly to all lab procedures given BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER laboratory activities.
- Lab aprons must be worn and tied at all times in the laboratory as per direction of your instructor (teacher).
- Safety glasses, supplied by the school district, MUST be worn. Eye glasses may NOT be substituted for safety glasses.
- Contact lenses may NOT be worn during any laboratory activity involving chemicals unless the student notifies the teacher and unvented goggles that completely cover the eye region are worn during the laboratory.
- Hair MUST be tied back SECURELY.
- Clear work areas of ALL unnecessary item. (i.e. binders, handbags, textbooks, extraneous paper, etc.)
- Loose clothing, baggy sleeves, and coats (especially those made of nylon) may NOT be worn in the laboratory.
- Know the location and use of the fire extinguisher and fire blanket.
- NEVER REACH OVER AN OPEN FLAME.
- Extinguish flames when any burner is not in direct use (even if you will be using it later).
- Dispose of experimental materials as directed by the teacher.
- NEVER taste, eat, or drink anything in the laboratory environment.
- Chemical that come into contact with your skin need to be washed off immediately with water. NOTIFY THE TEACHER for further safety instructions.
- Handle sharp dissecting tools with extra care.
- Wash hands before leaving the laboratory as per teacher direction.

I, _____, have read and agree to abide by the safety regulations as set forth above and also any additional instructions provided by the teacher and/or Ridley School District. I further agree to follow all other written and verbal instructions given in class.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

TO THE PARENT: These regulations are written to help establish a safe environment in which students may learn. Please indicate below that you have reviewed the details of the contract with your child and that you approve of your child's participation in the laboratory program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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READING STRATEGIES

- Set a **PURPOSE**
- Make **CONNECTIONS**
 - Text to Self
 - Text to Text
 - Text to World
- Make **PREDICTIONS**
anticipate what's coming next
- Ask **QUESTIONS** to clarify
- **VISUALIZE** key phrases/words
- **SUMMARIZE** what you read
- Identify the **MAIN IDEA**
- Make **INFERENCES**
- Use **FIX-UP** strategies to repair confusion

Tested Seven Comprehension Strategies

- **Main Idea**
- **Sequence**
- **Compare/Contrast**
- **Fact/Opinion**
- **Cause/Effect**
- **Inferences**
- **Literary Elements**
- **Vocabulary**

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FIX UP STRATEGIES

- Make a **CONNECTION**
- Make a **PREDICTION**
- **STOP AND THINK** about what you've already read
- **ASK** yourself a **QUESTION** and try to answer it
- **REFLECT** in writing what you've read
- **VISUALIZE**
- **USE PRINT CLUES**
 - Bold print
 - Italicized words
 - Key words
 - Punctuation
 - Subtitles
- **RETELL** what you've read
- **REREAD**
- **NOTICE PATTERNS** in the text
- **ADJUST YOUR READING RATE**: Slow down or speed up
- **ASK** for help

Adapted from **I Read it, But I Don't Get It** by Cris Tovani (2000)

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Senior Information

Senior Skip Day(s):

Ridley High School does not recognize ANY “senior skip day” as a legitimate excuse to be absent from school. Students should be assured that the regular educational program would continue throughout the school year, particularly on a designated “skip day”. In the event of an absence, all missed work must be made up within three calendar days. Failure to do so will result in a failing grade.

Final Examinations:

1. In order to receive credit for courses taken, students **MUST** take final examinations. Students who fail to take final examinations will **not** receive credit for the designated course(s) and will **not** be eligible to participate in graduation if the course(s) are among those needed to fulfill graduation requirements. “No text, no test” regulation: Students are reminded that they will not be permitted to take final examinations until all textbooks and missing property have been returned to their teachers.
2. Each senior is responsible for knowing the date, time and location of each examination he/she is to take. Any student who does not take a final examination(s) at its regularly scheduled time due to illness, accident, or some unforeseen emergency must submit to the principal's office a letter from the parent or guardian explaining the reason for the absence. In some cases, the presence of the parent/guardian may be required in determining the legitimacy of the absence. Pending approval from the office and/or department chairperson, the student will be permitted to take a make-up in accordance with the posted schedule.
3. Students are advised that make-up examinations are quite different in form and content from scheduled final exams. Any student whose graduation depends on successfully passing a final examination in any subject and who fails to take the examination or its make-up by 2:30 p.m. on the Monday prior to graduation will not have his/her name included in the commencement program.

Summary of Important Dates

Thursday, June 3 - Senior Final Exams (Blocks 1 & 2)

Friday, June 4 - Senior Final Exams (Blocks 3 & 4) Make –up exams for 6/3

Monday, June 7 - Senior Make-up Exams

Tuesday, June 8 – Rehearsal in the auditorium caps, gowns, seat assignments and commencement tickets distributed.

Wednesday, June 9 – 6:30 p.m. - Baccalaureate Service, St. Madeline's Roman Catholic Church, attendance voluntary - gown only, no caps

Thursday, June 10 - 9:30 a.m. – Mandatory rehearsal football field/gymnasium

Thursday, June 10 - Commencement – Graduate arrival 5:15 p.m. SHARP)

IMPORTANT:

1. Students are expected to attend both graduation rehearsals. Rehearsal on the day of graduation is mandatory for participation in commencement.
2. The ceremony will be cablecast "LIVE" on the Ridley School District channel (Comcast Cable TV channel 11 and RCN TV channel 51), beginning at 6 p.m. Also, due to limited seating in the gymnasium, there will be closed circuit TV viewing available in the auditorium and the boardroom.

Graduation Exercises – June:

Graduation exercises have a long history extending back to the Middle Ages. While it's a joyful time for the graduate, the ceremony is very formal and dignified. It is a time of reflection and a time to look ahead, and each graduate has a special responsibility to make commencement a memorable experience. All eligible seniors are encouraged to participate, but participation is not required.

Any student choosing not to take part, however, must submit a letter from his/her parent to the principal as soon as possible, but no later than FRIDAY, May 15th.

Please observe the following:

1. Arrival time 5:15 p.m.
2. Leave valuables, including handbags at home (or with parents).
3. Girls will "dress" in the girls' gym locker room, boys in the boys' gym locker room, if necessary.

Mandatory Dress Code:

Formal ceremonies dictate proper dress. Without exception, no senior may participate in the ceremony unless he/she observes the following:

1. Boys are to wear white shirts and ties with dark pants. **(No jeans will be permitted.)**
2. Girls are to wear white dresses and white undergarments beneath their white gowns. (NO garment is to show below the gown.) It is suggested that girls wear white shoes with their white graduation gown.
3. Wear "dress" shoes. **(No sneakers or flip-flops will be permitted.)**

Code of Conduct:

1. No senior will participate if in possession of or under the influence of any illegal substance, including use or possession at school sponsored activities.
2. There is to be absolutely no smoking on school premises.
3. Misbehavior prior to the ceremony will result in exclusion from the ceremony.
4. Students misbehaving during the ceremony will not receive a diploma. **Students must show their cap (with name label inside) in order to pick up a diploma after the ceremony.**

Please do not violate this code of conduct and risk the bitter disappointment to yourself and your parents of not participating in the commencement exercises.

Commencement Tickets – Outside Ceremony:

At our first graduation rehearsal, each senior will receive their cap & gown* and an envelope containing eight tickets: (3) PINK, and (5) YELLOW for admission to the football field. We plan to have limited seating for the elderly and/or handicapped. Access to these seats will be by a special ticket. Students having handicapped guests may exchange a PINK ticket for a special handicap (BLUE) ticket following the first rehearsal in the main office.

Commencement Tickets – Inside Ceremony:

In the event of inclement weather, the (3) PINK tickets given to each graduate will allow admission to the gymnasium. The (5) YELLOW tickets will allow admission to the auditorium and may be used by other family members for closed-circuit viewing of the ceremony in other locations within the building, e.g., boardroom and classrooms.

*Caps and gowns need to be purchased by the individual graduate. **The cost of the “keeper” cap & gown and one tassel is \$35.00 and can be paid in the main office at any time during the school year** (cash or check payable to Ridley High School.) This fee must be paid before Class Night tickets are purchased.

Parking:

Guest parking on site will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests should plan to arrive early. Guests may park in the High School or the Service Center (former district office) parking lots. Drivers may transport elderly or handicapped persons to the field. Once passengers have disembarked, the drivers must relocate their cars to designated parking areas. No parking will be permitted in the fire lane.

After the Ceremony:

Diplomas can be picked up after the ceremony in front of the building or, in the event of inclement weather, in the cafeteria. **To receive a diploma, each graduate must show cap labeled with his/her name.**

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2010

9/10/09	9th Grade School Pictures	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
9/17/09	10th Grade School Pictures	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
9/21/09	11th Grade School Pictures	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
9/23/09	Back To School Night	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
9/26/09	Band Competition	2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
10/07/09	Senior Citizens Lunch & Movie	12:00PM - 4:00 PM
10/10/09	SAT Testing at RHS	
10/17/09	PSAT Testing at RHS	
10/21/09	NHS Induction	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
10/24/09	Homecoming Dance	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
10/26/09	PSSA Retakes Begin	7:45 AM
10/27/09	Picture Make-Ups/Re-Takes	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
10/28/09	Parent Forum	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
11/12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22	Fall Production	7:00/3:00 PM
1/11/10	Financial Aid Night	7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
1/13/10	Winter Choral Concert	7:00 PM
1/16/10	Snowball Dance	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
1/25/10	8th Grade Parents Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
2/11/10	Back To School Night	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
2/24/10	Art Honor Society	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
2/25/10	Foreign Lang. Honor Society	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
2/26/10	Freshman Dance	7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
3/03/10	Parent Forum	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
3/05, 06, 07 3/12, 13, 14	Spring Production	7:00/3:00 PM
3/18/10	Senior Citizens Lunch & Movie	12:00 - 4:00 PM
3/19/10	Sophomore Hop	7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
3/26/10	Junior/Senior Blood Drive	8:00 AM - 2:00PM
4/12-4/16	PSSA Reading & Math Begins	7:45 AM
4/16/10	Junior Prom	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
4/10/10	Health Awareness Day	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
4/19-4/23	PSSA Writing Testing Window	7:45 AM
4/22/10	Jazz Concert	7:00 PM
4/23/10	Class Night	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
4/26- 4/30	PSSA Science Testing Window	8:00AM
5/01/10	SAT Testing at RHS	
5/3-5/14	AP Testing	8:00AM - 4:00PM
5/05/10	Spring Concert	7:00 PM

TBA	Elementary Concert	7:00 PM
5/12/10	Select Choir Recital	7:00 PM
5/14/10	Broadway Cabaret	7:00 PM
5/19/10	Senior Awards Program	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
5/20/10	ITS Induction	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
5/21/10	Senior Prom	7:00 PM - 12:00 PM
5/26/10	Spring Exhibit/8th Grade Parent Orientation	6:00 PM - 9:30 PM
6/9/10	Baccalaureate	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
6/10/10	Commencement	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

End of 1st Semester finals for all students

1/20/10 (Blocks 1 & 2) 1/21/10 (Blocks 3 & 4)
1/22/10 – Make-ups

End of 2nd Semester Senior Exams

6/03/10 (Blocks 1 & 2) 6/14/10 (Blocks 3 & 4)
6/07/10 – Make-ups

End of 2nd Semester Underclassmen Exams

6/11/10 (Blocks 1 & 2) 6/14/10 (Blocks 3 & 4)
6/15/10 – Make-ups

Flex Days: 9:45 Arrivals

9/24/09, 1/26/10, 5/13/10

Flex Day: 1:55 Dismissal

12/15/09