Welcome Rough Rider Families!

The Roosevelt PTSA welcomes you to the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage you to stay involved with your student’s education and interests, and we’re here to build partnerships between families, students, and our school. We want everyone to feel that they belong to the RHS community. We, your RHS PTSA, and the RHS staff are looking forward to an amazing year of growing and learning.

Our first meeting this school year is **Monday September 16th at 7pm in the Roosevelt Theater.** We will hold **Roosevelt 101** for new student parents/guardians – though all are welcome to attend, where school staff and teachers who can help families navigate the new school year will provide an overview of Roosevelt and what to expect for your student, and be available to answer your questions. Our monthly PTSA meetings will be held the 1st Monday of each month starting in October at 7pm and they are open to the community.

Roosevelt is a large high school, even with Lincoln reopening this year, and we want to invite everyone to join the Roosevelt PTSA. Your membership makes our programming possible and the more members we have, the stronger our voices are within the School District and the Legislature. Becoming a member is something you have to sign up for each school year so if you signed up last year, thank you and please sign up again! Sign up information is below.

The Roosevelt PTSA helps teachers, administrators and parents/guardians better support students and we are working on building our community. We:

- **COMMUNICATE:** We work closely with the school staff to share timely information through updates to our website, electronic bulletins, Facebook, and other communication tools.
- **EDUCATE:** We facilitate monthly meetings with Principal Kristina Rodgers, Roosevelt academic staff, student leaders, and community partners to let you know what's going on in and around our school and community.
- **COLLABORATE:** We provide direct support to teachers and other staff through our highly successful mini-grant program; support class-year fundraising to offset senior year costs; provide volunteers for the RHS’s annual fund drive, and much more.
- **ADVOCATE:** We are members of the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the country: the PTA. We advocate in the school, as well as at the district, state and national levels to support all kids.

We know the first day packets are chock full of information, but great news, over half of the packet is **ONLINE** (supports the RHS Green Team!). Forms that are required to be filled out and returned will be handed out as a hard copy as usual. There are still some items we would like you to pay extra attention to:

1. FERPA form needs to be completed each year – this year if option B- “No release of information” is marked, your student information will not be included in any of the following:
a. Yearbook – student name and photograph cannot be include in the yearbook
b. Media Release – news media/and or SPS cannot photograph or interview student
c. Photographs cannot be posted on the school’s or district’s website
d. Social Media – no videos or photographs will be posted on the school’s or district’s social media channels

2. The eNews is a great way to receive weekly news, information and updates on RHS happenings. If you want to join, send your email with first and last name and preferred email to enews@rooseveltsptsa.com. This is the best way for Rider parents to get current and important information.

3. Please sign up to be a RHS volunteer this year. Each year, more than 200 parents and guardians sign up to help with school and PTSA activities. Look for the sign up sheet in the first day packet.

4. The Roosevelt PTSA will not ask you to contribute to fundraisers, or attend an auction– but we do need you to join the PTSA! Your membership is how we fund appreciation events, teacher/classroom mini grants, sports scholarships, and our weekend food program. In addition, your PTSA dues support not just us, but the City PTSA and the State PTSA. All of these PTSAs work at every level of the education system supporting issues that are important to you and your student. The more members we have, the stronger our voice will be. Please sign up. Print the form online or go to www.memberplanet.com/s/roosevelthighptsa/joinnow to register and pay online.

Thank you for taking the time to go through the packet and we look forward to a great year at Roosevelt. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best,

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