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# Opportunity Knocks

## Department News

### FHA:

FHA is planning a Bake Sale in honor of Samantha Hayes and her family. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to St. Jude. Baked goods will be located in the lobby before and after the High School Music Concert which is at 7:30 on Tuesday, December 9th. Let the FHA members help with your holiday baking and help a great cause at the same time.

### LIBRARY:

Ten students journeyed to the Carmike cinemas in Washington on Fri., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> to see the Twilight movie. They were Ashley Backer, Derek Isaia, Lauren Kiesewetter, McKenna Monge, Kaitlyn Keifer-Pannier, Kevin Mennel, Josh Scarbeary, Cheryl Schlossler, Ariel Shirey, and Kelsey Shirey. They were accompanied by Mrs. Deb Young, RBHS librarian. The Twilight series of books have been on the best seller lists for teens and adults in the past few years. "I have never seen a more popular series of books, except the Harry Potter Series," commented Mrs. Young. "The students were so excited to go

see the movie." The book series is about a family of "good" vampires.

### MUSIC:

The Roanoke-Benson High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Steve Hayes, and the RBHS chorus, directed by Mrs. Rachel Aupperle, will present their annual winter concert on Tuesday, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School gymnasium. The public is invited to attend. The RBHS Madrigal dinners are set for Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday Dec. 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The program starts at 6pm, doors open at 5:30.

Reservations can be made November 17-26 by calling Tammi Leman at 923-3751. Tickets are \$18.00

### YEARBOOK:

Each senior needs to turn in 3 copies of a vertical headshot (color or blk/wht) to Mrs. Wiseman. One is for your file, one for Rocket Report and one for the Woodford County Journal.

A 4th pictures needs to



be turned in to Mrs. Hudson for the yearbook. The picture you turn in for yearbook may be color or blk/wht and **doesn't** have to be a headshot. It **does** have to be vertical! Please also turn in a baby picture (age 0-4yrs). These will be scanned and returned to you. Contact Mrs. Hudson at 923-8401 or email at shudson@rb60.com with any questions.

If you are not planning on taking senior pictures or will not have them developed before the end of February, please contact Mrs. Hudson.

### CAPTAINS:

The CAPTAINS group will be participating in Teen Drive Safe Illinois this year; which is a grant sponsored by Ford and Allstate to organize and promote a safe driving campaign in our school. We are competing against 14 other schools in Woodford County for prizes. Look for more information on the guidance page of the RBHS website.





## Final Exams

Semester final exams are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9, 2008. Exams on Thursday will take place for periods 1, 3, 5, and 7. Exams on Friday will cover periods 2, 4, 6, and 8. Class periods will be 74 minutes in length, which is plenty of time for students to finish testing. School will dismiss throughout the district at 2:10 p.m. both days. In the event school is cancelled on either day, testing will resume with the same schedule the following day school is in session.

Final exams account for 20 percent of the overall semester grade for each class, excluding band, chorus, and physical education. The overall semester grade is what determines a student's grade point average for a particular course, which affects overall GPA. For additional information on the grading system and final exams, see pages 31 and 32 of the handbook.

If students have study halls the first or last period of the test day (periods 1, 2, 7, or 8), they do not have to report to study hall. However, students who have a study hall in the middle of the day, (periods 3, 4, 5, or 6), or if they ride the bus to or from school, must stay on campus and report to study hall. Students may not leave school between exam periods. Students must either be off-campus or in the scheduled study hall. No loitering on or near campus will be allowed at any time.

## R-B students Receive Awards

### DAR and SAR Awards

Congratulations to **Kelsey Sauder** and **Timothy Wilcoxon** for winning the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards respectively. Kelsey is the daughter of Steve and Margie Sauder, and Timothy is the son of Tim and Donna Wilcoxon.



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## From the Principal's Pen

**Fall wrap up and holiday heads up!**

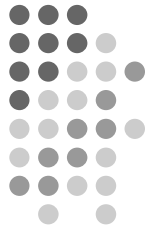
Greetings from Roanoke-Benson High School! The 08-09 school year is progressing very well. "Thank you" to all of the parents and guardians who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 6th & 7th. If you were not able to attend this year's conferences, please know that you are welcome to contact your student's teachers at any time. Parental involvement and student achievement go hand-in-hand. We encourage continued communication throughout the

school year. As we progress toward the holiday season, it is a time of year that brings out tremendous generosity in people. Our staff are often presented with gifts they cannot accept. While they are thankful and touched by the sentiment, Illinois law prohibits members of the Board of Education and employees of RBHS from accepting certain gifts. Items of nominal value, greeting cards and

commemorative plaques are permissible under the Illinois Gift Ban Act, but anything over nominal value is not permitted. The RBHS faculty and staff welcome your cards and words of thanks this holiday season. The opportunity to work with and help educate your children is "present" enough.

**A "Thank-you" is the best gift of all.**

**UNIT#60 Mission Statement.** We at Roanoke-Benson High School believe our primary missions is to teach for learning so that each student will be prepared to live, work, and adjust to life in a rapidly changing world. Our role in achieving this end is to provide a safe educational and physical environment that informs, stimulates, and promotes intellectual and psychological growth as well as an accumulation of knowledge.



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**POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

Testing dates

ACT/PSAE  
(Juniors)  
April 22-23

Go to the school website, click on the **Guidance page** and **TESTING** to get more information about all tests!



## Chapter 6 coming to Roanoke-Benson!

Performing group sensation *Chapter 6* will be presenting "Christmas with *Chapter 6*" on Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the High School gymnasium. Opening for Chapter 6 will be the RBHS Madrigal Singers and the Rotary Singers of the local Roanoke Chapter. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the high school office or by calling the 923-8401. You may also purchase tickets at the door!

*Chapter 6* is a professional a cappella ensemble from Illinois. Comprised of six vocalists and one arranger, *Chapter 6* is the only vocal ensemble to win both the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (2001) and the National Harmony Sweepstakes (2004). Among subsequent honors, *Chapter 6* has appeared with the National Symphony Orchestra at The Kennedy Center, received the A Cappella Community Award (2007) for "Favorite Jazz Group," and was featured on Fox Television's "American Idol" (2008) in conjunction with bandmate, LukeMenard's Top 16 run.

*Chapter 6* tours the U.S., Canada, and Asia, performing in a wide variety of venues. Their family-friendly show features a light-hearted blend of pop/jazz harmonies that is sure to bring spontaneous bursts of applause and laughter. Intimate performances showcase a diverse repertoire of American popular music, ranging from Gershwin to Stevie Wonder, and even original songs ranging from comical to personal: "Lost in Canada" and "God's Love." In addition, clever medleys entertain music lovers of all ages, including their six-minute version of "The Wizard of Oz," which earned a Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award.

Emerging from a college course, *Chapter 6* became the premier jazz a cappella ensemble at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, before winning its first competition in 2000. When most of its members graduated the following year, the group took a leap of faith as they entered the professional market in January 2002. Since then, *Chapter 6* has received numerous awards for their technique, performance, and unique, original arrangements.

This information and more can be found at the Chapter 6 website: [www.chapter6.com](http://www.chapter6.com)



## Senior of the Month

Mitchell Daugherty has been chosen as the Senior of the Month for November in the Roanoke-Benson Student Council sponsored program. He is the son of Michael and Amy Daugherty.

Seniors with a "B" or better average are selected by the RBHS faculty on the basis of academic performance, leadership, participation in activities, service, and attitude. Each Senior of the Month receives a \$50 savings bond donated by a Roanoke or Benson business. They also become eligible for the Senior of the Year award presented at graduation.

**Favorite Book:** *The Inheritance Trilogy* by: Christopher Paolini

**Favorite Quote:** "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." –Vince Lombardi

**Favorite Area to Study:** Math, Science, and Agriculture

**College Plans:** Attend ICC and then transfer to a 4-year university

**Major:** Pre-Medical

**Most Important Goal Achieved at RBHS:** Advanced to the State FFA public speaking contest each year of high school.

**Advice to Underclassmen:** Your experience here in high school are irreplaceable. So, do not squander your time. Step out of your comfort zone. Achieve what you wish to achieve. Become the person you wish to be and leave the halls of RBHS with no regrets. Never be afraid of shooting for the moon, because even if you miss, you'll still be among the stars.

**Involved In:** Scholastic Bowl, Band, Student Council, 4-H, and FFA

**Mitchell's savings bond was donated by Sauder Furniture.**